

Family

Library has music with lawn concert

As part of summer reading, we have the Steel Drum Band performing for us at 8 p.m. tonight. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for the show.

This relaxing lawn event is for the young and old. Bring the whole family or come by yourself.

Since I wrote my last article, I have had the great pleasure to visit parts of the Southwest. We have traversed the desert and red-rock areas of New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Colorado. Along the way, I enjoyed the south and north rims of the Grand Canyon, the desert and plateaus and buttes along the way. We have had rain, snow, heat and breezes (Colby-like breezes, that is).

Each of these places and events made me appreciate the rugged determination that men and women of earlier generations had in order to settle from the Midwest to the western portions of the USA. This inspires me to discuss new western books on our shelves.

The first is "Dry Heat," by Meagan J. Meehan. Sheriff Phil Palmer lives in the desert town of Dry Heat. It is a sleepy New Mexico town until trouble begins to multiply. This tough sheriff finds himself having to prepare physically and mentally to meet his 13-year-old niece.

In the midst of this, Palmer has to work with a troubled woman with family issues, a wild cougar and the death of a young man. He also must creatively deal with a Southern politician, Indians and cowboys, each with their own agenda. The fun continues as a train is hijacked and his life become even more complicated. This mystery is the first that Meehan has written for the Avalon publishers, but she is not new to writing. She is known for short stories, poems, verses in cards and as a columnist.

The next book is "Denim Ryder" by Stone Wallace. The protagonist is a Western girl set on revenge. She is just arrived in the town of Prosperity. This Old West town is a place where simple folk live alongside the conniving.

Denim wants to kill Brock Donovan, who conspired against her parents, later killed by Apache Indians. Denim finds herself dealing with the hired gun of Donovan and is in need of a little support.

George Merrell decides this lassie needs some help and guidance. The problem is his help is not with a gun. He has repented of his gunslinging ways and is now a farmer who does not kill others.



Melany Wilks

Library Links

Denim is not all alone in this male-dominated society, however; she has a strong friend and confidant in Lucky Grace. Lucky and Merrell both hope to keep Denim from killing Donovan or his hired hand, Ben Straker, but Denim finds herself in a situation where she must respond. This is the first book written by Stone Wallace for Avalon. We also now have his newest book, "Montana Dawn," on the new-book shelf.

"Montana Dawn" is about a young woman living in a desert area with her husband. They are visited by a gang of outlaws who have done ruthless deeds in the past. Nothing changes in this regard.

Montana finds her life changes and a desire to become that strong woman able to handle any situation is reborn. Choices and circumstances soon find her an outlaw herself in the Southwest. She hopes to escape into Mexico with Walt Egan, a fellow outlaw. There is a long distance between freedom from hanging and being hunted down, but these two are determined to arrive to a safer place.

A fourth new item on the shelf is "Train to Cheyenne," by David E. Unruh. James Whipwell has decided he will leave Indiana and farm life under his father's thumb. He accepts a job in Wyoming to be a deputy. Taking the train west via Cheyenne, he meets a lovely young woman who happens to be the daughter of the marshal of Cheyenne. The train gets robbed by a gang and in the process they take the girl. Jimmy must help her father find the young woman and rescue the love of his life. A true western at heart!

Next week, we will have a comedy and magic show by Keir Royale at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 24, in the basement.

Remember that the library is on summer hours, opening at 9 a.m. and closing at 6 p.m. Monday to Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday, 5 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday; Sunday hours are 1 to 4 p.m. If you need to renew an item, please do not hesitate to call us at 460-4470. We'd love to help you.

Babies

Bree Dallas Kough

Bree Dallas Kough, daughter of Brett and Erica Kough of Colby, was born Sunday, June 6, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 21 1/2 inches.

Brother Michael welcomed his baby sister home. Grandparents are Ron and Sonja Kough, Winona, and David and Margret Fernandez, Las Vegas.



Bree Kough

Hendrix Dean Mead

Hendrix Dean Mead, son of Brett and Stephanie Mead of Colby, was born Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 19 inches.

Grandparents are Chris and Sherry Mead, Eugene Wieland and Barbara Wieland, all of Colby. Great-grandparents are Bill and Thelma Wieland and Carroll and Rita Depe, all of Colby, and Lore Depe of Brewster.

Liam Calvin Dowell

Liam Calvin Dowell, son of Steve and Jenny Dowell of Wichita, was born Friday, June 4, 2010, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Sister Ella welcomed the baby home.

Paternal grandparents are Bill and Janiece Dowell of Colby. Maternal grandparents are Martha Whearty and Jeff Whearty, both of Wichita.

Josephine Rae Hudson

Josephine Rae Hudson, daughter of Cauy Hudson and Hailey Campbell of Brewster, was born Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measured

19 inches. Grandparents are Deone and Connie Hudson of Sharon Springs, John Campbell of Hanna, Okla., and Terry Campbell of Red Bluff, Calif.

Braylin Matthew Linden

Braylin Matthew Linden, son of Brandon Linden and Megan Hawks of Colby, was born Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and measured

19 1/4 inches. Grandparents are Frank and Sheryl Linden of Goodland and Steven and Carla Hawks of Almena.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Tuesday
12:53 a.m. - Loud noise in the 400 block of Walker.
6:56 a.m. - Vehicle parked 1200 block of Court Place, hadn't moved for two weeks. Tow-away tag posted.

9:36 a.m. - Raccoon at Pioneer Library caught and disposed of.
9:43 a.m. - Funeral block.
10:53 a.m. - Funeral block.
12:10 p.m. - Helped sheriff's office look for woman driving wrong way on I-70.

1:15 p.m. - Responded to landlord/tenant dispute; domestic report filed.
2:45 p.m. - Erratic driver on

S. Range, pulled into Sonic drive through. Located vehicle; gave warning.

4:15 p.m. - Three reports on theft at Walmart.
4:20 p.m. - Accident at Kansas Quick Lube.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Tuesday
9:43 a.m. - Funeral block.
10:53 a.m. - Funeral block.
11:42 a.m. - Horse out on U.S. 24 east of County Rd. 23. Horse out in a corn field when sheriff arrived; possible owner contacted.
12:10 p.m. - Elderly lady going eastbound in the westbound lane, not found.

Golden Plains continues traditions

By Judy Rogers
Golden Plains High School

Golden Plains Schools at Selden and Rexford continue their long-standing traditions of academic excellence, athletic competition and student success.

The district, which was consolidated in 1963, has an elementary school in Selden and a middle and high school in Rexford. It includes the communities of Selden, Rexford, Menlo and Gem and the surrounding area. It is one of the few rural districts in Kansas that has shown a consistent increase in enrollment in recent years.

Enrollment in 2000 was 169.5 students in all grades. In 2005, that had increased to 201, and this year enrollment was 213, with an additional 23 students in preschool.

Golden Plains has a strong record of academic success. Students have scored well on state assessments at all levels. All three schools have made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goals every year since the No Child Left Behind Act went into effect.

In addition to success in the classroom, students have qualified for state Scholars Bowl twice in the past three years and placed third in state this year.

The middle school Scholars Bowl teams placed in competitions. The students also perform well on league and state academic tests, along with math relay and

science bowl competitions.

The school offers fine arts programs including music, forensics and an all-school play. There are many leadership opportunities, including Student Council, yearbook and National Honor Society. Some students participate in off-site programs including Lions Band, athletic camps, Leadership Thomas County and rodeo.

Golden Plains boasts a graduation rate among the highest in the nation with an average of 95.36 percent over the past five years - 100 percent in 2006 and 2009.

Students compete on athletic teams including football, volleyball, basketball, powerlifting and track. They had an undefeated state champion basketball team in 1985 and a triple-jump state champion in 2009.



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Corrections

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