

Family

After the hail, bluegrass and stories

This week, I saw my first tennis-ball-size hail. That was quite an experience. I was glad I was at home and my vehicle was in the garage. Unfortunately, one of our staff had her windshield broken while parked in the library parking lot.



Melany Wilks

•Library Links

Remember that the Bluegrass Festival starts tonight. The library has materials on Bluegrass if you are interested. We have the CD, "Choice Picks: Celebrating the 10th Annual International Bluegrass Music Awards," as well as a DVD with famous players and young people who help the watcher "Discover Bluegrass: Exploring American Roots Music." We also have a wonderful children's book called "Banjo Granny" by Sarah Martin Busse.

A new book that we have on our shelves is "Dangerous," by Diana Palmer. This is a captivating fiction book about a federal agent named Kilraven who, after seven years is still facing the death of his wife and 3-year-old daughter by the hands of an unknown assailant.

Kilraven is a rough-and-tumble, no nonsense CIA agent who has been working in the small town of Jacobsville to breakup an international smuggling ring. He works undercover with the local police force.

When the story begins we find him invited to the Christmas party

for law enforcement personnel. He and others have drawn names. Winnie Sinclair has drawn his name and gives him a present that is very personal. From there, a uniquely turbulent romance begins.

They come together to solve several murders, including those of his beloved daughter. The book has intrigue, lots of interesting relationships and a love relationship that is intense. I found it hard at times to put the book down. Diana Palmer really does write a good book!

Another new mystery thriller and audiobook we now have is "Kindred in Death," by J.D. Robb. Police Capt. Jonah MacMasters and his wife have just found out that their 16-year-old daughter has been brutally murdered. He asks Lt. Eve Dallas to handle the investigation.

Lt. Dallas discovered that there may be other victims who have met death by this unknown killer. The killer is not inactive and anonymous, because they begin to find evidence that is specifically placed

to draw them into a drama of wills using several identities. The road to solving this mystery becomes dangerous, and Dallas must watch her step. Listen to this 11-disk set and you will enjoy it.

A book we have just received is "Coming of the Storm," by Kathleen O'Neal Gear and Michael Gear. This book is the first in the new series, *Contact: The Battle for America*. Black Shell, a Chickasaw Indian, meets Spanish explorer Hernando De Soto in 1539. In La Florida, the explorers begin to move in for conquest. Black Shell's mate Pearl Hand warns him not to have anything to do with these new pale-faced men.

He finds that he is faced with the extinction of his and other tribes unless he to other native Indians in forming an alliance to defeat the cruel De Soto. The Gears are known for the writing of historical fiction books. This book creates a backdrop to better understand the history of settling America.

A fun movie I watched last week was a family-friendly DVD called "Secrets of the Mountain," produced by Telenext Media Inc. Paige Turco plays Dana James, who is both a mother and public defender. In the past few years, she and her children have experience the pain of divorce. She and the kids are both dealing with anger and hurt.

Out of the blue, Dana receives an offer to buy the mountain she inherited from her fantasy- and treasure-seeking uncle. It is a large sum of money, and she decides that her three children will take a trip to visit the old homestead and mountain while signing the papers.

There she and her family meet new friends and old relatives. Here at this precious mountain that she loved dearly, they begin a treasure hunt together. Danger ensues, lessons are learned and relationships are mended. A great movie for the whole family!

Be sure and set your calendar for the Blowout Book Sale starting next Saturday, July 24, and ending Aug. 1, at the library. The first two days are for the early bird who is willing to pay full price and get first choice on items being sold. Each day thereafter, the prices are reduced. Please check our signs in the library or library website colbylibrary.com for details.

The library opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m. Monday to Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday, 5 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday. Hours are 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

If you are from out of town and need wireless access or a computer with Internet access, please allow us to serve you. If you need to renew an item, please call (785) 460-4470; we'd love to help you.

Couple to celebrate 50th with cards, cruise

Marvin and Joan Bishop of Brownsville, Texas, formerly of Brewster, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, Aug. 6.

Their children, Kellie (Ronnie) Pesek of Victoria, Texas, and Deena (Nik) Chapapas of Albuquerque, and their five grandchildren will help them celebrate on a Christmas family cruise.

Friends and relatives are invited to send cards in time for their anniversary to 807 Sabine



Marvin and Joan Bishop
River Dr., Brownsville, Texas, 78520.

Herzogfest coming to Victoria in August

The 28th Annual Herzogfest in Victoria will kick off at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, with grounds and vendors opening along with fun cycles and free swimming.

Galen Schmidtberger and Joe Dolezal will entertain on the small stage at 5:30 p.m. Main-stage concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. with the Plan B Band, followed by the Eli Young Band at 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 14, will start off with a 5K run at 7:45 a.m. and a parade at 9:30 a.m. A full day of activities ends with a Polka Mass at 4 p.m. with music provided by The Country Dutchmen, who are also the Saturday afternoon entertainment. The main stage concert at 9:30 p.m. will feature Jimmy

Dee and the Fabulous Destinations.

New this year on Saturday will be a rod, custom, and cycle show. Another added feature will be an auction.

All entertainment is free. Food is available. Tournaments and some special events have entry fees. For information and entry forms, go to www.herzogfest.com.

Prairie Museum displays WaKeeney artist's work

Paintings and drawings by WaKeeney artist Laurie Price Albin are on display at the Prairie Museum of Art and History in Colby through August.

After growing up in Colorado and earning an art education degree in Nebraska, Albin moved to Kansas. She was an illustrator in Kansas City before before re-

turning to teacher near Wichita. Albin now lives in WaKeeney and teaches art full-time in Ransom. She gives workshops and private lessons from her studio.

Having worked as a freelance artist for more than 26 years, Albin does portraits, landscapes, murals, and florals in watercolor, pencil and pastels. She said she particu-

larly enjoys the unique challenges of working in watercolor.

The artist said a recent increase in custom portrait commissions has been an exciting area of growth in her studio work. The ability to use her love of painting to bring joy to her clients in such a personal way makes her work sat-

isfying, she said.

Some of Albin's recent exhibitions include the Kansas Watercolor Society Great 8 Exhibition in Wichita, Wilson Czech Festival, Smoky Hill Invitational, Dane G. Hansen Museum/One Woman Show in 2001 and WaKeeney Art Walk/Featured Artist, 2000-2005.

Pet rooster falls 'fowl' of law

PETOSKEY, Mich. (AP) — Beaker the rooster can't beat the man.

The northern Michigan fowl whose address has been the focus of at least two court challenges is passing on the chance to crow before the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Andy and Sharon Peters, Beaker's owners, have instead opted to send the animal to the Second Chance Ranch and Rescue in Petoskey.

Authorities in September said the couple violated a county ordinance by having a farm animal on residential property. The Peters unsuccessfully fought the decision in Emmet County 90th District Court and 57th Circuit Court.

Resigned to their legal fate, the couple has begun Beaker's transition to the rescue ranch, where executive director Dr. Pam Graves tells the *Petoskey News-Review* that he's settling in and "acting like a chicken."

Ladies' Golf

Eleven golfers came out Tuesday night for the "one-lady" scramble at Meadow Lake Golf course.

Winners were, flight 1, first place, Audrey Hines, 37; second,

Libby Guilfoyle, 39; flight 2, first, Cheryl Edmondson, 42, and second, Mary Lou Jones, 43; flight 3, first place, Susan Wark, 54, and second, Shari Oren, 57.

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