

Family

Try fantasy books to top off summer

Summer is almost over and we now have only a few weeks until school starts. So get busy and read those books you were hoping to enjoy.



Melany Wilks

•Library Links

If it's hot in your home, come to the library and enjoy reading in the air conditioning. If you are a new resident to the area, remember we have Internet access with computers you can use, along with Wi-Fi connections for your computer and hand held devices.

I have been reading a new fantasy book called "Dragon Girl." Todd McCaffrey has continued the series his mother, Anne McCaffrey began many years ago.

The McCaffrey's have successfully written about a world in another galaxy much like earth. However, the planet of Pern has a menacing visitor every two hundred turns (years). Thread falls much like snow over the entire planet and then burrows or kills any life form (except rock and metallic material).

When this was discovered the humans living on Pern made dragons by genetically altering fire lizards (that can eat thread) and other creatures. They were created to be telepathic and to bond with humans for life. Thus, larger-than-life dragons fly in the sky in a military-like fashion flaming thread and saving life on Pern. The first book in this fantasy series is "Dragon Flight." If you want to understand how the world of Pern began then read "Dragonsdown."

"Dragon Girl" is situated 508 turns after the landing on Pern. Fiona, a Weyrwoman who rides a majestic gold dragon, has just returned to the present with many dragon riders who have been living three turns in the past.

Pern is in crisis. Dragons are being swept by cold-like symptoms that are decimating their numbers. No remedy has been successful yet. Meanwhile they are entering a new pass of the star that dumps thread on the planet again. The pass lasts 50 years.

With the sickness, dragons are weakened and many are being killed by the thread. Fiona and others must be successful in finding a cure, birthing and training new dragons and riders, while keeping the thread from destroying life as it is known on Pern. This is a huge challenge!

If you have not read "Dragon-Heart" you might want to read it before "Dragon Girl." What I enjoy about these books on Pern is

that there is always a struggle that must be overcome. In the midst of it heroes and heroines emerge. Good is sought and wins out!

Another fantasy is book three of the *Lost Chronicles Series*. "Dragons of the Hourglass Mage." Margaret Weis and Tracy Hickman write a captivating story about wizard Raistlin Majere who has become a black robe and now possesses the dragon orb. He must defeat the Dark Queen, his own sister, the Dragon Highlord Kitieara, as well as Lord Soth.

As if this is not enough arch-magus, Fistantantius is also out to steal Raistlin's soul. Raistlin is not totally an innocent warrior. He really wants the power and advantage over all of the above adversaries. To do this he makes the competing interests of each group believe he is working toward their interests. Nothing could be farther from the truth. In the midst of this deception, his life gets very dangerous and complicated. You will enjoy the intensity of this new book in the series.

Another new fantasy book is "A Princess of Landover," by Terry Brooks. Mistaya, the protagonist is 15 years old.

She has the huge problem of just having been expelled from Carrington Women's Preparatory. Her father is wondering what to do with his teenage daughter. Advisors suggest she go and help open the new royal library, Libiris.

Around this same time Mistaya finds she has a suitor. She runs away to her grandfather's, who is not happy with being ignored in the past year. This leaves Mistaya to sort out her own future. She ends up in the library, discovering an ominous plot to destroy Landover. There she works with many different mystical creatures to walk through this experience. A fun lighthearted book that is not too dark to read.

Remember the library summer hours last until after Labor Day. They are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 9 to 8 p.m. Thursday, 9 to 5 p.m. Friday, 9 to 4 p.m. Saturday, and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. See you at the library!

Garden City honors students

Several northwest Kansas students were recognized for making honor rolls for the spring semester of 2010 at Garden City Community College.

These include the president's honor roll, which includes students earning straight-A grade averages of 4.0 and the dean's honor roll, students earning a grade average from 3.0 to 3.199.

President's Honor Roll

James Benson of Colby; Gregory Ferris, Nathan Heiter, Goodland; Zach Bainter of Norton; Kelly Younklin of Oakley; and Daniel Rogers of Selden.

Dean's Honor Roll

Tonalea Pearce of Atwood; Shayla Niermeier, Spencer Rose, Hoxie; and Skylar Huffman, Aaron Racette, Oakley.

Corrections

A story on Page 5 about Gregory Olinyk and Embark Health in the Wednesday, Aug. 4, edition of the *Colby Free Press* said incorrectly that Olinyk's company was paid \$211,000 in stock. He received 211,000 shares of stock. This was a reporting error.

An engagement announcement on Page 4 of the same issue incor-

rectly named the bride's parents as William and Tracy Rickford. Their names are Tracy and Pam Rickford. This was a reporting error.

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Dominic James Stephens and Erica Kay Molstad

Rite set for Angelus on Labor Day weekend

Erica Kay Molstad and Dominic James Stephens plan to marry Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010, at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Angelus.

Erica is a 2005 graduate of Colby High School and a 2009 graduate of Fort Hays State University, majoring in business education. She teaches business in Oakley High School, where she is assistant athletic director and head volleyball coach.

She is the daughter of Stan and Maradith Molstad of Colby. Her grandparents are Gary and Patricia Sloan and the late Judith Sloan, and Mary Molstad and the late John Molstad, all of Colby. She is the great-grand-

daughter of Dorothy Sloan and the late Vida Toburen of Colby.

Dominic is a 2001 graduate of Grinnell High School and a 2006 graduate of Oklahoma Panhandle State University, with a bachelor's degree in ag business. He is a rancher and farmer with H.J. Stephens and Sons of Grinnell.

He is the son of Alberta Kuhlman and the late James Stephens of Grinnell, and the grandson of Alfreda Stephens and the late Harold Stephens of Grinnell and the late Jeff and Pauline Davis.

The couple plans to live in Grinnell.

Early deadline looming for 'A Walk on the Wild Side'

Market conditions can change in a hurry – just ask any farmer or rancher.

The K-State Risk and Profit Conference and Trade Show set for Thursday and Friday, Aug. 19 and 20, in Manhattan is meant to help farmers and ranchers stay on top of the latest agricultural economics research.

The early registration fee of \$210 per person is due by Friday, Aug. 13. The fee for additional attendees from the same business is \$190. The fee after that date is \$230. Information is available by contacting Rich Llewellyn at (785) 532-1504 or rvl@ksu.edu.

This year's conference, themed "A Walk on the Wild Side: Mercurial Markets, Policy Perplexity and Management Migraines," features keynote speakers Sara Wyant, president of Agri-Pulse Communications Inc., and Jay Armstrong, a fourth-generation farmer from

Atchison.

K-State agricultural economists Glynn Tonsor and Dan O'Brien will provide livestock and grain outlooks.

A complete list of presentations, plus registration information, is available at www.agmanager.info/events/risk_profit/2010.

Unhappy robber complains

ATLANTA (AP) — Police say a man who robbed a fast-food restaurant with a gun was so mad about the amount of loot that he called back twice to complain.

The man walked up to the drive-through window of an Atlanta Wendy's late Saturday night, wearing a ski mask and holding a gun.

Babies

Adilene Labrado

Adilene Labrado, daughter of Eloy and Yesenia Labrado of Rexford, was born Monday, July 19, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 7.4 pounds and measured 19 inches.

Sister America, 15 months, welcomed her home. Grandmothers are Margarita Labrado and Olivia Reyes of Scott City.



Adilene L.



Jeremy J.

Jeremy Allen Janssen

Jeremy Allen Janssen, son of Jesse and Kelsey Janssen of Oakley, was born Tuesday, July 20, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center.

He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 21 1/2 inches.

Grandparents are Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson of Norcatur; Donna Czeschin of Rosebud, Mo.; and Eugene Janssen of Gerald, Mo.

Ella Irene Schroeder

Ella Irene Schroeder, daughter of Luke and Laura Schroeder of Colby, was born Thursday, June 10, 2010, at the Citizens Medical Center.

She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 20 inches.

Grandparents are Fulgence and Rita Schroeder of Atwood and Lance and Brenda Leebrick of Colby. Great-grandfathers are John Dollar of Sterling and Wilbur Leebrick of Colby. Her great-great-grandmother is Mary Nelle Dollar of Lyons.



Ella S.



Kaden P.

Kaden Blaine Peterson

Kaden Blaine Peterson, son of Michael and Nicole Peterson, was born Wednesday, July 12, 2010, at the Citizens Medical Center.

He weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 18 inches.

Siblings Taylor, Austin, Kyler and Kylin Peterson, and Haylee and Colten Schurr welcomed home the newest addition to the family.

Grandparents are Mike and Katie Peterson of Rexford and Kenny and Elaine Flax of Gove.

Azery Grace Schwindt

Azery Grace Schwindt, daughter of Jason and Stacey Schwindt of Kansas City, Mo., was born Sunday, July 11, 2010, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Kansas City. She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 18 1/2 inches.

Grandparents are Douglas and Amy Dalton, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Robert and Donna Schwindt, Colby; and Dorothy Schwindt, Park.

Great-grandparents are Bob and Julianne Dalton, Warsaw, Mo.; and the late Amos and Johanne Krowncke, Lee's Summit; Delano and Amelia Schwindt, Utica; and Theresa Ashbaugh and the late Lee Ashbaugh, Park.



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Lucas T.

Lucas John Traynor

Lucas John Traynor, son of Jason and Kerri Traynor of Oakley, was born Wednesday, July 21, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Grandparents are Thomas and Kathleen Button of Oakley and John and Cheryl Traynor of Moore, Okla.

UPCOMING EVENTS in Kansas

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Dodge City Roundup Rodeo

August 4-8, Dodge City
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Old Settlers Celebration

August 13-15, Halstead
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HalsteadKansas.com

Frontier Western Celebration

August 19-22, El Dorado
2 nights Extreme Bull Blowout! Country duo "Bomshel" in Concert, BBQ Contest, Heritage Events and so much more!
FrontierWesternCelebration.com

Topeka Railroad Festival

August 21, Topeka
Bring the family and enjoy rides, food & drink, entertainment and trains. Great Overland Station.
GreatOverlandStation.com

Wichita Flight Festival

September 25-26, Wichita
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wichitaflightfestival.com

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