

Family

Beaches featured in new books

Before we forget summer was here, let me tell you about a few novels that have themes with water, beaches and resorts.

The first is "It All Began In Monte Carlo," by Elizabeth Adler. This *New York Times* bestseller begins with Sunny Alvarez being jilted one more time by her detective fiancé. Sunny decides she will show him. She's going to France to spend the Christmas holidays.

While there she meets an alluring young man, Eddie Johanssen. He is the debonair type that Sunny needs right now. They decide that they want to go to Monte Carlo. This is where the fun begins. There she befriends Kitty Ratte, who becomes more trouble than Sunny could have ever imagined.

Sunny meets Maha Mondragon through Kitty and is offered a lucrative business trip to Mumbai, India. Before all this happens, detective Mac Reilly shows up on the scene. Lucky for Sunny that he does, because it is his intervention that rescues her.

If you enjoyed "There's Something About St. Tropez," then you will enjoy this novel as well. What I like is the author's description of the places and events. The intrigue and relationships are always fun as well.



Melany Wilks

Library Links

A second book set at a resort beach area is "The Aloha Quilt: An Elm Creek Quilts Novel" by Jennifer Chiaverini. Bonnie gets an offer from a friend who lives in Maui: Come and help her launch a retreat and conference center with the flair of quilting as the draw. There they will put together a bed-and-breakfast-style atmosphere where Bonnie adds quilting courses and historical outlines of the history of Hawaii's quilters.

Bonnie herself must take a quick lesson in the beauty of island and its long-standing quilter's tradition. She finds it breathtaking and is blessed with distractions that help her forge through a difficult personal period of her life — she is in the midst of a rather distasteful divorce.

Her husband informs her that he wants half of the Elm Creek Quilt Camp that she owns. She does not stand still for this, but takes measures to protect herself

and others involved. At the lowest time of her life, in the midst of beauty where love is suppose to flourish, she is distraught. Can there ever be another love in her life? Read and find out how love breaks into her life once again.

A third book is "The Inn at Angel Island" by Thomas Kinkade and Katherine Spencer. Part of the Angel Island novel series, this book is delightful and inspiring. Liza Martin has a career that is going nowhere and a married life that is about to end in divorce.

In the midst of this, she and her brother get notice that they have inherited their aunt's Inn at Angel Island. They intend to just get the place ready for sale so they can get back to their lives. What Liza finds, however, is that there's a rhythm and life on the island that is beyond what she ever imagined.

She meets and makes some special friends. They encourage her to take the risk, keep the Inn and make a new life for herself. In the tradition of the island, she has some angelic assistance with her decisions. Light is cast and darkness is repelled.

Another item is "Beachcombers" by Nancy Thaye. Jim Fox lives on the island of Nantucket

with daughter Lilly after his wife, mother of three, commits suicide. The two other girls have lived away from the island for some time, that is, until Emma's longstanding relationships, work and finances all disappear at once.

In her devastation, Emma returns to the island. Abbie, the other sister, comes home from England to encourage her sister. Their relationship begins to improve, but others still need to be drawn in. Marina, a renter on the island, has some crises in her life; she meets Jim Fox and the story takes off in another direction.

Readers will enjoy this book. The author set out to share with her audience her love of Nantucket. We have this in printed and audiobook formats.

The library is on the winter schedule: Open at 9 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 5 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday. Sunday hours are 1 to 4 p.m.

Remember that we have computers and Internet access as well as free Wi-Fi for those of you who bring your own computers or phones. If your children need help with their homework, find a direct link to Homework Kansas from our website at colbylibrary.com. See you at the library!

Send card for 80th

Max Embree will celebrate his 80th birthday on Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010. Friends are asked to help him celebrate with a card shower.

Greetings will reach him at 1250 Lue Drive, Colby, Kan., 67701.



Max Embree

Goodland Arts features singer for annual dinner

Julie Sutton, singer and songwriter, will appear at the Goodland United Methodist Church fellowship hall for the Goodland Arts Council's annual spaghetti dinner at 7:30 p.m. (Central Time) on Saturday, Oct. 16.

The event is sponsored by Crop Production Services, the Scoular Co. and Western State Bank.

Tickets will be available at the Carnegie Arts Center, 120 W. 12th St. in Goodland, for \$15 to the public and \$12 to council members. There will be no tickets sold at the door.

Call Kay Younger at the Carnegie Arts Center, (785) 890-6442, for tickets or information.

Corrections

An item on a food drive in the "Briefly" column on Page 1 of the *Colby Free Press* this week incorrectly identified the day in the headline. The drive will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, as the text noted. Also, the Girl Scouts are only one of the groups involved in the project, which includes youth groups and Colby Community College organizations.

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The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$5.57
Corn (bushel)	\$4.30
Milo (hundredweight)	\$7.19
Soybeans (bushel)	\$9.42

Conference on water issues planned in Topeka

Water, its quantity, quality and the economic impact of its sustainability, is the topic for the "Water and the Future of Kansas Conference" scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 26, in Topeka.

The conference, for anyone who is interested in learning more about water issues, will be at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, 1717 S.W. Topeka Blvd. It begins with registration at 8 a.m. The program ends at 4 p.m.

Karl Brooks, regional administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, will present a "National Perspective on Water Sustainability."

Lawrie Kirk, visiting fellow

with the Center for the Public Awareness of Science at Australian National University in Canberra will present "Taking a More Strategic Approach to Science Communication."

Other speakers include Secretary Mike of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Josh Svaty, and Duane Goossen, secretary of the Kansas Department of Administration and state budget director. Other speakers will include university scientists and economists and federal, state and local officials.

Primary sponsors of the conference include the Kansas Water Re-

sources Institute, Kansas Center for Agricultural Research and the Environment, Kansas State University Research and Extension and the U.S. Geological Survey.

"This conference draws a mix of people from many walks of life," said Steven Graham, interim director of the institute and center. "...It is always a very interesting meeting, due to the diversity of attendees."

Presentations include a national perspective on sustainability, an overall look at the state's economy, watershed sedimentation, increasing effective action, state water quality issues, the national agenda for improving water qual-

ity and states' roles, best management practices, no-till practices in agriculture, the status of Kansas reservoirs and others.

An early registration fee of \$65 per person is due by Tuesday. Registration includes lunch and refreshments. The fee after that day will be \$90. Students may attend for \$25.

Information, including online registration, is available online at www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/water-future or by contacting the conference office at (785) 532-5575 or (800) 622-2578 or by e-mail at debbieh@k-state.edu.

Driving class planned for seniors

The American Association of Retired Persons and Atwood Lions Club are sponsoring a driver safety class from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at the American Legion Building in Atwood.

The association developed this eight-hour refresher for drivers who want to improve their skills and the alertness of their driving senses.

Physical changes that come

with aging, the rules of the road and local driving problems are some topics to be discussed. All licensed drivers are welcome. The cost is \$12 for members and \$14

for nonmembers.

Class size is limited to 30. For information or to register, call Bill Beamgard at (785) 626-3020 or Don Keihl, 890-6638.

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Saturday, October 23, 2010
Sacred Heart Parish 13th Annual Auction

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Tickets \$30
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785.462.2179

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Are you or someone you know caring for an aging family member or friend?

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GET YOUR FLU SHOT!

The Thomas County Health Department will be hosting a Mass Flu Clinic on October 13, 2010 at the Thomas County Health Department from 8:30a.m. - 6:00p.m. No appointments are necessary, you may pick up paperwork prior to the clinic at the health department. The cost will be \$25 payable by cash, check or insurance (be sure to bring a copy of your card). For further information please dial our Flu Information line at 785-460-4599, or our main line at 785-460-4596.

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- Wash your hands. Wash your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. That's about how long it takes to sing Happy Birthday twice. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer to clean your hands.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue (not your hands) and throw used tissues away.
- Stay healthy. Eat a balanced diet, drink plenty of water and get plenty of rest and exercise.
- Get your seasonal flu vaccination every year.
- Stay home. When you are sick, stay home to avoid spreading the bad bug.

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Visit www.kdheks.gov for more information.

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INTERNET AUCTION

Bidding starts to close Wed., Oct. 13 at 10 A.M. CDT

Item #4882

Item #4840

Dozers: '78 CAT D8K, '02 JD 450H LGP, 98 CAT D6M LGP; **Trenchers:** '07 Vermeer T655 Commander 2, Vermeer RT1250, '08 Ditch Witch RT95, '08 Ditch Witch RT115, '81 Vermeer T600D track trencher; **Backhoes:** '99 Case 580 Super L II, '05 Case 580 Super M II; **Excavator:** JD 200LC, JD 6068T; **Fork Lift:** '02 CAT DP70 forklift; **Semi's:** '89 PB Conventl' 379 semi truck, '00 KW T600 semi & more w/detailed photos, descriptions, seller contact info and bidding online.

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Mike oversees sales, proposal management, and marketing of wind turbine generator equipment in the United States, Canada, and Latin America.

One of the top executives for Siemens in North America, Mike will educate conference-goers about the broad picture for the North American wind industry — current status, future growth potential, trends, etc. In addition, he will cover specific information on Siemens, including how the company is thriving in the U.S. market, and will give an update on the status of the Hutchinson, Kan., plant.

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