

Family

Bring some food; leave with books

The library began its Food for Fines campaign Monday, to run through next Thursday.

What is a Food for Fines campaign, you ask? A library patron who has overdue fines may bring in canned foods to redeem the fines on his or her account. We ask that the canned food have current dates; have labels intact; and be in good condition. Beginning Monday, you can redeem your library fines by simply filling out a small form available at the front desk and giving the items and your slip to the library staff so they can remove any fines you have on your record.

Food for Fines does not apply to lost items. If you have a lost item, please come in and talk to our library staff and solve the problem.

We will be donating the food items to Genesis-Thomas County food bank. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 460-4470.

This last week we have added a number of new fiction books. The first is "Safe Haven," by Nicholas Sparks. Katie is running from her past and lands in Southport, N.C. There she befriends Alex, a local merchant, and Jo, her new neighbor. Alex happens to be a widower with two children. Katie is



Melany Wilks

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determined not to get too heavily involved with people in this small town, but as relationships develop, Katie finds she must divulge her background or never live in peace. Alex and Jo play a major role in working through her hopes, fears and dreams.

A second book is "Private," by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro. Patterson keeps readers on the edge of their seats while reading this book. Jack Morgan is the company owner and private investigator of intrigue, secrets and murders around the world. Jack and his staff are in the midst of investigating the murder of 18 school-age girls, a scandal that has hit the NFL and now the death of a very close and intimate friend. Jack is out to get the killer of his friend and is being made to choose whether he will allow justice to prevail, or the dark side of revenge.

A third book is "Dead or Alive,"

by Tom Clancy and Grant Blackwood. Clancy has done it again. Those who have been thrilled with his other books will love this new release. Jack Ryan has been joined by John Clark and Ding Chavez at the Campus. As new recruits they must begin to work with Jack Ryan Jr., Dominick and Brian Caruso, who are also helping him hunt for the Emir.

This book gives the reader a shadowy look of the hunting of Osama bin Laden. Co-author Grant Blackwood comes from a background of Navy ops; this brings some great insights into the drama created by both Clancy and Blackwood. Both have an arsenal of information at their disposal.

A fourth book is "American Assassin: A Thriller," by Vince Flynn. Mitch Rapp is a covert and "nonexistent" CIA operative. He comes to the task with an agenda to reduce the world Islamic terrorists who blew up the Pan Am flight over Lockerbie.

This is personal. His life was changed after this event. CIA Operations Director Thomas Stansfield commissions Irene Kennedy and Stan Hurley to find capable men and women to be trained to plan and conduct special operations. Kennedy meets Rapp and

uses the rage within to fuel his future.

Once Rapp is trained he is put on the trail of those had been involved in the bombing. This takes him to Istanbul, Hamburg, and Beirut. He starts out as the tracker and exterminator but finds himself discovered and in a very dangerous situation. You will enjoy this fast moving book. This item is also available in audio-book (CD) format.

The Pioneer Memorial Library will have a different schedule during the Christmas week. We will close at 5 p.m. next Thursday. The library will be closed Friday through Sunday, Dec. 24, 25, and 26. Our hours during the school break from Monday, Dec. 27, to Friday, Jan. 31, will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will be closed on Saturday, Jan. 1, to celebrate the New Year!

Please plan on checking out your items early so you can have things through the long Christmas weekend. Remember we have numerous DVDs and videotapes with Christmas and holiday themes, as well as audio books. Also, we have great cookbooks for snacks and meal inspiration.

Have a very Merry Christmas! See you in the library!

Deaths

Ronald Ernest Lumpkins

Ronald Ernest Lumpkins, 56, Russell, father of Melanie (David) Voss and grandfather of Miah and Mallory Jackson of Colby, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2010, at the Salina Regional Health Center.

He was born March 13, 1954, in Plainville, the son of Delwin and Ramona (Gates) Lumpkins, grew up near Central and graduated from Holyrood High School in 1972.

In 1975, he moved to Russell County, where he lived for 35 years, working in the oil fields as a roustabout and pumper. He loved to spend time outdoors, hunting and walleye fishing, hang glid-

ing, car racing and raising hunting dogs.

Survivors also include a son, Jeremie Lumpkins, Russell; a sister, Leanna (Ed) Davis, Nacogdoches, Texas; four brothers, Del (Jill) Lumpkins, Hutchinson; Dwight (Nancy) Lumpkins, Liberty, Texas; Loren (Karen) Lumpkins, El Campo, Texas; and Lonnie Lumpkins, Longview, Texas; and one other grandchild.

Memorial services were Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010, at the Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary in Russell, with Pastor Earl Haggard officiating. Cremation.

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday with 27 members and guests Ashley, Bob and Krystal Standage and Jim Deibert.

Standage was recognized as the Rotary Student of the Month for December. She talked about her current high school activities and future educational plans, and showed the 2010 National Scholastic Art and Writing Award medal and certificate she received for her batik waterfall. Her artwork has been on display in New York and will be on display at the U.S. Department of Education in Washington for the next year.

Jerry Arensdorf had the program, which featured Deibert speaking about the Colby Trap Club. The club was formed in 2003 and had a range on 15 acres four miles west of Colby. Members have made substantial improvements to the property and club building, including planting a wind break around the ranges.

The club has three trap ranges, a skeet range and a wobble trap range. Five-member league teams are formed each spring. Last year, 15 league teams competed weekly. In addition, the club has held hunter safety courses for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, a U.S. Army-sponsored shoot and a fund-raising shoot for the Citizens Medical Center Foundation.

Deibert said the club has received a grant through Wildlife and Parks to sponsor youth outdoor skills events. These are free to kids, with guns provided if someone does not have their own. Deibert said that several of the club members are National Rifle Association-certified shotgun instructors.

Connie Renner won Roto-Lotto.

The club meets each Tuesday at the Colby Community College student union.

Sternberg museum connected to top science story

Giant plankton-eating fish prowled the earth's waters between 172 million and 66 million years ago. Two Sternberg Museum of Natural History associates joined five other scientists in publishing this revelation in the Feb. 19 issue of the scientific journal *Science*.

Now, *Discover Magazine* has heralded their discovery as one of the top 100 science stories of 2010. The findings, sparked by research on a fossil originally found by a Fort Hays State University student, fill in a 106-million-year gap in the fossil record.

"Giant plankton-feeders in our modern oceans - baleen whales, basking sharks and manta rays - include some of the largest living animals," said Mike Everhart, Sternberg Museum adjunct curator of paleontology and one of seven co-authors of the paper.

"The fact that such creatures

appeared to be missing from the fossil record for hundreds of millions of years has been an ongoing mystery among marine paleontologists."

In 1971, Fort Hays undergraduate Chuck Bonner found a fossil in Logan County that was thought to be the remains of a giant swordfish. Collected later that year by his father Marion and his brother Orville, the specimen was donated to the University of Kansas.

Forty years later, scientists closely examined the fossil and found toothless jaws supporting a gaping mouth and long, rod-like bones that contributed to the fish's ability to filter enormous quantities of plankton from the ocean. The team named this fish Bonnerichthys gladius.

"I started examining museum collections and found more examples that had been overlooked or misidentified," said Dr. Matt

Friedman, lecturer in palaeobiology at Oxford University, Oxford, England.

Revisiting previously collected fossils netted the team evidence that this unique group of fishes thrived for over a hundred million years in many parts of the globe.

A much more recent specimen of the fish was discovered by Fort Hays graduate and Sternberg Research Associate Dr. Kenshu Shimada while on a field trip with Everhart in 2008. Donated to the Sternberg by landowners Mahlon and Carolyn Tuttle of Quinter, it is on display in the museum.

"It's the most complete specimen of Bonnerichthys in the world," said Everhart, founder of the "Oceans of Kansas" website and an authority on marine fossils of the Smoky Hill Chalk. "The ancestors of large modern filter-feeders such as baleen whales and whale sharks only appeared after

the extinction of Bonnerichthys and its relatives, suggesting that today's filter-feeders evolved to fill the ecological vacancy left by the extinction of these plankton-eating contemporaries of the dinosaurs."

The website is at www.oceansofkansas.com.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

The Colby Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary met Dec. 8 at the post home with president Anita Thiel presiding.

After opening prayer, the patriotic instructions and flag salute, members sang the National Anthem and had prayer for those on the Prisoner of War and Missing in Action list.

Correspondence included the president's message and general orders and a letter of thanks from the Relay for Life.

Community Service chairman reported there will be a drop box at Pioneer Memorial Library for

used greeting cards for St. Jude's hospital.

Veterans and family support chairman reported a box of vendor coupons was sent to a military base in Turkey, and 70 felt boots made for the kids Christmas party at the post.

Publicity reported the last meeting was printed in the *Colby Free Press*.

President Thiel gave an informative report on charities and fund-raising fraud.

A donation was made to the Colby American Legion Auxiliary

to help send their Christmas packages to overseas personnel. Bills were approved.

National home prayer was offered and the meeting closed with the closing ritual prayer.

Next meeting will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, at the post home.

- Hazel Duffey, reporter

Colby seniors nominated for Who's Who at Fort Hays

Two seniors from Colby at Fort Hays State University, Amanda McInay and Jennifer Thompson, have been nominated as national outstanding campus leaders.

Winners will be included in the 2010-2011 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

The nominations by teachers include students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extra-

curricular activities and potential for continued success.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.71
Corn (bushel)	\$5.18
Milo (hundredweight)	\$8.75
Soybeans (bushel)	\$11.71

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We want your local news: e-mail to colby.editor@nwkansas.com

High Voltage Electrical Worker

The City of Herington is currently accepting applications and resumes for the position of high voltage electrical worker. Two years' experience is preferred. Applicants must be able to work in inclement weather and have a thorough knowledge of the equipment and procedures used in the construction and maintenance of electrical distribution systems. City of Herington residency is preferred. Must pass a drug screen upon conditional offer of employment. Valid Kansas driver's license required. Salary DOQ. Excellent benefits including health insurance, life insurance, KERS retirement plan and paid vacation and sick leave. Applications may be obtained at City Hall, 17 North Broadway, 785-258-2271. Applications and resumes should be returned to the City of Herington, P.O. Box 31, Herington, KS 67449 or faxes to 785-258-3552. For more information contact Mike Wendt, Utilities Superintendent, at 785-258-0140. Position is open until filled. EOE.

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

A caregiver's greatest challenge is knowing what resources are available locally and how to find them.

If you have caregiving questions, call your Kansas Area Agency on Aging.

1-866-457-2364 or visit www.k4a.org

Statewide Career Fair

Visit over 80 employers and find a great career.

Tuesday, February 1, 2011
 2:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Salina Bicentennial Center
 Salina, KS

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Thank You

The family of Esther Woolfer expresses our sincere gratitude to the people of Colby and the surrounding area for all your support, prayers, food, flowers, phone calls, and memorials during Esther's illness and funeral.

A special thank you to Dr. LaDonna Regier and her staff for their excellent and very loving care.

Also, we would like to acknowledge Hospice for their compassion and assistance, to Don and Cathy Harrison for their expertise, and to Pastor James Mardock of the Colby United Methodist Church for providing a wonderful meal at the City Limits Convention Center following the service.

These acts of kindness and sympathy will always be remembered, and never forgotten.

Don Woolfer, Brad Lechtenberger & Family, Brenda Stephens & Family, Kayla Bohlen & Family, Darius Lechtenberger & Family, Tad Woolfer & Family, Tim Woolfer & Family

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