

Family

Bio sheds light on former secretary

Today we are adding several interesting books and video disks at the Pioneer Memorial Library.

The first is “Extraordinary, Ordinary, People: A Memoir of Family,” by former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. This book tells of her family heritage, relationships and upbringing.

Rice has often been portrayed as someone who did not struggle with racial issues, but she outlines how her parents chose to respond during the time when civil-rights leaders such as Martin Luther King were marching. This book also tells about her life from Denver, to Stanford University and then Washington.

As the new provost of Stanford, she found herself having to cut \$20 million dollars from a budget. The chapter “Tough Decisions” outlines this period of her life. The last pages of the book share her father’s death and the transition to Washington and the State Department. These were poignant and brought tears to my eyes.

“Clara and Mr. Tiffany: A Novel,” by Susan Vreeland is another new addition. Clara Driscoll has just devised the now-famous Tiffany lead-glass lamp shades. Though gifted, she remained largely unrecognized as the true genius of the company. She is single at the time but wants to be married. However, she must decide whether she will allow a company policy to rule her life. This is only one instance where Clara shows herself to be strong and well able to direct the giftedness within her.

A third book is “The Lake of Dreams,” by Kim Edwards. Edwards also wrote “The Memory of Keeper’s Daughter.” Lucy Jarrett returns from Japan 10 years after her father’s death. His passing still bothers her. She takes time in the home of her upbringing and finds some heirlooms in the window seat by a stained-glass window.

The mementos bring her to recognize political and social events that happened in her family’s life. The pictures in the glass window are themselves messages of her past. Interestingly, an old boyfriend was the glass artisan who did the work. Her inquiries and work bring her to freedom.

A fourth book is a Scott O’Dell Award for Historical Fiction winner, “The Storm in the Barn,” by Matt Phelan. This youth book is in the writing genre called a graphic novel. The narrative is told with cartoon drawings and words.

This story, told in muted colors, is about the Kansas Dust Bowl. Jack Clark is 11 when he experiences a troubling time for his family. He secretly wonders whether his father has “dust dementia.” The drawings are often simple but moving and expressive.

Another youth book is “Deadly Little Games,” by Laurie Faria Stolarz. This is a Touch Novel in the series of “Deadly Little Lies” and “Deadly Little Secrets.” Ca-



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mellia has the ability to sculpt figures in clay to convey a message. The trouble is, she does not always understand what she’s just made.

Ben, who has a tight connection with Camellia, senses things through touch. He is not really good at controlling these impulses and senses. If he feels fear, he reacts in a less than positive manner. Another young man, Adam, comes into the picture. He is known by Ben yet it is Camellia who must decide who can be trusted between the two. These are serious games and she must figure out what must be done in order to get her life back in order.

We are also adding several discs, including “Eclipse,” of the Twilight saga, produced by Summit Entertainment. We also have “The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet’s Nest,” by Music Box Films. Another one that some may want to watch is “Love Takes Wing,” by Unity Films. A children’s video disc is “The Best of Dr. Seuss,” by Warnervideo.com. Another child’s video is “Curious George: Goes to a Birthday Party,” by Universal Studios.

Now, let me give you some events coming up so you can mark your calendar:

You will not want to miss the library’s special activity, “Chocolate and All That Jazz,” at 7 p.m. on Valentines Day, Tuesday, Feb. 14. We will have the Colby Community College Jazz band play while desserts and treats will be available for you. Bring a friend or two and enjoy clustering around some smaller tables in the basement with music, activities and delightful deserts.

The second event is a special brunch to celebrate Kansas’ 150th Birthday. Thomas Averill will be discussing a book he wrote and compiled, “What Kansas Means to Me.” At 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18, the library will have a light brunch with this gifted speaker, author and educator. Come and enjoy this event.

Remember that the library is on the winter schedule. We 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.

We also hand out bookmarks with this schedule. If you have a question about hours or services, call us at 460-4470.

Also, remember we have free computer and Internet access. If you have your own computer, come in and use our free wireless connection.

See you in the library!



Curt Beringer and Christina Schmid

Couple plan May rites

Curt Beringer and Christina Schmid of Colby plan to marry Saturday, May 21, 2011, at the Colby United Methodist Church.

The daughter of Bernie and Dana Schmid of Colby, Christina graduated from Colby High School in 2005 and Colby Community College in 2007. She graduated cum laude in 2010 from Fort Hays State University with a degree in public

relations.

The groom to be is the son of Mark and Ardath Beringer of Colby. He is a 2003 graduate of Colby High School and a 2009 graduate of Colby College with an associates degree in pre-engineering.

The couple own and operate a business, CC Communications, a Viaero Wireless dealership in Colby.

Students from area graduate in December

Two northwest Kansas students, Tanner Oren Popp of Hoxie and Benjamin Schirmer Machen of Quinter, were named as candidates for December graduation from the University of Kansas.

Popp, a Hoxie High School graduate, and the son of Keith and Shirley Popp, received a Bachelor of Science in geography.

Machen, who graduated from Quinter High School, is the son of

Mike and Sue Machen. He earned a Master of Accounting degree.

Degrees are conferred in December based on work completed during the fall semester. Because KU conducts only one formal commencement each year, many students graduating in the fall or summer terms will return on Sunday, May 22, for the traditional walk down the Hill into Memorial Stadium.

Fort Hays schedules program for scholarship awards here

Fort Hays State University’s annual Student Recognition Program in Colby will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, at Colby High School.

Pizza will be served. Students from 11 counties are invited: Thomas, Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman and Wallace in Kansas, and Cheyenne and Kit Carson in Colorado.

The event will feature a multimedia presentation by Fort Hays President Edward H. Hammond and drawings for a \$400 Student Recognition Program Scholarship and a laptop computer.

The program is one of 13 planned for high school juniors and seniors and transfer students in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado, held in in Kansas, southern Nebraska and Denver. Fort Hays alumni will be hosts at the reception, with refreshments provided by the Alumni Association.

Students and their parents can meet faculty, staff and administrators and alumni before and after the presentation of certificates for scholarships. Alumni and others are encouraged to attend.

Scholarships to be awarded at these events include the \$1,200 Miller Black and Gold Academic Awards and the \$800 Hays City Silver Academic Awards. Both are renewable provided students maintain their academic standing. Also to be awarded are the \$2,000 Presidential Scholarship, the \$700 Fort Hays Bronze Academic Awards and the \$500 Copper Academic Awards, all one-time scholarships for incoming freshmen. Also awarded are the \$1,000 Transfer Student Scholarships, also a one-time award.

Students can also receive \$500 or \$900 Academic Opportunity Awards, given by individual departments.

Honor Kansas Day with birthday cake

In honor of the 150th anniversary of Kansas statehood Saturday, Jan. 29, the Kansas 150 Advisory Committee invites Kansans to “Bake a Cake for Kansas Day.”

The cakes can be any size, shape, or design, but should be a sort of birthday cake for the state, perhaps using the state symbol or the Kansas 150 logo, which can be found on ks150.org, a portal to events, programs, resources and agencies commemorating the anniversary.

Participants are asked to photograph their cake(s) and post the images on the Kansas 150 Flickr

site at ks150.org. If cake bakers and decorators are looking to share their creations, the committee suggests sharing cakes with schools, nursing homes or community groups.

The website was made possible through a grant from the Information Network of Kansas and developed by Kansas.gov.

For information, contact Mary Madden, Kansas 150 statewide coordinator and director of education and outreach for the state Historical Society, (785) 272-8681, ext. 417, or mmadden@kshs.org.

Property Transfers

Real Estate recorded Dec. 31 to Jan. 17

The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Thomas County register of deeds:

- Dec. 23, Shirley Cranston and Rex Cranston Trust to Shirley Cranston; Lot 1, Colby Villa Vista Addition.
- Dec. 28, quit claim deed, Makail J. Marker to Mitchell Lynn Marker; E/2 of Lots 12-13, 16-17 and 20, Block 6, Original Colby.
- Dec. 31, Patrick Allen and Lois Anne Sumner and David Alan and Lori Ann Bixenman to Patrick Allen and Lois Anne Sumner; Lots 16-20, Block 12, Colby Gilmore and Larson Subdivision.
- Dec. 31, Aubrey and Brian Hodges to Gidget Scott; Lot 1 and north 10’ of Lot 2, Block 2, Colby South View Addition.
- Jan. 1, Donald Ray and Debra L. Farmer to Donald Ray Farmer Trust No. 1; NW/4 of Sec. 1, T9, R32; SW/4 of Sec. 13, T6, R31.
- Jan. 5, Audrey M. and Christopher A. Johnson to Nittnay Farms LLC; Lots 7-11 and 29-30, Block 16, Original Rexford.
- Jan. 6, John Matthew and Lisa Bomba to James C. and Bernice

L. Murray; Lot 15, Block 1, Colby Pine Hill Addition.

- Jan. 7, Mason W. Wolf Trust No. 1 to Tenley S. Glad; west 61’5.5” of Lot 20, Block 21, Original Colby.
- Jan. 7, quit claim deed, Esther F. Woofter Trust No. 1 to Donald L. Woofter Trust No. 1; two tracts of NW/4 of Sec. 31, T7, R33.
- Jan. 11, Frank A. Flipse Trust to Bruce Flipse; NE/4 of Sec. 5, T8, R32.
- Jan. 11, Frank A. Flipse Trust to Rosa Flipse; NE/4 of Sec. 36, T7, R33.
- Jan. 11, Frank A. Flipse Trust to Valerie J. Wark; two tracts of SE/4 of Sec. 36, T7, R33.
- Jan. 11, Naomi C. Flipse Trust to Bruce Flipse; NE/4 of Sec. 5, T8, R32.
- Jan. 11, Naomi C. Flipse Trust to Rosa Flipse; NE/4 of Sec. 36, T7, R33.
- Jan. 11, Naomi C. Flipse Trust to Valerie J. Wark; two tracts of SE/4 of Sec. 36, T7, R33.
- Jan. 17, D.W. and P.K. Ziegelmeier Family Trust to Chad S. and Amanda S. Focke; two tracts in S/2 of Sec. 12, T6, R32.

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County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Heather Marie Binder, 19, Colby, Jan. 11, failure to appear/theft, Sheriff’s Office, released last Wednesday on court order.

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

- Taylor Linn Brown, 21, Colby, last Wednesday, failure to appear/child support, Sheriff’s Office, released same day on recognizance.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$7.42
Corn (bushel)	\$5.76
Milo (hundredweight)	\$9.85
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.86

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ATTENTION... Colby High School, Brewster High School, Golden Plains High School and Heartland Christian School Senior Parents & Homeschoolers Hurry in!! Deadline is April 15, 2011!!! The Colby Free Press is now planning the Senior Graduation Tab and will be giving parents a chance to put a baby picture in along with a short message from the family for a small fee. We will automatically feature your student's picture and information, but this will be your chance to put in a baby picture to show how much your senior has really changed over the years! Call Andrea, Kathryn, or Tammy at 462-3963 for more information or stop by the office at 155 W. Fifth in Colby. WHITNEY COLETTE ADAMS I plan to attend Colby Community College and play softball PARENTS: Richard & Peggy Adams It's been a real hoot, Whitney go get em girl, and Godspeed Love, Mom & Dad COLBY FREE PRESS Send local news to colby.society@nwkansan.com