

Family

Jazz band booked for library

On Valentine’s Day, please come and enjoy our special program “Chocolate and All That Jazz” at 7 p.m. at the Pioneer Memorial Library. We will have the Colby Community College jazz band, desserts and other things. Bring a friend, relative, spouse or just come to enjoy with others. We want to help you enjoy that evening with wonderful music and a relaxing time to talk in a cozy environment.

Each week I consider types of items to share in the Library Link. Last week we discussed some non-fiction items. This week I am going to share about new fiction items. The first is “The Last Days of Ptolemy Grey,” by Walter Mosley. This book is about a 91-year-old man living in the Los Angeles area. Besides his nephew Reggie, he has largely been forgotten.

When Reggie is killed in a drive-by shooting, this elderly African American is grieved beyond belief. This event and the fact that he has lived alone and forgotten for years brings him to begin reliving his past and longing for his deceased wife. Ptolemy has chosen a path of neglect instead of life, until a young woman named Robyn comes into his life.

This teenager of 17 has basically been raising herself. Her mom has relationships that have caused Robyn problems. She meets Ptolemy and begins to help



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him get his life in order. Ptolemy sees her as a niece and wants to shelter and take care of her. They agree this is the best, safest solution for both. Ptolemy goes to the doctor and meets a specialist who studies brain deterioration. He offers Ptolemy a drug that will help with his mental deterioration. Unfortunately this non-approved experimental drug can take his life within months after ingesting it. Robyn cannot talk him out of this decision. There is something Ptolemy must do before he dies and the medicine will help.

A second book about aging is “Left Neglected,” by Lisa Genova. I have not read this book yet, but if it is anything like “Still Alice,” it will be a spellbinder. I intend to read it as soon as I get past a list of others.

An intrigue and mystery book is “Our Kind of Traitor: A Novel,” by John Le Carré. Perry Makepiece is a well-connected professor/tutor of Oxford in the midst of examining just what he wants in life. He has achieved much in academics and now sees that be-

coming rich and famous will not keep him happy. Gail Perkins, his girlfriend, tries to inspire and encourage him.

After his father passes away he inherits some money but does not want to be wealthy. Together they decide to take some of the money to go to Antigua. On a quaint island with cottages about, they begin to unwind and explore recreation. They had chosen this site for the tennis, in which Perry has succeeded.

They play doubles but lose to a couple from India – due to Gina’s playing. After the match, the Australian tennis pro at the sport shop approaches Perry about playing singles with Dima Vladimirovich. This looks innocent, but Perry has been asked to carry a message to MI6. This leads to interviews with MI6, personal investigations and more.

Dima is not the mild-mannered middle-aged person one thinks about meeting on a vacation, but one of the most notorious money launderers in the world. This relationship brings Perry and Gail into a world of intrigue they never imagined; life becomes complicated and dangerous.

A unique book is “The Exile: An Outlander Graphic Novel,” by Diana Gabaldon and Hoang Nguyen. Gabaldon is the writer of the comic-like graphic novel of the story “Outlander.” Her editor

challenged her to take it “from the point of view of Jamie’s godfather, Murtagh” (How the Book Came to Be). The illustrator, Nguyen, produces each script in vibrant colors and expressive details. It is different from reading a book, but if you know the Outlander story, you will be able to pick up on the significance of the way the story is told. I was surprised to learn that Gabaldon had been producing comics for Disney for years and then went on to produce other important works.

A few other fiction books include: “The Charming Quirks of Others: An Isabel Dalhousie Novel,” by Alexander McCall Smith; “The Left-handed Dollar,” by Loren D. Estleman (an Amos Walker novel); “Bodily Harm: A Novel,” by Robert Dugoni; “Southern Star,” by Phyllis Humphrey and Carolann Carmillo and “Major Lord David,” by Sherry Lynn Ferguson.

I hope you have dug out from under the snow, but if you cannot get out and need to renew your items, you can always call us at 460-4470 and we will check to see if the item can be renewed. Please also visit our website for other information including upcoming events (www.colbylibrary.com/webpages/location.htm). See you in the library!

Deaths

John A. ‘Carp’ Carpenter

John A. “Carp” Carpenter, 67, a retired spray pilot from Brewster, died Monday, Feb. 7, 2011, at his home.

He was born Nov. 16, 1943, in Colby, the son of Fred and Mary (Sykes) Carpenter, who preceded him in death.

Survivors include two brothers, Thomas Fred Carpenter, Ho-

nolulu, and James S. Carpenter, Brewster; and a sister, Janet Carpenter, Brewster.

Cremation. No services are planned at this time.

The family suggests memorials in his name in care of the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Colby Rotary Club

The Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday with 24 members and guests, including visiting Rotarian and interim college president, Dr. Max Heim, Kayla Hockersmith and Troy and Jeannette Hockersmith.

Kayla was recognized as the February Rotary Student of the Month and presented with a certificate by President Nick Wells. She reviewed of her high school activities and future plans.

Heim gave the program on the process he and the college had gone through to arrive at the final selection of four presidential candidates for the college board’s consideration. He provided insights to the selection process and reasons why someone might or might not be a good fit for Colby Community College.

The club meets each Tuesday in Room 106 of the Student Union. – Relda Galli, reporter

Mom takes fake address

By Julie Carr Smyth AP Statehouse Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) – Ohio Gov. John Kasich has asked the Parole Board to determine whether the felony conviction of a woman who used her father’s address to enroll her children in a neighboring school district was an appropriate punishment.

Akron resident Kelley Williams-Bolar spent nine days in jail after a jury convicted her of falsifying documents to enroll her daughters in the Copley-Fairlawn schools

from 2006 to 2008. The felony record precludes her from following through on plans to become a teacher.

After a legal team review, Kasich said Tuesday he believes the case merits Parole Board attention. The panel will determine whether to let the conviction stand, reduce the charge or pardon the woman.

Kasich has received letters, e-mails, phone calls and 165,000 petition signatures from around the country since the case gained national attention.

Cattlemen’s Day set for March 4 in Manhattan

The new Flint Hills Smoke Management Plan, a beef cattle outlook and other issues of the cattle business will highlight Kansas State University’s Cattlemen’s Day on Friday, March 4, in Manhattan.

The day will begin with registration and refreshments, a commercial trade show and educational exhibits at 8 a.m. in Weber Hall.

The program begins at 10 a.m., including:

- The Smoke Management Plan – introduction and background, regulations and expected results and an expert panel and group discussion.
- Beef cattle outlook.
- Lunch.
- Factors influencing beef quality.
- DNA technologies for seed-

stock producers.

- Controlling sericea and other invasive plants in grasslands.

An afternoon open house and presentation opportunities will be available at 1:30 p.m. at different sites, including:

- At the Kansas Artificial Breeding Service Unit, 3171 Tuttle Creek Blvd., the presentations include an overview of breeding service unit services and testing for trichomonmiasis in herd sires.
- At the Beef Cattle Research Center, 3115 College Ave., presentations will include using post-mortem examination to improve herd management, “Does pain management pay?”, the microscopic world of the rumen and steam flaking.
- The 34th Annual Legacy Sale at 3:30 p.m. at K-State’s Pure-

bred Beef Teaching Center, will include 70 Angus, Hereford and Simmental bulls, five show heifer prospects, 40 bred females and six registered Quarter Horses.

Continuing education credit hours are available for animal scientists and veterinarians. Forms will be available at the registration check-in desk.

Information and registration are available at www.asi.ksu.edu/cattlemensday.

Morning refreshments, provided by New Generations Feeds, and lunch, sponsored by U.S. Premium Beef, are included in the registration fee. The cost is \$15 per person if received by Friday, Feb. 25, or \$25 after that.

Cattlemen’s Day will be preceded Thursday evening, March 3, by the 41st Annual Stockmen’s

Dinner at the Clarion Hotel in Manhattan. Virgil Huseman will be honored as the Stockman of the Year. Registration for the dinner is available online at www.found.ksu.edu/lmic or call Melissa Geisler at (785) 532-7522 or (800) 432-1578.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$8.53
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Please help Larenz and Jeannine Rall celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2 - 4 p.m. at the Colby 4-H Building. Their children, Tracy (LeAnn), Brewster, and Tim (Kathy), Rexford, and their families are hosting the reception.

They were married February 11, 1961. Larenz and Jeannine are both employed at Wal-Mart in Colby.

Cards will also reach them at 555 S. Cleveland, Colby, KS 67701.

Workshop to help with grant applications

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Development administration, in partnership with the Kansas Department of Commerce, will conduct a “Writing a Successful Grant Application” workshop in Hays on Saturday, Feb. 25.

The workshop will be directed to both businesses and communities, including farmers and ranchers, entrepreneurs, nonprofits, Indian tribes and local governments. Those attending can expect to learn the key components of a successful grant application, as well as methods for finding grant

opportunities.

The Hays workshop will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with registration at 8:30 a.m. at the Kansas State University Research Center, south of town at 1232 240th Ave.

Registrations will be accepted until Friday, Feb. 18, at the Department of Commerce website www.kansascommerce.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=104. Cost is \$25 per person.

For information, call Nancy Pletcher, Rural Development business programs technician, at (785) 271-2733 or e-mail at nancy.pletcher@ks.usda.gov.

For information on Rural Development programs, go to www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks.

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Come help us celebrate

Thurman Cox's 90th Birthday

on Saturday, Feb. 19 at the Colby Senior Progress Center from 2 - 4 p.m.

– NO GIFTS PLEASE –

Monday 7:00 pm.

February 14, 2011

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