DEBBIE SCHWANKE/Colby Community College

Colby Community College Faculty Alliance President Bob Selby, Head Librarian Tara Schroer, Alliance Vice President Linda Nelson and Alliance Treasurer Mike McVay looked through the books presented recently to the college library.

Faculty donate books to library

tion Association, the Faculty Alliance, \recently donated four books to the Colby Community College Eric Kimmel.

Carol Boston Weatherford; "The Keepers' Tattoo," members. The Alliance is active in promoting camby Gill Arbuthnott; "Nabeel's New Pants: An Eid pus activities and community service projects.

The Colby chapter of the Kansas National Educa- Tale," retold by Fawzia Gilani-Williams; and "Joha Makes a Wish: A Middle Eastern Tale" adapted by

The college library is open to the public. All books The books are "Obama: Only in America," by and other materials are available to community

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obtained his Certified Public Ac- and better serve our clients.' countant designation.

accomplishment," said Kenneth office. As staff accountant, he pro-L. Beran, managing partner of the vides tax and auditing services. firm. "Chris is an integral member He graduated from Kansas State of our team, and I am confident he University in 2008 and is a mem-

Halbleib joined the firm in 2009 "We are proud of him for this and currently serves in the Colby 12 offices throughout the state.

Christopher R. Halbleib, of Ad- will effectively use his CPA des- ber of the Kansas State Univerams, Brown, Beran and Ball, has ignation to grow as a professional sity Alumni Association. Halbleib lives in Colby.

Founded in 1945, the firm has For information about the company, visit www.abbb.com.

especially where the crop had no snow cover," Shroyer said. As in wheat, winterkill in alfalfa occurs when the crown is frozen, he said.

"If the plants are damaged by winterkill, the taproot will turn soft and mushy. Producers should check for bud and new shoot vigor. Look for delayed green-up, lopsided crowns and uneven shoot growth. If you see any of these symptoms, check the taproots for firmness. Some plants may even begin to green up and then die. But plants that put out second leaves

terhardiness among alfalfa varieties. Some varieties may have suf-

fered winterkill injury this winter,

duction specialist.

If some plants are injured and stands have been thinned, producers may wonder about thickening the stands. Shroyer advises cau-

are probably fine," the agronomist

"Interseeding alfalfa to thicken an alfalfa stand will generally not work. If the stand is one year or less old, new seedlings will generally come up and then be outcompeted by the survivors from last year. If large areas of a oneyear-old field have been killed, those areas can be disked and then seeded. If the stand is two or more years old, interseeding alfalfa

This could be a tough winter will not work because of allelo- gested. for alfalfa in Kansas, especially pathic effects from the established

on alfalfa crop for damage

Farmers advised to check

on newly seeded stands. The two plants," he said. main concerns for alfalfa are This winter could also result in winterkill and heaving, said Jim a more common form of injury Shroyer, Kansas State University to alfalfa. As the soil freezes and Research and Extension crop prothaws, alfalfa stands can be damaged by the heaving effect, Shroy-"There is a wide range of win-

"This winter has been cold enough to freeze the soil where it is not under snow cover. Soils with high levels of clay are especially prone to winter heaving," he

If heaving has occurred, dig up some plants to determine if the

taproot is broken, he advised. "Plants with broken taproots may green up, but they perform poorly and eventually die.... Raised crowns are susceptible to weather and mechanical damage. Raise cutter bars to avoid damaging exposed crowns," he sug-

Producers can start to evaluate the health of their alfalfa stands in March or April, as soon as the soils thaws, Shroyer said. "They should look at the crowns and roots. Buds should be firm, and white or pink in color if they have survived with good vigor. The bark of roots should not peel away easily when scratched with a thumbnail," he

When alfalfa growth reaches 4 to 6 inches, producers can use stems per square foot to assess density measure, he added. A density of 55 stems per square foot has good yield potential. There will probably be some yield loss with stem counts between 40 and 50 per square foot.

Information about alfalfa production is available at local K-State Research and Extension of-

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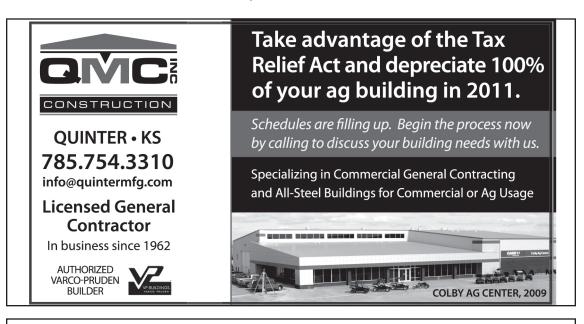
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