

Family



CONNIE DAVIS/Colby Community College

Bahamian students (from left) Jay Carey, Shauntae Miller, Gortia Ferguson and Tino Thompson found their country's flag at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

Students explore Colorado Springs

Eighteen Colby Community College student members of the International Students and Friends Organization traveled to Colorado Springs on Monday for a full day of activities.

The group, accompanied by sponsors Chriss Ellison and Connie Davis, stopped at the outlet stores at Castle Rock, and then drove south to Colorado Springs through the Garden of the Gods.

"We had a great time," said Davis. "We experienced almost every weather condition in a thirty-minute period including lightning,

thunder, rain, snow, hail and then the sun broke through at the Garden of the Gods."

The group continued to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and finished the day with a visit to the Olympic Training Center. The students are members of the Trojan Track squad.

"The students in this organization contribute to our wonderful global diversity at CCC," said Davis. "Membership is open to everyone. The group does a variety of activities including a cultural trip each year."

Tech college gets OK to teach 'mobile apps'

Kansas Board of Regents approved Northwest Kansas Technical College's new Mobile Application and Entertainment Development program at their meeting on April 20.

The program is intended to teach students how to develop program applications in the rapidly expanding iPhone and iPad market.

They will learn to build cross-platform, mobile web-apps that will run on nearly any modern smart-phone platform.

According to the school's publicity, *Business Week* has identified this as the fastest growing

profession.

Program developers say that graduates will have opportunities to work remotely for companies around the globe as well as locally. The advisory board includes representatives from Apple, Sparrow Development, Quark Studios and New Age Wireless.

The program will begin in the Fall 2011 term. Students have the option of a nine-month certificate or a two-year associate degree. Northwest Tech will take up to sixty students on campus, plus additional online students.

Corrections

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New books at library bring return of some literary friends

Today we are going to share about an assortment of items. Two are science fiction, a number are western, and one is classified as plain fiction. You will find these in the new book area of the library.

The first is "Lost Gate," by Orson Scott Card. This is the first book in the Mither Mages series. Danny North is a young man who does not know what power and authority resides within him. He is frustrated by the fact that all his relatives are able to create mystical creatures of the other world: fairies, ghosts, and more.

He lives in the Virginia countryside where his family leads a reclusive life, especially when it comes to their powers. Danny discovers family secrets that have been carefully guarded and not shared with him. This causes no small amount of inconvenience and problems.

The second book is "River Marked," by Patricia Briggs. This is the sixth in the Mercy Thompson series. Mercy is an auto mechanic. She especially loves working on Volkswagens. Besides her love for cars she is known to some as a shape shifter. She is married to Adam, the Alpha werewolf.

These two travel in the underworld of witches, vampires and others. They have just gotten married and are honeymooning for ten



Melany Wilks
•Library Links

days at the Columbia River. During this time her long-gone father pays them a visit. She begins to sense evil coming into the valley and the only way she can prevent further deaths and oppression is to learn from her father's relatives how to defeat the river devil.

A third book is "Treason At Lison Grove," by Anne Perry. This 26th book in the Charlotte and Thomas Pitt series puts Thomas Pitt in France, Charlotte Pitt and Victor Narraway in Ireland. Thomas has gone to France to try and solve the roots of the rebellion and unrest coming in from Europe to his beloved England. Victor Narraway has been accused of murder. Charlotte realizes that if Narraway's name is not cleared, it will sully her husband's professional standing as well. Together these individuals learn this is all a means of keeping them out of the country so a terrorist plot can destroy England.

The next books are part of the Avalon Western series. If you

have not read these westerns, you might want to try them. They are small, easy reading yet very enjoyable. The first is "Hunt the Hunter," by Jeff R. Spalsbury. It is Spalsbury's first book for the series. Protagonist Dave Kramer has just returned to his home town and beloved valley after the Civil War. He finds many have died due to a cholera outbreak and his true love may have been killed by gang leader, Jed Scott. Kramer is bound and determined to set things right.

Jerry S. Drake has just finished his fourth book, "Breaking Trail," for Avalon in his "Tom Patterson Western series." Patterson has just finished as a cavalryman of the Confederate Army. His sergeant Ben Haley has mentored Tom throughout the war and together they have signed on to work for the Union Pacific as guards. Marauding Indians and other problems await them in their new positions.

The next western is set in No-Name Colorado. Smoke and Sally Jensen had been in the mountains of Colorado for three years. Since their marriage they had accumulated a couple hundred head of cattle and horses.

Those that live in the area are a hardy bunch and this includes Smoke and Sally. Smoke senses trouble is coming and tells Sally

they will stay no matter what. Smoke has never run from trouble. Actually, he often ran to trouble and gunned others down that had previously destroyed his family. He is not afraid to stand and fight. No-Name needs such a person to help make a defense when gold is discovered.

What I like about this book is the way the author draws the reader right into the thick of the plot. It is well written and very enjoyable.

There are many more on the new book shelf for westerns, others are: "One Step From Hell," by John M. Sharpe; "Ambush Creek," by Phil Dunlap; "Kon-niger's Woman," by Terrell L. Bowers; and "Dusty Barnett," by James Clay.

Remember to come and get your new patron library card. If you have had a library card for a long time, we need you to come in and get a new one so we can update your information and switch it over to our new catalog system.

Once you are added to the new system you will have the ability to renew items from home, reserve an item, review your history of items previously checked out and more.

See you in the library!

Property Transfers

Real Estate recorded April 12 to April 25

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

- Aug. 23, 2005, Victor W. Rasmussen Trust to Casey Scott and Janice L. Barnum; Lots 15-16, Block 104, Colby North Addition.
- Aug. 24, 2005, Lyle D. and M. Darlene Gillispie to Casey Scott and Janice L. Barnum; east 45' of Lots 16-20, Block 66, Colby West Addition.
- Feb. 5, 2009, quit claim deed, Scott W. Swafford to Brenda C. Swafford; south 36' of Lots 2-3 and north 39' of Lots 4-5, Block 62, Colby South View Addition.
- April 7, Jonell Jane Cowder and David Gray Slater to Jeffrey C. and Sherri D. Mackley; NW/4 of Sec. 10, T10, R36.
- April 8, quit claim deed, Lisa L. Hartzfeld to Richard L. Hartzfeld; NW/4 of Sec. 22, T10, R35.
- April 8, Christopher Scott and Caroline Oram to Kathleen Oram Cueto; west 200 acres of W/2 of Sec. 14, T8, R34.
- April 11, quit claim deed, Laura Ann Cersovsky to Cynthia Lou Beisner; S/2 of Sec. 21, T8, R35.
- April 11, quit claim deed, Laura Ann Cersovsky to Teresa Marie Loughran; S/2 of Sec. 21,

T8, R35.

• April 15, quit claim deed, Britany Jo Schuette to Barbara Jean Schuette; Lots 12-19, Block 5; Lots 1-30, Block 12; and 80' x 257' tract portion of vacated Second St. between Blocks 5 and 17, Levant.

• April 18, Susan Diane Cowder to Tracee G. Mackley Trust; SW/4 of Sec. 10, T10, R36.

• April 18, Charles L. and Diane L. Hill to Theodore E. Hart; Lots 1-10 and 21-30, Block 16; Lots 12-13 and portions of Lots 16-17, Block 19; Gem Ellsworth Subdivision.

• April 18, D. Dennis and Cathy M. Preston to Fred Albers Inc.; SW/4 of Sec. 21, T7, R31.

• Friday, Jesse J. Vincent to Victor and Brenda S. Mazanec; Lot 13, Block 16, Original Colby.

• Monday, Dolly E. Vincent to Victor and Brenda S. Mazanec; Lot 13, Block 16, Original Colby.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$7.77
Corn (bushel)	\$6.86
Milo (hundredweight)	\$11.78
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.48

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Matthew Allan Shepherd, 28, Colby, March 21, probation violation, Thomas County Sheriff's Office/Court Services of Thomas County, released Monday on recognizance.
- Holly Anne Oster, 24, Forsyth Mo., March 25, possession of mobile meth lab, precursor material, possession/intent to manufacture, Kansas Highway Patrol, released Saturday to other agency.
- Victor Josiah Parker, 47, Palmyra, Mo., March 25, possession of mobile meth lab, possession of controlled substance, Highway Patrol, released Saturday to Taney County, Mo.
- Damen Justin Siruta, 22, Winona, April 4, probation violation, burglary, theft - more than \$1000, criminal possession of a firearm, criminal deprivation of property, possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs, Oakley Police Department, released April 20 on recognizance.
- Albert Emil Hass, 30, Colby, April 12, probation violation/burglary, Barton County Sheriff's Office, released April 14 to other agency.

• Sarah Alison Molina, 31, San Francisco, April 13, possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs, no drug tax stamp, Highway Patrol, released April 15 on \$100,000 appearance bond.

• Mark Curtis Dulany, 33, Goodland, April 18, Thomas County Sheriff/Court Services, probation violation, released last Thursday on probation.

• Rohan O'Neil Franklin Thomas, 21, Oklahoma City, April 18, possession/distribution of certain hallucinogenic drugs, no drug tax stamp, Logan County Sheriff's Office, released April 19 on \$25,000 appearance bond.

• Jamie Lynn Pfeifer, 21, Colby, last Wednesday, domestic battery, Colby Police Department, released same day with charges pending.

• Nicholas Jeffrey Harlow, 22, Colby, last Thursday, driving under the influence, Colby Police, released same day to responsible party.

• Erick Duane Murray, 26, Westerville, Ohio, last Thursday, possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs, criminal possession of a firearm, Gove County Sheriff's Office, released same day on \$10,000 appearance bond.

Lesser Prairie-Chicken Initiative (LPCI) Second Sign-up Announced

Friday, April 29, 2011, is the deadline for interested applicants in the second sign-up for Lesser Prairie-Chicken Initiative in Kansas.

Stop by your local U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Service Center and visit with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or local conservation district staff to get more information about helping address your resource concerns.

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