# Get library card, win ice cream cone

September is library card month, so remember to come in and update your account so you get a new library card.

Many of you have done so, but a few have not taken the time. For those who update their account or get a brand-new account we will hold a special drawing to give a coupon for a free ice cream cone.

Today I will be discussing some of the new fiction items we have received recently. The first is "The Secret Mistress," by Mary Balogh. This is the third book in the *Mis*-

Here Lady Angeline Dudley wants to find a man who is steady and not as flamboyant as she has had before. Edward Ailsbury, the new Earl of Heyward enters the picture and she immediately sees him as her candidate. Edward has not seen himself as wanting to be pursued by Lady Angeline.

The second book is "The Touch: A Novella," by Randal Wallace. Protagonist Andrew Jones is a very talented surgeon. He just became engaged to the love of his

Together they were returning to the Appalachians, their home area, for the weekend after grueling hours serving in the hospital. They were discussing how love and music bring healing into people's bodies and especially the brain. This was until Faith realized something was in their path and she could not get around it. Faith died.

After this tragedy Andrew decided he could no longer perform surgery. Meanwhile, Lara Blair, a biomedical employee, was running tests on newly developed surgical equipment. Each test failed. She needs to find that surgeon with the touch and the ability to use the equipment properly. Lara determined that Andrew was who she wanted to conduct the trials. Andrew wanted more information on these trials and the real issues behind the work.

The third book is "Turn of Mind," by Alice LaPlante. Dr. Jennifer White is an orthopedic surgeon accused of murdering her best friend Amanda. The detectives really have two mysteries to

Can a person with early onset Alzheimer's have the capacity to murder someone? If so, how accountable is this person. Here is where the detectives and the reader must get into the mind of a 64year-old with Alzheimer's.

The fourth book is "The Language of Flowers: A Novel," by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. An 18-yearold girl who is no longer welcome in foster care is ready to discover her life. She is in the middle of San Francisco proper and wondering where to go. She sleeps in the park until a local florist discovers

The florist begins teaching her

CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA, Ca-

lif. (AP) – A bronze surfer statue

near San Diego that's been the

target of many gags has been hit

Unknown pre-dawn pranksters

on Aug. 13 constructed an elabo-

rate scene of a pterodactyl seem-

ingly about to pluck the sculpture

of a young surfer off his board.

The pranksters placed a painted

backdrop of a volcanic eruption

The Los Angeles Times (http://

lat.ms/q77ToU) reported crowds

behind the surfer statue.



#### Melany Wilks

Library Links

the language of love through flowers. But can someone love who has never experienced love? Read

This book is based on the children's book, "Le Language des Fleurs," by Charlotte de Latour. The author read it in her youth and was struck by the discovery of the meaning flowers have in life. This is the basis for the book. Discover along with the author other ways flowers can speak into our lives.

A science fiction book we have received is "Legends of Shannara, by Terry Brooks. Panterra Qu is a tracker who has sworn to serve and protect the people of the valley. Sider Ament is the Gray Man, the holder of the Black Staff. He has just died alone with Panterra.

Does he have to pick up the black staff as requested by Sider Ament himself? What did that obligate him too? Would he receive powers to wield and use the staff successfully? He knew that at least Prue, those of Glensk Wood, the Elves of Arborlon all were vulnerable to attacks of Trolls and other dark magic. Panterra has not discovered yet however, that there are others out to kill him.

the Rag Picker at the beginning of the book and will see that demon also emerge. He pondered whether he should become the Gray Man's successor. In a split second he picked up the staff and told the retirement program. staff that it could use his life as it Booked For Lunch begins

again on Wednesday. This month we have Lon Frahm speaking on "Survival of Rural America: Small Victories and Bitter Harvests," by Richard E. Wood. This is in cooperation with the Max Pickerell Lectureship held at Colby Community College. Come join us for lunch at noon. The speaker begins around 12:15 and speaks until around 1 p.m. If you are on your lunch hour, our audience always knows they can slip out early if

Remember to visit the Colby – the grain bin – to read the  $\overrightarrow{po}$  would be in the best interest of all etry written by children during our summer reading project. It will be up until Sunday, Sept. 11.

The library will be closed Sunday and Monday in honor of Labor Day. At that time the library hours will change to our winter schedule: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday; 9 to 4 p.m. Saturday; and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

gathered around the 16-foot cre-

Last year someone surrounded

the roadside statue in Cardiff-by-

the-Sea with a papier mache mod-

el of a great white shark that appeared to be swallowing it whole.

"Magic Carpet Ride" has been de-

rided by local surfers who criticize

The statue has been bedecked

with bras, skirts and witch hats so

often that locals have come to call

it "The Cardiff Kook."

the boy's pose as too awkward.

The \$120,000 sculpture called

See you at the library!

ation after the sun rose.

**Kysha Nichols and Dereck Totten** 

# Medical students to marry on Saturday

Kysha Coleen Nichols of third year at the University of Totten of Marysville plan to marry Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011,

Winona and the granddaughter of Lola Bretz and the late Lindy Bretz of Wallace and the late Merlin and Katie Nichols of Culbertson, Neb.

School, she graduated from Sterling College in 2009, where she majored in biology and minored in chemistry. She is in her Wichita following the wedding.

Winona and Dereck Douglas Kansas School of Medicine.

The groom is the son of David and Kathryn Totten of Marysville and the grandson of Doug-The bride is the daughter of las and Phyllis Totten of Oketo Jerry and Rhonda Nichols of and Donalad and EllaMae Argo of Marysville.

He is a graduate of Marysville High School and a 2005 graduate of the University of Kansas where he majored in bi-A graduate of Triplains High ology and psychology. He is in his fourth year at the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

The couple plans to live in

### State extends deadline The readers are introduced to for voluntary retirement

Topeka -The State of Kansas state employees. announced Wednesday it will exdeadline for the state's voluntary

Eligible employees now have until Friday, Oct. 14, to submit their offer to retire to the state. Those whose offers are accepted by the state will need to set their retirement date for no later than Monday, Oct. 31.

"This extension does not jeopardize the financial benefits of our goals but gives state employees more time to review their retirement options," Administration Secretary Dennis Taylor said.

Taylor said the Administration met with representatives of the Kansas Organization of State Employees to discuss concerns about the program. The two entities Visitor's Center at 2015 S. Range agreed that extending the deadline

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Organization of State Employtend the employee submission ees Executive Director Jane Carter said the union was pleased the concerns and took action that will benefit all eligible employees.

"Our membership indicated they would like the opportunity to review health plan options during open enrollment before making a decision about the voluntary retirement incentive," Carter said. "This extension grants employees that opportunity while also allowing the State to meet its objec-

Carter said the union also has dropped its actions against the Administration regarding the voluntary retirement program.

Approximately 4,000 employ-

Administration listened to their

ees are eligible to retire under the with 49 votes. Law enforcement

Friday, Sept. 2nd

40% off

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#### **Deaths**

#### Maxine Elberta Parker

Maxine Elberta Parker, 92, Ft. Collins, Colo., formerly of Colby and Levant, died April 21, 2010, at the Poudre Valley Hospital in

She was born March 15, 1918, at Windom, the daughter of Lester Bryan and Freda Matilda (Ekberg) Sherman.

She graduated from Levant High School and in 1937 married John Henry Parker of Brewster. They lived in Ellsworth and Hays, coming to Colby in the 1940s. In 1954 the Denver-Chicago Trucking Company transferred Mr. Parker to Denver, where she lived until moving to Ft. Collins about

parents; her husband in 1972; an husband and son are buried.

infant son, John Boyd Parker, in 1951; a sister, Betty Jane Johnson; one grandson, Robert Gene McGarry Jr.; and two great-grandsons, Glenn Anderson and Brad-

A sister, Laudine Cook, and a great-granddaughter, Sierra Lynn Brewster, died during 2011. Survivors include a son, Jack

Dale (Anne) Parker, Denver; three daughters, Sherilyn Kaye Mc-Garry, Denver; Sandra Lee (Bill) Wiggins and Pamela Sue (Norman) Forristall, all of Livermore. Colo.; a sister, Marslyn (Paul) Sager, Orem Utah; eight grandchildren.

Her ashes were placed in Beu-Preceding her in death were her lah Cemetery in Colby where her

## **Exhibit of 8 Wonders** enters final weekend

The 8 Wonders of Kansas exhibit featured at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum including foreign visitors remark in Abilene will wrap up as Labor that the exhibit demonstrates the Day weekend comes to a close. This exhibit was designed in partnership with the Kansas Sampler ing.' Foundation to help celebrate Kansas' sesquicentennial this year. Visitors to the Eisenhower

Presidential Library and Museum will have the opportunity to view the exhibit until 10 p.m. Thursday through Monday. All other buildings will close at 5:45 p.m. Admission to the Eisenhower Liencouraged to park in the south parking lot adjacent the library building. "The 8 Wonders exhibit is prov-

ing to be one of the most popular and unique exhibits we've ever mounted in the library building," states Karl Weissenbach, direc-

tor of the library and museum. "Many of our out-of-state guests diversity and beauty of Kansas, which makes our state so fascinat-Displays feature the top 8 Won-

ders in the contested rural culture element categories of Architecture, Art, Commerce, Cuisine, Customs, Geography, History, and People, plus the overall 8 Wonders of Kansas. Some of the artifacts include a

spacesuit from the Kansas Cosbrary building is free. Visitors are mosphere, a full Buffalo Soldier uniform from Fort Leavenworth. an original flying monkey model used in filming the Wizard of Oz, shoes and a helmet worn by Amelia Earhart, and a dice game from the original Long Branch Saloon, Boot Hill Museum, Dodge City.

### July 'Battle of the Badges' falls short of blood drive goal The Red Cross blood drives on and firefighters each had 40 votes.

July 27 and 28 collected a total of 120 units, although they fell short Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. of the goal on both days. July 27, 79 units were given to-

ward a goal of 100.

The goal for July 28 was 60, with 41 units given.

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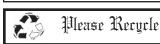
The next blood drive will be on

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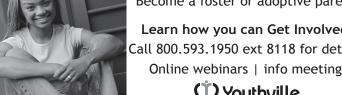
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