

# Artists to meet at library Monday to learn and plan for mural project

At 7 p.m. tonight we have “Who Are You?” – a workshop on family history and genealogy.

Also, don’t forget to tell all artists to come to a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday to learn how they can contribute to the special memorial project for the library. Information is on the website at colbylibrary.com, or you can come in and pick up an announcement. At the meeting we will discuss the project and show you the area, answer questions you might have. There is a time limit for completing the project in order to honor our donors. If you have questions please do not hesitate to call and talk to me.

We are adding a cartload of books this week. The first I will tell you about is “Death Comes to Pemberley,” by P.D. James. Protagonist Elizabeth comes from a family of five daughters. The Bennets did not have much money and were considered less than the best catches for a man. However, to everyone’s surprise, Elizabeth, daughter number two, was asked to marry Mr. Darcy of Pemberley Estates. The night of the ball, Elizabeth’s disgraced sister Lydia came rushing onto the grounds of the estate yelling of Lt. George Wickham’s murder.

The stage was set. Murder



**Melany Wilks**

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should never happen in the small burg they live in. Elizabeth finds herself helping to solve the murder. If you love the story of “Pride and Prejudice,” by Jane Austen, you will love this historical mystery.

A second book is “Gideon’s Corpse,” by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child. This is book number two of the *Gideon Crew* series. Gideon is ready to go trout fishing when his boss hands him \$50,000 to help the FBI defuse a hostage situation.

An old work associate from his days working at Los Alamos scientific labs in California is now in Queens, N.Y., where he is screaming and declaring that the government has been experimenting on him using laser beams. It is clear to Gideon that this person is sick and acting insane. Gideon discovers that Reed, his work associate, has become involved with terrorists. They have been manipulating

his scientific knowhow about nuclear materials and bomb making. Gideon must find the cell, nuclear materials and save the city from disaster. We have this book in both regular and large print.

The next book is “All I Did Was Shoot My Man,” by Walter Mosley. This is book four of the *Leonid McGill Mysteries* series. Zella Grisham has just been released from prison. Leonid McGill was instructed by a lawyer to meet her at the bus station when she was transported. McGill met her and told her that her lawyer, Mr. Lewis had given her information on a place to stay, work and then gave her \$2,500 to boot.

Zella is rightfully suspicious. She wonders just what Mr. Lewis wants. Zella knows everyone thinks she still has information about a large heist of money from the vault of Rutgers Assurance Corporation. The reader finds out quickly, however, that McGill knows she was truly innocent and set up. This is where the book takes off!

The last book is a biography, “Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman,” by Robert K. Massie. This is a historical piece on the life of an insignificant princess from Germany that travels to

Russia and becomes the empress of Russia. She is considered the “most remarkable, powerful, and captivating women in history (front flap).” Massie, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author, again writes a treatise about the extraordinary life that she creates as one who influences the government, foreign policy, and the overall way that the peasant classes are treated in Russia. She influenced things for 34 years. Like many figures of her stature, this woman who was larger than life was both loved and hated. Massie tells about her relationships with her husband, lovers and friends in the midst of the story.

We will also be adding some great junior fiction books written by such authors as Maggie Stiefvater, Lian Tanner, Kathryn Lasky, N.D. Wilson and P.B. Kerr. Some science fiction and fantasy items are also going on the shelves by authors such as Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson, Kathleen and Michael Gear and Orson Scott Card.

Remember the library’s normal winter hours are: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 to 5 Friday, 9 to 4 Saturday, and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

See you in the library!

# Harlem Ambassadors to visit Burlington

The Harlem Ambassadors, an exhibition basketball team, will visit Burlington, Colo., for a game at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at the Burlington High School gymnasium.

The Ambassadors say they offer a unique brand of Harlem-style basketball, featuring high-flying slam dunks, ball-handling tricks and comedy routines.

The team aims for nonstop laughs and delivers a positive message for kids.

“At our shows, we want the kids to know that they’re part of our team, too,” said Coach Ladè Majic. “We invite as many kids as we can to come sit on the bench, have a front-row seat during the show and get involved in all of the fun stuff we do.”

The Ambassadors set themselves apart from

other “Harlem-style” basketball teams by working with local nonprofit and service organizations and holding shows as community fund-raising events. For Burlington’s event, the Ambassadors have partnered with Burlington Lion’s Club to help raise money for scholarships and community service activities.

They have worked extensively with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Boys and Girls Clubs, Big Brothers Big Sisters and the American Red Cross, as well as Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis clubs in towns throughout the U.S. The team does more than 200 shows a year, which have raised millions of dollars – an accomplishment of which team President Dale Moss is very proud.

“It feels good to be able to provide quality

entertainment and create memories that the fans will take with them,” Moss said. “We’re able to give even more when we can help provide funding for a Habitat for Humanity house or new computers for the school library, and that feels great.”

For information, go to [www.harlemambassadors.com](http://www.harlemambassadors.com), call Moss at (970) 472-1000 or e-mail [harlemambassadors@juno.com](mailto:harlemambassadors@juno.com).

Advance tickets can be purchased at Superior Flooring and Furniture, 360 14th, in Burlington. Adults are \$10 and children 3 and up, students and seniors \$7.

Tickets at the door will be adults \$12, students and senior \$8 and children 3 and under free. For group sales, contact Dan Troyer at (719) 346-7579.

# Poultry specialist says now’s the time to think about chicks

Cold winter days can be difficult, but planning now to start or grow a small poultry flock this spring may help would-be growers focus on warmer days ahead, according to Kansas State University animal scientist Scott Beyer.

“One of the best times of the year for a grow-your-own kind of person like me is those first weeks after Christmas when the seed and baby chick catalogs start to arrive in the mail,” said Beyer, a poultry specialist with K-State Research. “In the deepest part of winter, it’s time to plan the garden as well as what needs to be done with your small poultry flock.”

Beyer said interest in keeping hens to sell at farmers’ markets and local restaurants has increased. Since the economy tightened in 2007, the appeal of keeping small flocks has also increased.

“As an extension poultry specialist, it’s been fun having lots of new poultry-keeping enthusiasts join the hobby,” he said.

“Mail order chick hatcheries have consolidated over the last decade, but there are still ... catalogs with all kinds of poultry breeds. Or, you can wait until you see a ‘chick days’ sign at your local agricultural supply or feed store, which is a sure sign of spring,” he said.

Some catalogs contain more than 100 different breeds and

variations. Beyer has tips for those planning to purchase chicks.

• Consider the purpose of your flock. Do you want a few eggs? Will you enter them in the local or state fair? Do you want chicken for soup? The answers to these questions will help you choose the birds you need.

• If showing a pen at the fair is your goal, then any breed that interests you is the one you should choose. For beginners, Beyer recommends starting with solid color breeds without tufts, topknots or feathers on their legs. There are fewer defects in the standard breeds. For competitors, the best chicks come from known breeders who focus on just a few breeds.

• For those who just want a few birds for eggs, consider Mediterranean breeds, such as Leghorns or Monorcas. Most are good egg producers and eat less feed since they are small in body size. Many hatcheries also offer a hybrid cross for egg production; these are often best for lots of eggs on less feed.

Dual purpose breeds like Rhode Island Reds and Barred Rocks will lay eggs and are heavy muscled enough to become soup. However, they are not as feed efficient as the Mediterranean breeds.

Be careful when considering egg production claims in catalogs.

“I once owned some of the most beautiful Rhode Island Red flocks

I’ve ever seen, but rarely did any of the birds produce more than a dozen eggs a year,” Beyer said.

If you want to fill the freezer with meat, choose only a Cornish Breed or a Cornish Cross. Sometimes people call these Cornish

## Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club

Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club met Jan. 16 at Hunter Hall in Brewster.

President Kasey Hoyt called the meeting to order. Secretary Dara Roulier led the flag salute. Ashley Barrie, Austin Burkholder and Dakota Smith led the club in singing “Old MacDonald.” Twenty-one members answered roll call with the place of a dream vacation.

Minutes of the November and December meetings were read by secretary Dara Roulier.

Parent leader Kathy Baird reported that horse project meetings are being held at 4 p.m. on Sundays at the 4-H building in Colby. She encouraged all members to read the last K-State Research and Extension newsletter listing dates for 4-H events and deadlines.

Baird said pizza sales will be due soon and members are to turn them in to Amber or Michele Werth. Pizza-making day will be Saturday, Feb. 11.

She reminded members with beef projects that beef weigh-in is from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday,

Feb. 18, at the Colby Sale Barn.

Kelly Palmgren, chair of the Christmas Senior Center decorating committee reported that nine members helped to take down the decorations at the Brewster Senior Center.

Parliamentarian Emeline Hutton gave a tip on using the words “I move” when making a motion.

Weston Schmidt on “My Beef Project.” A demonstration by Justin Schmidt entitled “How to De-Worm a Horse” was next. Austin Burkholder demonstrated “How to make a Pillow.” Kasey Hoyt shared information on “How to Prevent the Common Cold.”

Hutton and Kelly Palmgren led the club in playing Limbo during recreation. A group picture was taken and announcements were read by Hoyt. Vice-President Michael Schmidt read the program for next month’s meeting which will be Friday, Feb. 13.

The 4-H Pledge was led by Chase Cersovsky. Hosts were the Roulier and Burkholder families.

– Emeline Hutton

## Deaths

## William Dean Degenhardt

William Dean Degenhardt, 65, a custom fertilizer applicator from Colby, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012, at the Logan County Manor in Oakley.

He was born Feb. 16, 1946, in Hays to Victor and Bernadine Degenhardt. He graduated from El Dorado High School and served in the Air Force.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a sister, Joyce Degenhardt.

Survivors include two sons, Jordan Degenhardt, of Oakley;

and Shane Degenhardt; and three brothers, Dennis (Rosemarie) Degenhardt, Wichita; Gerald (Vicky) Degenhardt and Robert (Lenda) Degenhardt, all of Hays.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays, with inurnment following in St. Joseph’s Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to hospice in care of Bateman Funeral Home, Box 278, Goodland, Kan., 67735.

## Colby Rotary Club

The Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday at Colby Community College with 30 members and guest Scott Focke.

The club recognized member Glen Kersenbrock’s presence with cheers and applause.

Tama Unger had the program. Her guest was Scott Focke, manager of Family Center for Health Care. Focke gave an overview of the \$8.6 million in improvements made since 2006 at Citizens Medical Center and the Family Center for Health Care, made in order to keep the community’s medical services as state-of-the art as possible.

He said due to the addition of three physicians, one of which is a general surgeon, an expansion project is being planned to accommodate the new staff and to upgrade the necessary equipment for general surgical procedures.

The expansion project will cost \$1.9 million and will span the next couple of years.

Based on recent improvements, the hospital is not in a position to incur further debt and this will be the first time in 30 years the community will be asked to help with funding an expansion project, said Focke. Citizens Medical Center does not receive any tax money.

Focke noted that Citizens Medical Center is already seen as a regional hospital and with the addition of physicians and a general surgeon, the emphasis on “regional” will increase. This is especially important due to the current and projected shortage of doctors in rural areas.

Mark Winger won Roto-Lotto.

Colby Rotary meets on Tuesdays at the college student union, in room 106.

– Relda Galli

# Screen garden storage

Everyone with a hobby accumulates “stuff.”

Gardeners, however, can collect such a volume and range that storing it in the garage through winter is embarrassing – even hazardous. Yard or patio piles of overflow can look like a landfill.

After all, gardeners really do need pots, flats, saucers and seeds ... rubber shoes, gloves and a wide-brimmed hat ... hand and power tools with short and long handles. And, that’s not counting the buckets, jars, sacks, cart, hose, sprayers and stretchy green tape.

“The only problem is keeping it out of sight when not in use. Often, home storage space is limited. Neighborhood regulations or the family budget may rule out a shed. Gardeners can end up acting defensive and feeling frustrated at the same time,” said Dennis Patton, K-State Research and Extension horticulturist.

One answer is to use screening to create a new storage area, Patton said. The outdoor space will

be for items that can withstand moisture, heat and freezing. A tarp or shipping pallets might expand the possibilities.

“Screening can be plant material, salvaged doors – anything that will block the view, preferably year-round,” he said. “A row of dense evergreens could do the job, as can two panels of pre-made fencing from your favorite lumberyard.”

Successful screens often tie into an existing landscape feature, Patton said. They may section off a corner of the back yard’s privacy fence. They might form an “evergreen room,” surrounding a large oak. They could serve as a “curtain” several feet out from the property line, thus creating storage space behind and the backdrop for new plantings in front.

“If you’re worried, remember screens don’t have to take much money or time. Then site your project where it will have the least impact, particularly when seen from the house,” Patton said.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day <b>Hi-Plains Co-op</b>	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.47
Corn (bushel)	\$6.18
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.57
Soybeans (bushel)	\$10.70

## Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Tuesday were Mary Kersenbrock and Jay Davis, tie for first; Mary Molstad, second; Sarah Jane Barrett, third; Bob Renner, fourth; Larry Barrett, fifth; and Barb Ulmer, sixth.



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To all the wonderful and amazing people of Northwest Kansas who supported our family during Gary's illness with prayers, cards, calls, visits, food, and kind words, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to each of you.

We all will miss the storyteller and his smile.

Help "the legend" live on by sharing his stories.

Linda Garrett, Penny and Jerry Nemechek, Jill and Larry Deges, and Grady Garrett

Colby American Legion Post 363

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