

Read this new cookbook while home for holidays

I don't know about you, but I am winding my way down to Christmas and New Year's. We are diligently trying to get everything done before the holidays, when we tear off the page on the calendar to start a new year!

This week we are adding new nonfiction items to our shelves. The first is a new edition of a popular cookbook: "Cook This Not That!: Skinny Comfort Foods," by David Zinczenko. It is a small book with a lot zippy and very delicious-looking recipes. Each recipe will tell you the approximate cost per serving plus the calories. The pictures make you want to cook every recipe in the book.

The next item we are adding is "Desperate Sons: Samuel Adams, Patrick Henry, John Hancock, and the Secret Bands of Radicals Who Led the Colonies to War," by Les Standiford. This book is about a group of patriots who decided they would deliberately gather together a radical society called Sons of Liberty. They were committed to breaking the influence and grasp of King George III and the British Parliament. These men were the revolutionists that helped to create our great nation.

The next book is "Five Lieutenants: The Heartbreaking Story of Five Harvard Men Who Led America to Victory in World War I," by James Carl Nelson. This book uses letters and memoirs to describe what five well-educated men from Harvard both accom-



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plished and experienced as they led their men into the trenches of World War I battlefields.

We are adding "Come to the Table," a fiction book by Neta Jackson, second of the *SouledOut Sisters* series. This is the author of the popular Yada Yada Prayer Group series, which we also have.

Protagonist Kat Davies has a bright idea to start a food pantry at her church and is challenged in the endeavor. She must evaluate why she wants to begin this ministry and if it is really her calling. Kat also has a romantic notion about the young pastor at her church. Along with all this, Kat still has the energy to allow a homeless mother to move into her apartment she shares with two others. Where is Kat going with her new enthusiasm and devotion to Christian principles? Read it and find out.

For parents of students, this year during Christmas break we will be showing movies in the basement at 3 p.m.

Friday we will show "Little Drummer Boy" and Wednesday we will watch "Frosty the Snowman and Frosty Returns."

Next Thursday it will be "Po-

lar Express." Friday, Dec. 28, we will view "Snow Buddies." Monday, Dec. 31, will be "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe." Wednesday, Jan. 2, we will watch the wintery movie "Ice Age."

Our Food For Fines campaign ends at 3:45 p.m. Saturday. You can redeem your library fines by bringing in canned or boxed food that roughly equals your fine. Food for Fines does not apply to lost or damaged items. We will be donating the food to Genesis-Thomas County. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 460-4470.

We also want to remind you to pick up audiobooks for your drives to relatives. We have mysteries, thrillers and other types of audiobooks to listen to. Or check out DVDs to play for your children on a long road trip.

Through Saturday we will have our regular winter hours.

Hours for next week will be:

- Closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.
- Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and next Thursday.
- Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28.
- Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29.
- Open 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30.
- Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31.
- Closed Tuesday, New Year's Day.
- Resume regular hours Wednesday, Jan. 2.

We will also have the hours posted on our doors and on our website at colbylibrary.com.

See you in the library!

Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday at Colby Community College with 25 members and guest Jeff Dennis.

The monthly collection for Polio Plus was taken.

Officers were elected for terms beginning July 1. Those elected include: president, Marilyn Unger; vice-president, Eric Griggs; secretary, J.L. Evins; treasurer, Wayne Horlacher; board members: Marla Crumrine, Mike Tubbs, Nick Wells and Melany Wilks.

The program was a service project coordinated by Pat Sloan. Members assembled 40 food gift bags for local residents.

Paul Steele won Roto-Lotto.

The club will meet next on Tuesday, Jan. 8, in Room 106 of the Student Union.

— Relda Galli

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$7.98
Corn (bushel)	\$7.03
Milo (hundredweight)	\$12.11
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.47

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.



Mr. and Mrs. Vette in 1947



Mr. and Mrs. Vette in 2012

Christmas Day marks couple's 65th

Henry and Eileen Vette of Colby plan to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012, with a card shower.

They ask that cards be mailed to Eileen, a resident at Deseret Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 105 E. College Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

The couple met on a train when it stopped in Natoma to pick up Eileen and a friend, Henry said. He offered her a stick of gum and asked her name. Eileen wouldn't tell her name, but her friend did. He had just returned from a year in Germany, and

the rest is history, he said.

She is from Covert, and Henry grew up three miles west of Levant. They married on Christmas Day 1947, and were the first couple to buy a home on a GI Bill veterans loan in Colby. They've lived here since.

The Vettes have three children, Carolyn (Bill) Hedge of Massachusetts, Jerry (Sherry) Vette of Garden City and Tammy Jones of Great Bend; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Weather radio a practical gift

If someone had given Santa Claus a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Alert Radio for Christmas, that entire red-nosed reindeer incident could have been avoided.

St. Nick would have known what the weather was going to be like well in advance, changed his itinerary a little and had smooth sailing — flying. Of course, then there wouldn't have been that song or those TV specials, so it all worked out.

The Kansas Division of Emergency Management is encouraging Kansans who are still shopping for that perfect holiday gift, to consider giving a weather alert radio, a practical gift that can help make life a little safer for those you love.

"Weather radios transmit alerts of severe weather and dangerous conditions, they broadcast National Weather Service forecasts,

severe weather warnings and watches on impending natural hazards 24 hours a day over the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration radio network," said Angee Morgan, the division's deputy director.

Portable and desktop weather radios are available at electronics stores and online at prices ranging from \$20 to \$200. Information is available online at www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr including a list of frequencies used for weather alerts. Messages are also available in Spanish.

The old Rudolph song doesn't mention if Santa had an emergency kit on board his sleigh, but it would certainly have been a good idea, in case Rudy's nose gave out and Santa found himself stranded with nothing to eat or drink.

An emergency kit — for home, auto or both — is another practical gift to give which offers peace

of mind about the safety of your family. Pre-assembled emergency kits are available from a variety of outlets or you can assemble the components yourself. Kits should include such items as water, non-perishable foods, flashlights, batteries, a battery-operated radio, first-aid supplies, a safe alternate heat source, blankets, extra medicines and other essentials necessary to ride out a storm for a minimum of three days. Checklists for making an emergency kit are available online at www.KSReady.gov, the American Red Cross and other public safety web sites.

"If there is someone on your list who seems to have everything, someone who is hard to shop for, why not give them the gift of safety this holiday by considering a weather radio or emergency kit," Morgan said.

Farm Bill, markets focus of meeting

The direction of commodity prices, possible changes in the Farm Bill, land leasing and

fair values and increasing input costs are key issues facing Kansas farmers, and experts will gather in Goodland next month to talk about these and other issues.

K-State Research and Extension will put on the Grain Markets, Cropland Leases and Farm Bill Conference on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Goodland Elks Lodge.

The Thomas and Rawlins county Extension offices, along with the Sunflower and Golden Prairie Extension Districts, are coordinating the conference, which is open to all Kansans as well as producers from surrounding states.

The session, part of Kansas State University's 2013 Agricultural Profitability Conference series, will be at the Elks Hall, 1523 Arcade St. in Goodland. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the pro-

gram will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

"Grain Market Outlook for 2013" is the featured topic, presented by Alan Brugler, president of Brugler Marketing and Management LLC. Brugler is a consulting analyst for DTN, writer of the Market Watch blog for *Farm Journal's* AgWeb.com and a guest analyst for PBS' *Market to Market*, *Farm Journal's U.S. Farm Report* and *AgDaily*.

"Farm Bill Prospects for 2013" will be addressed by Troy Dumler, K-State Research and Extension agricultural economist.

The afternoon program will focus on 2013 cropland leases. Presentations will include 2012-13 Farmland Cash Rental Rates in Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska; New Generation Flex Leases and Traditional Cropland Leases; and Cropland Lease Cost and Re-

turns Using Northwest Kansas Farm Management Association Budgets. K-State Research and Extension and Kansas Farm Management Association agricultural economists Daniel O'Brien, Troy Dumler, Kiel Roehl, Mark Wood and Clint Milliman will address 2013 farmland leasing trends and prospects.

Early registration is suggested by Friday, Jan. 4. A complete brochure and registration form can be picked up at Extension offices or go to www.sunflower.ksu.edu and click on the conference button.

The conference is sponsored by the K-State Department of Agricultural Economics, Frontier Ag Inc., Sunopta, the Sherman County Farm Bureau Association, Farm Credit of Western Kansas, People's State Bank of Oakley and Kansas Farm and Ranch Radio, including KXXX of Colby.

Artificial snow tops Alabama Christmas fest

DOTHAN, Ala. (AP) — An Alabama Christmas festival gave local children a gift they don't see often — fresh snow made from blocks of ice chopped up by a machine.

The Dothan Eagle reports (bit.ly/11BpO5m) there was enough man-made snow to cover a hill and allow for sled rides during the Dothan Downtown Christmas Festival. Never mind that it was 66 degrees outside.

The artificial winter wonderland was a hit with children attending the festival. Mike Dawn snapped photos of his granddaughter, 5-year-old Braelynn Napier, as she explored every inch of the artificial snow.

The frozen white flakes didn't last long in the warm temperatures. Mounds of man-made snow soon melted into water and went trickling down the curbside drains.



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A free-will offering may be made. All proceeds will benefit Genesis-Thomas County (local food bank)