

A few tickets left for annual event

Library Happenings

Booked for Lunch this month will feature Mike Baughn Wednesday. The book review will take place from noon to 1 p.m. and a light lunch will be served. Also, don't forget the Friends of the Library Murder Mystery will take place a week from this Saturday. A limited number of tickets remain and once all the tickets are gone, they're gone. The annual meeting of the Friends of the Library and the Murder Mystery will take place at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 10.

A classic tale from the master of mystery

Agatha Christie is one of the most recognizable names in the mystery genre. In the story "The Pale Horse" Agatha steps outside of her typical formula mysteries and writes one of her most original and compelling mysteries. "The Pale Horse" does not include some of her more notable characters such as Poirot but adds the extra element of spiritualism. At the heart of the story is the death of a woman named Thomasina Tuckerton — whose death probably wouldn't have been noticed except for the connection it held with the death of a priest. Her name was found on a list of names in the dead priest's shoe. Both deaths have clues that point to an old country inn named "The Pale Horse." The inn houses three women — a psychic, medium, and a witch — who all claim to have supernatural powers. The question is can you guess the conclusion of the mystery before reading the final chapter?

A true story about murder

Wireless communication was a theoretical holy grail at the turn of



Jeff Friesen, library link

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the 20th century. When a breakthrough was finally made by an Italian scientist named Guglielmo Marconi, it sent "waves" through the scientific community.

But it wasn't until a huge murder case broke that the world was introduced to and fully grasped wireless communication. A seemingly "perfect" murder was carried out by the love-stricken Dr. Crippen. His plan: murder his self-absorbed wife and escape across the Atlantic with his new "true" love. Unfortunately for him, the Scotland Yard was on to him when he was only partway across the Atlantic. As wireless relays were sent across the Atlantic, the case was sensationalized by the media and the whole world tuned into the progress of the murder case as it was playing out. The only people that seemed to be unaware of the case as it was unfolding were the people on the ship with Dr. Crippen and his lover — who were being chased by the police in a boat. This true story, akin to the modern day OJ Simpson highway chase, can be read in the book "Thunderstruck" by Erik Larson.

...And a story about mayhem

Jack Woltz awoke one morning to find a severed horse head in bed with him. That scene was immortalized in the book and movie "The Godfather" written by author Mario

Puzo. Mario Puzo died in 1999 but since that time Mark Winegardner has written two sequels to The Godfather including The Godfather Returns (2004) and most recently "The Godfather's Revenge."

"The Godfather's Revenge" follows up with the life of Michael Corleone, successor and son to the Godfather, as he struggles to maintain control of his mafia empire. His trials as head of the family are made worse by the reappearance of his old nemesis Nick Gerasi — who is the focus of much of this second novel by Winegardner. The story follows the mafia crime and its interplay with national events (e.g. - the Kennedy Assassination, etc.) into the 1960s.

More importantly it ties up some of the loose ends and what-ifs that were never answered in the original Godfather. Anyone who enjoyed the original Godfather and/or enjoys the current TV series *The Sopranos* should make sure this book is a part of their "to-read" list.

Pioneer Memorial Library is located at 375 W. Fourth and open seven days a week. Winter hours are as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. For information contact the Library at 460-4470 or visit our website at www.colbylibrary.com.

No chickens here



SHAWNA HOWELL/Colby Free Press

Colby High School students (left to right) Chase Moore, Mitchell Ologge, Alison Boyd, Cris Crocker, Kevin Seymour and Casey Sporing in the Intro to Ag class worked on poultry judging. Many of the students in Shawna Howell's class participate in the FFA program, which offers activities to help students excel beyond the classroom and develop career skills. National FFA Week was held Feb. 17-24. Colby members took part in many events promoting community involvement.

House, senate panels differ on helping retirees

TOPEKA. (AP) — Rival plans to reduce taxes for seniors and businesses have emerged in the House and Senate, heightening Democrats' concerns about where the Republican-controlled Legislature is headed.

About 115,000 retirees would no longer pay Kansas income taxes on their Social Security benefits under a bill endorsed Thursday by the House Taxation Committee. The measure would save taxpayers nearly \$19 million during the fiscal year beginning July 1, but several

Democrats argued there are better ways to help struggling seniors.

The House already has approved a bill to phase out the business franchise tax over three years, saving companies \$15 million during the next fiscal year.

Less ambitious versions of both proposals were added to the House-passed franchise tax bill Thursday, then endorsed by the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee. Senators' version would eliminate the income tax on Social Security benefits for about 61,000 retirees,

saving them \$5.4 million.

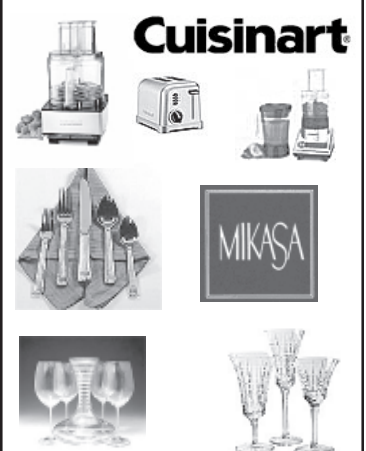
Senate GOP leaders want to provide \$15 million or \$16 million in tax cuts during the next fiscal year, while House Republicans' target is about \$60 million.

The focus on business tax cuts already has frustrated some House Democrats, who want relief for working-class families.

In the Senate, the tax committee's ranking Democrat, Janis Lee, of Kensington, sees the Legislature shifting the burden for funding government.

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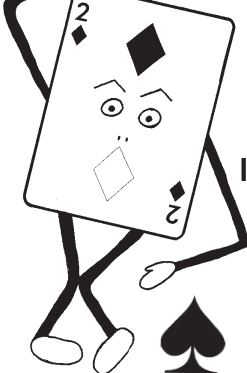
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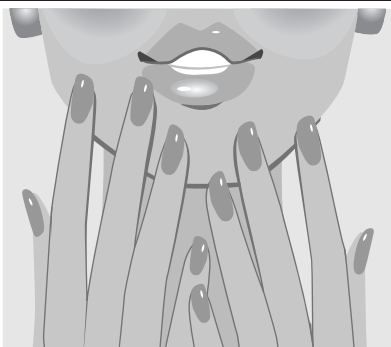
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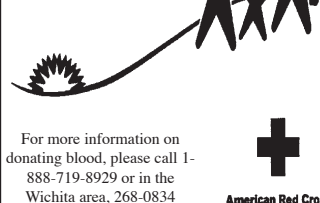
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