

Family

Armed forces and families featured in many new books

In honor of Memorial Day I want to mention a few books you might enjoy reading.

The first book is "The Day After He Left for Iraq," by Melissa Seligman. This is a dramatic story of a father deployed; mother and two children who stay must battle to remain sane and composed through their daily life. Melissa Seligman writes with such gracious emotional force that it makes you better understand the turmoil soldier and family experience.

She freely admits her husband David strives to protect her from the truth of war and his being so close or in the real action. She tells of being overwhelmed with guilt when she feels relief that it is not her husband who has just slogged through a battle, helping the wounded, and retrieving the dead!

In the chapter "Sharp Edges" she tells us that she realizes she is not the naive girl she once was. She knows that David is not naive either, but they become stronger through it all. Throughout the book you glimpse wisdom, joy and love gained through their lives.

The homecoming chapter was brilliantly written. It discloses the many thoughts, emotions, and difficulties that husband, wife and children may encounter. This book will really make you appreciate the sacrifice of the soldier and their family!

A new book published in 2010 is "The Pacific," by Hugh Ambrose. This New York Times Best-seller starts at the first battle with the Japanese. Ambrose interviews and writes from thoughts and perspective of five Marine Corp veterans who served in World War II. He also uses military records, letters, journals, memoirs, and photographs.

This 449-page historically written piece has dramatic descrip-



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tions the reader will enjoy. Ambrose also includes 48 pages of endnotes.

One of the most inspirational books I've read in recent years has been "Final Salute: A Story of Unfinished Lives," by Jim Sheeler. An intensely honest book, it presents vignettes of the lives of soldiers, their families and the casualty assistance officers who serve the fallen soldiers and the grieving family.

The author writes: "Every door is different. Some are ornately hand-carved; some are hollow tin. Some are protected by elaborate security systems, some by flapping screens. The doors are all that stand between a family and the message" (p. 6). This Pulitzer prize winner will challenge your casual understanding of the price of independence and freedom that we enjoy.

Another honorable mention is "Faith Under Fire: An Army Chaplain's Memoir," by Roger Benimoff with Eve Conant. This book brings us face to face with the way a chaplain deals with war, the soldiers and civilians directly affected and involved in war, as well as his own homecoming.

A new book is "The Good Soldiers," by David Finkel. A Pulitzer Prize winning author and reporter for the Washington Post, Finkel writes a very graphic description about the surge in Iraq.

This book is written using true soldier language, observations and opinions. It depicts the war on the ground versus the war in the

news. If a person has served, they will want to read this book.

Rick Atkinson, Pulitzer prize-winning author of "An Army At Dawn," "The Long Gray Line," and "Crusade," has a new book entitled: "In The Company of Soldiers: A Chronicle of Combat."

The author embeds with the 101st Division beginning with the preparation from Kuwait to the entry and march to Bagdad. It then chronicles the work Petraeus and his soldiers did in Iraq. If you have served in the Middle East you will be able to identify with harsh environment and the conundrums the men and women serving faced.

Atkinson provides a map of the movements of the 101st, photos, afterward, author's notes, glossary and index. I think reading this book along with "The Fourth Star: Four Generals and the Epic Struggle for the Future of the United States Army," by Greg Jaffe and David Cloud, would be an excellent idea.

The library's hours change after Memorial Day. Our summer hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Wednesday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Sign up your children for summer reading next Thursday! We have programs for preschool, primary and middle school students. This year's theme is "Make A Splash @ Your Library." Information is available at the library or on our website (colbylibrary.com).

As part of summer reading, we have the Steel Drum Band performing for us at 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 17. At 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 24, we will have a comedy and magic show by Keir Royale in the basement. See you in the library!

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.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$3.68
Corn (bushel)	\$3.12
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Deaths

Gary Lynn Dickman

Gary Lynn Dickman, 60, of Kansas City, Kan., cousin of Jean (Richard) Dempewolf of Colby, died Oct. 31, 2009, at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City.

He was born in Colby on June 25, 1949, to William and Esther (Rogers) Dickman, and graduated from Colby High School in 1967.

Mr. Dickman was self employed as a computer technician and as a repair trainer in the computer field.

Preceding him in death were his parent and an infant brother, Steven Dickman.

Survivors also include an aunt, Lourine Rogers of Haysville; and numerous other cousins, including Les (Kristen) Case of Roswell, N.M.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 30, 2010, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Colby, with Father Dana Clark officiating, followed by inurnment.

Local businesswoman recognized for service

Colby Sears store owner Sherry McDonald was among individuals recently honored by the American Red Cross for outstanding commitment and contributions to humanitarian efforts.

The event, at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica, Calif., is held especially to honor individuals in Sears stores across the nation who have made an extra effort to get involved in humanitarian causes through the Red Cross.

"I do appreciate my customers

here at the Colby store and in the community for their financial support of the relief effort, and especially to the Colby High School students who gave up a Sunday afternoon to help raise money to send to Haiti," McDonald said.

McDonald said Sears is known for their support in humanitarian efforts, and that she was happy she could help support a local event at the time of the disaster in Haiti.

School still broadcasting

By Judy Rogers

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The Golden Plains Cable Channel 658 will continue to broadcast programming throughout the summer months. There are a variety of highlight movies, including a track video, freshman, sophomore and junior highlight videos and the video presented at high school graduation, along with a middle school video and football and basketball season highlights.

There is also a video showcasing the students who were selected as Student of the Week throughout the year. Also broadcasting is the highlight film presented for the 25th anniversary of the 1985 state championship basketball team celebration and a video of that

evening's events. Students in the multi-media and advanced computer classes at Golden Plains edited and produced all the videos.

These videos will run until late June. At that time, videos from throughout the year will be rebroadcast. These include football and basketball games, concerts, and other events developed by the students. These will run until early August, when schedules for the 2010-2011 year will be made available.

The school channel, made available by Rural Telephone Service Company, is also available to broadcast announcements and community events. If you have an event you would like in the programming schedule, please contact the school at (785) 687-3265.

Veteran can win business

An opportunity to become a Sears Hometown Store owner is being made available to veterans across the country from now to June 25 through a contest sponsored by Sears and Maytag, according to Colby store owner, Sherry McDonald. The name of the contest is "Operation Stores and Stripes."

McDonald said veterans can enter the contest on line at www.searshometownstores.com/veteran.

"Sears will stock the store with their merchandise," McDonald said, "but the prizes to the contest winner will be fixtures, shelving, cash register, licensing, building permit, store set-up and the first 90 days rent. The value to the winner is \$130,000," she noted.

She said that after the recruitment period closes on June 25, the second phase of the contest will be an original 100-word essay.

Ladies' Golf

Couples tournament winners at Meadow Lake Golf Course Saturday were: longest drive, Audrey Hines; closest to the pin, Chuck Fessenden.

Championship flight: first, Hartnett and McLellan; second, tie: Lou and Audrey Hines and Chuck and Jennifer Fessenden.

First flight: first, Doug and Wanda Brown; second, Brian and Melissa Wilson.

Golfers said the weather was a winner no matter what the golf scores were, and they thanked all the golfers who participated.

Rotary Club

Six guests – Brenda McCants, Gary Adrian, Christy Gugelman, Eric Schuette, Kathie Peyton and Gwen Griffiths – met with 26 members of the Colby Rotary Club on Tuesday, May 25.

President Jerry Arensdorf shared thank you notes from Rhett Martin, recipient of the Colby Rotary Scholarship, and from the Colby Tree Board for the club's donation to the Range Avenue Tree Project.

Tom Peyton, his wife Kathie and daughter Gwen presented a program on the Operation Christmas Child "shoebox" program of Samaritan's Purse.

The shoe boxes are filled, Peyton said, with a variety of gifts that bring delight to children in over 100 countries and provide relief and aid to children affected by war, natural disaster, famine,

disease and poverty.

Ron Evans provided members with the weekly "useless knowledge" information; he told the group that "one out of every five American meals is eaten in a car."

Roto-Lotto winner was Brenda McCants.

The Colby Rotary Club meets each Tuesday noon in Room 106 of the Student Union at Colby Community College.



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