

Family

Rotary Club

The Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday, with 34 members and guests, including Kathie Peyton, Gwen Griffiths and visiting Rotarian Steve Haynes.

The monthly collection for Genesis-Thomas County was taken up.

Tom Peyton had the program, featuring Gwen Griffiths from Rexford sharing information about the Shepherd's Staff, a Christian ministry founded in 1983. Its main goal is still to provide resources, facilities, encouragement and assistance to area pastors.

Griffiths noted a secondary goal is to reach out to the community, including hosting an annual Pheasant Hunt and Scrapbooking weekend, paintball games for youths, and providing accommodations for meetings, functions, family reunions and the like.

Shepherd's Staff owns seven buildings in Rexford with close to 100 beds, along with a recreational vehicle park with six full hook-ups. The Houston house, which was moved from Gem to Rexford several years ago, is nearly refurbished and will serve as a bed and breakfast.

Shepherd's Staff relied on donations and fund raisers, she said. Relda Galli won Roto-Lotto.

The club will meet at the Colby Recreation ball fields Tuesday for a hamburger fry and to see improvements the club has helped with.

Brewster Lions

Lions District Gov. Kerry Hookstra will make his official visit to the Brewster Lions Club at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at Hunter Hall in Brewster.

All club members are encouraged to be present.

Hookstra, a member of the Downs Lions Club, was installed as district governor while attending the 93rd International Lions Club Convention in Sydney, Australia, in July.

He has been pastor of the First Christian Church of Downs since 2007. He is active in the Downs and Osborne ministerial associations, along with being a member of the Downs Arts Council Players.

He writes sports stories for newspapers in Oklahoma and for the *Downs News and Times*.

He is married to Renetta, who is also a Lion and serves as District Leo Club chair. Lions clubs sponsor Leos for students, to teach and encourage community service. The Hookstras have five grown children and seven grandchildren.

Bridge Club

Tuesday's winners at Meadow Lake bridge were first, Lyle Worthy; second, Margaret Denner; third, Katie Melvin; fourth, Mary Kersenbrock; fifth, Cookie Koenig; sixth, Sarah Jane Barrett.

New fiction digs deep

In case you have been too busy to visit the library, let me tell you about a few new items we have on our shelves.

The first is "The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet," by David Mitchell. Protagonist Jacob de Zoet travels to Japan to win his fortune so he may also win a Dutch maiden's hand, not expecting intrigue to cloud the path of quick success. He arrives in 1799 to the Nagasaki Harbor where business and life are more difficult to navigate than he ever imagined.

The author starts this book off with a housekeeper, a midwife, and a doctor trying to save a mother and baby in the midst of the birthing process. This sets the stage for understanding who Orito Aibagawa is in the story. The book is written with intense quick strokes amidst cultural pictures and explanations that the reader will come to appreciate. Author David Mitchell is famous for his writing style and diverse stories. The book captivates you, but it is not a casual lighthearted read.

A second book is called "The Singer's Gun," by Emily St. John Mandel. Anton comes from a family that is nothing but corrupt and deeply entrenched in illegal business dealings. His one desire in life is to break away from this scene and create a new path for himself. He thinks life is going his way when waves of destruction begin to break his carefully crafted life into splinters. However, he decides he must try again, this time on the small island of Ischia in the Bay of Naples. In this little getaway he must face family ghosts and the strong family ties that want him back.

The third book is "Death Echo," by Elizabeth Lowell. Emma Cross works for St. Kilda Consulting, a firm hired to work on very risky undercover operations. Emma has just agreed to follow and prevent a terrorist act plotted to hit a major city in Washington state.

She follows the unloading of a 40-foot yacht from a container ship just arrived from Singapore. Mac - MacKinzie Durand - is oblivious to all this and just the guy to help off-load the Blackbird from the ship into the water. From there he takes the yacht to Belltown Marina. Noticing that someone is following him in a fast-paced dingy, he hopes his suspicious nature is in error.

Emma follows the yacht, approaching Mac to pry information out of him about the boat. They size each other up and decide honesty would be the best



Melany Wilks

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policy, but not before Mac gives her a business card - and his fingerprints. He interacts with a couple of foreign-speaking men when he delivers the boat and is less than happy with them. The book gets exciting and moves quickly.

Another book is "Predator," by Terri Blackstock. Krista has been devastated by the murder of her 14-year-old sister. Ella, her sister, is missing, but Krista hopes beyond hope that she will be found. When she is found murdered, she vows to find this killer. She learns her sister had been a chatty participant on a social network. The person who murdered her used the originating college network to track down who, what, where and when Ella was.

Ryan Adkins, the originator of the social network, meets Krista and makes it his business to identify the predator. Ella was the third victim and Ryan does not appreciate his work being co-opted for murder. The two work tirelessly to solve the murders.

This book will leave you more careful about what you put on a social network. It might make you decide to take your picture off the site and resign from participation. At the least it may help bring us all pause.

New audiobooks we have are "Shadow Zone," by Iris and Roy Johansen and "Stone Cold," by Robert B. Parker. I may have already told you, but we also have "Dawn's Prelude," and "Morning's Refrain," by Tracie Peterson, as well as "The Overton Window: A Thriller," by Glen Beck and "The Girl Who Kicked The Hornet's Nest: A Novel," by Stieg Larsson.

Mark your calendar for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30. We will be having an evening with Susan McMahan to discuss the book "The Unhealthy Truth: How Our Food Is Making Us Sick - And What We Can Do About It." This evening program is being offered to compliment Colby Community College's Max Pickrell Lectureship. We want to help community members have a better idea what the book is about and feel they are prepared when author Robyn O'Brien speaks. Also, in two weeks *Story Time* begins once again, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 14 and 15. We still have lost and found items to be claimed in the display case.

Remember we are now operating under our winter schedule. We open at 9 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 5 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday. Sunday hours are 1 to 4 p.m. See our website at colbylibrary.com for more details, or call at 460-4470. See you at the library!

Rattler escapes from zoo

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia wildlife officials will inspect an Atlanta zoo after a rattlesnake escaped and slithered around a city neighborhood.

Zoo staff noticed the female tiger rattlesnake was missing during a routine check late Aug. 27. A nearby property owner killed the snake Monday.

Georgia Department of Natural Resources spokeswoman Lauren Curry said Tuesday that an inspection team will be sent to Zoo Atlanta to investigate. Zoo officials have said a staff member had not properly secured a cage door.

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Markets

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Deaths

Thomas L. Hillery

Thomas L. Hillery, 84, Colby, died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010, at his daughter's home in Topeka after a two-year illness.

He was born Feb. 17, 1926, in Russell Springs, the son of Jay and Marguerite (Majors) Hillery. On June 9, 1946, he married Mary Louise Cleary in Boston.

He served in the Army for more than 27 years. During World War II, he served in several places, including the occupation in Germany, and he also served in the Korean War. After his retirement in 1969, the family moved to Colby, where he worked in various jobs and had a used-car business in Levant until his death.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years and two sons, Thomas J. Hillery and William T. Hillery.

Survivors include three daughters,

Kathleen (Chester) Orner and Mary Jane Melvin, Las Vegas, and Susan J. (Rodney) Gruver, Mayetta; two sons, Patrick J. Hillery and James M. (Vilda) Hillery, both of Colorado Springs; a daughter-in-law, Veronica Hillery, Boston; a brother, Clifford (Patricia) Hillery, Scott City; four sisters, Mary Wright, Russell Springs; Laura (Arlo) Sporer and Helen Lunsford, Oakley; and Bernice Mahoney, Branson, Mo.; 11 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010, at Ascension on the Prairie Episcopal Church in Colby, with Father Don Martin officiating.

The family suggests memorials to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Denver, in care of the Farmer's Bank and Trust, Box 219, Brewster, Kan., 67732.

Quilt class coming soon

Janie Lowry, a widely known instructor, will be teaching a seven-week quilting workshop from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from Oct. 5 through Nov. 16 in the

Hansen Plaza Community Room, 110 Main in Logan.

For information or to register, call (785) 689-4846.

Deborah H. Smith



Deborah H. Smith, 62, of Kingman died at home on Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010, after a courageous battle of four years with cancer. She was at peace, with family at her side.

Debbi was a Kingman resident of 14 years, was very active within the community, and owner of Kingman "Curves" and "Curves Plaza." Debbi was born in Spencer, Iowa, raised in Ames, Iowa, and Colby, Kansas. She was a graduate of Colby Community High School in 1966 and a graduate of Iowa State University in 1969.

Deborah is survived by her husband of seven years, Patrick Wagner; two sons, Jeremie Smith of Denver and Ryan Smith of Kingman; her mother, Beverly Petersen of Colby; sister Sharon Woolfer; and three brothers, Michael Hedrick, Scott Petersen and Curt Petersen. She was preceded in death by her father, Vince Hedrick, and her first husband John Smith.

Services were held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2, at Grace Lutheran Church, 2101 Harrison St., Kingman.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Kingman Cancer Care, P.O. Box 3014, Kingman, AZ 86402.

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TAYLOR'S BAYOU

Don't miss out this Friday & Saturday Night at Twisters!

The well-renowned Country Rock Band, Taylor's Bayou will be playing both Friday, Sept. 10, and Saturday, Sept. 11, from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.!

Friday night is LADIES night, so free hors d' oeuvres and no cover charge for all women! We will also be offering a whiskey sirloin steak for only \$10.95.

Saturday is the annual Big Brothers and Big Sisters Poker Tournament starting at 1:00 p.m.

Along with the band, Taylor's Bayou playing that night, we will be featuring prime rib for \$14.75.

Cant wait to see you there!



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THOMAS COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Applications for funding are being accepted for two grant opportunities at the Thomas County Community Foundation. Non-profit organizations, schools, and government agencies in Thomas County are encouraged to apply by September 30, 2010.

- Kids Can Do! Fund is a \$200 grant that provides funding for classroom and service-learning projects.
- James & Betty G. Secrest Fund supports fine arts, literacy, education, and the professional development of educators.

Go to www.ThomasCountyCommunityFoundation.com for grant applications and guidelines.
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