

Good teamwork builds community

As part of the Take Charge Challenge Colby leadership team, I was privileged to attend the awards ceremony with seven others in Topeka. It was thrilling to hear Colby's name read as a winner of \$100,000 to help purchase energy-savings devices that will be purchased for the good of the community.

However, it took the community members of Colby to support this project. Without you, the citizens of Colby and the surrounding area, we could not have won.

Since coming to Colby on June 30, 2008, my husband and I constantly marvel how this community has pulled together to accomplish special projects, deal with recent budget shortfalls in the schools, help neighbors in need and just plain care for others. This is what will make us continue to flourish.

We have recently received some great fiction items. The first item is "City of Whispers," by Marcia Muller. This is one of many Sharon McCone Mystery books. Protagonist McCone finds herself receiving a phone call from her half-brother, Darcy.

While she is fully aware of her brothers' disabilities, she also knows her brother should not be e-mailing her from San Francisco. In fact, Darcy stole his real sister's password to her e-mail account and sent Sharon a message for help.

Sharon then picked up the phone to have a friend trace where the email was sent from in San Francisco, and then picked up the phone to talk to the owner of the e-mail account. Once Sharon gets all the information assembled, she knows she must try and hook up with Darcy in San Francisco. This is where the mystery expands and more murder and mayhem is discovered.

A second item is "The Tehran Initiative," by Joel Rosenberg. This is the second volume in the Twelfth Imam series. The first was published in 2010. In this newly published book, Rosenberg places Iran in the middle of creating nuclear option to destroy other countries.

It is the United States government and CIA operative David Shirazi that must develop a way to thwart their attack that would decimate economic systems and governments of the world.

I have not read this newest book,



Melany Wilks

•Library Links

but Rosenberg always writes spellbinders.

A third item is "KIA," by Thomas Holland. Jimmy Tenkiller went missing during the Saigon attack by the Chinese and Vietnamese Armies in 1970.

Master Sgt. Jimmy Lee Tenkiller was first declared absent without leave, and then subsequently declared killed in action by a status review board. His body has just been found in a Catholic cemetery in Thanh Lay Hamlet near Ho Chi Minh City.

The remains are sent to Dr. Del McKelvey at the Central Identification Laboratory. There McKelvey begins to use forensic science to learn how the master sergeant was killed. The investigation leads the doctor into an area of discovery that necessitates further work linking to a sinister plot against servicemen during the conflict.

Author Thomas Holland is no novice to this subject. He is the scientific director of the Department of Defense Central Identification Laboratory. Dr. Holland has "led several recovery missions into North Korea, Vietnam, China, Iraq and Kuwait" (back slip-cover).

Other new items are "Double Dexter," by Jeff Lindsay; "Misery Bay" by Steve Hamilton; "Precious Cargo," by Clyde Ford; and "The Soldier's Wife," by Margaret Leroy.

Remember that the Spooktacular Book Sale began today. It is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. today, 9 to 4:45 p.m. Friday and 9 to 3:45 p.m. Saturday.

Also – sign up to participate in our annual Trivia Pursuit Night at 6:30 p.m. next Thursday. Questions are being prepared or assembled for the great contestants who love mind-bending conundrums. Sign up your team or yourself at the library.

We will also be holding our monthly booked for lunch at noon on Wednesday. Patrick Toth will be honoring veterans by discussing the book, "What It Is Like to Go to War," by Karl Marlantes.

See you in the library!

No reports of satellite debris

By Juergen Baetz
Associated Press

BERLIN – Scientists were trying to establish how and where a defunct German research satellite returned to the Earth Sunday, after warning that some parts might survive re-entry and crash at up to 280 mph (450 kph).

There was no immediate solid evidence to determine above which continent or country the ROSAT scientific research satellite entered the atmosphere, said Andreas Schuetz, spokesman for the German Aerospace Center.

Most parts of the minivan-sized satellite were expected to burn up, but up to 30 fragments weighing a total of 1.87 tons (1.7 metric tons) could crash.

Scientists were no longer able to communicate with the dead satellite and it must have traveled about 12,500 miles (20,000 kilometers) in the final 30 minutes before entering the atmosphere, Schuetz said.

Experts were waiting for "observations from around the world," he added.

Scientists said hours before the re-entry into the atmosphere that the satellite was not expected to hit over Europe, Africa or Australia.

lia. According to a precalculated path it could have been above Asia, possibly China, at the time of its re-entry, but Schuetz said he could not confirm that.

The 2.69-ton scientific ROSAT satellite was launched in 1990 and retired in 1999 after being used for research on black holes and neutron stars and performing the first all-sky survey of X-ray sources with an imaging telescope.

The largest single fragment of ROSAT that could hit into the earth is the telescope's heat-resistant mirror.

During its mission, the satellite orbited about 370 miles above the Earth's surface, but since its decommissioning it has lost altitude, circling at a distance of only 205 miles in June, the agency said.

Even in the last days, the satellite still circled the planet every 90 minutes, making it hard to predict where on Earth it would eventually come down.

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.

There is a special ANGEL in Heaven that is part of us. It is not where we wanted him but where God wanted him to be. HE was here but just a short time like a night time shooting STAR. And though he is in Heaven he isn't very far. He touched the hearts of many like only an ANGEL can do. So WE send this special message to the Heaven up above. Please take care of OUR Angel and send him all our LOVE.



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CHRISTINA BERINGER/Colby Free Press

C&C Communications owner Curt Beringer helps 15-month old Blaine Wagoner color a Halloween picture for the store's one-year anniversary. The picture, along with others, will be judged by people's choice at an open house on Friday for a chance to win a prize.

Colby wireless dealer to celebrate anniversary

The locally owned and operated authorized Viaero Wireless dealer in Colby is celebrating their store's one year anniversary with a free lunch, special promotions and a coloring activity for kids from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday inside Colby Photo at 1923 S. Range Ave.

C&C Communications owner Curt Beringer said they will be showing appreciation to new and existing customers by holding a free hot dog lunch and will have drawings for \$50 gift certificates and free activations for new contracts.

A Halloween-themed coloring contest for kids will take place throughout the day as well; prizes will be awarded for people's choice picks of their favorite pictures. Children of all ages are encouraged to participate.

Special promotions on high-speed internet and cell phones with options for pre-pay and contract plans will also be available at the open house.

"Viaero Wireless is a great service with affordable plans and nationwide coverage. It has been the perfect option for our customers, especially those who travel to Colorado and Nebraska a lot," said Beringer.

Beringer also said right now a lot of people are interested in buying the popular iPhone. He said customers will be impressed with Viaero's "iPhone Killer," the Samsung Galaxy S II.

"Experts in the industry are saying it's the number one smartphone in the world," said Beringer. "It has a higher resolution camera than the iPhone and it has a larger screen by .8 inches.

"We hope people will bring their kids out on the 28th to color some Halloween pictures, have some lunch and check out the great plans and phones we have to offer," said Beringer. "We've had a great first year and we want to get the second started off right by thanking everyone for supporting us."

Use Stroke Day to act

The American Stroke Association has joined other international organizations to urge people globally to "Act Now" to reduce stroke on World Stroke Day Saturday.

The day's theme – "One in Six: Act Now!" – highlights the reality that one out of every six people worldwide has a stroke. Stroke is the second leading cause of death in the world behind heart disease. In the United States, someone suffers a stroke every 40 seconds and someone dies of one every three to four minutes.

As part of World Stroke Day, the Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association, is encouraging Americans to take the What's Your Stroke I.Q. Quiz at www.strokeassociation.org/worldstrokeday to increase their awareness about stroke. The quiz tests people's knowledge of stroke risk factors and warning signs, healthy behaviors and what to do if someone suffers a stroke. After completing the six-question quiz, respondents are asked to share it with six other people.

"The American Stroke Association is proud to join the World Stroke Organization in bringing attention to the critical need of reducing stroke across the globe," said Edward Jauch, M.D., chairman of the American Stroke Association's Stroke Council. "Our message is one of empowerment."

The World Stroke Organization, which sponsors World Stroke Day annually, wants people to "act now" by taking these six challenges to lower stroke risk:

1. Know the risk factors for stroke – high blood pressure,

diabetes, high blood cholesterol, obesity, etc. – and keep them in a healthy range.

2. Be physically active.
3. Eat a healthy diet.
4. Limit alcohol consumption.
5. Avoid cigarette smoke. If you smoke, seek help to stop now.
6. Learn the warning signs of stroke and how to respond.

"World Stroke Day is an opportunity for every American to examine their risk factors to help reduce the burden of stroke, as well as to take charge of their health before the disease occurs," said Jauch, professor, interim chief and research director for the Division of Emergency Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina. "Everyone must recognize the urgency to learn how to prevent stroke, learn about stroke risks and know how to act quickly by calling 911 when a stroke occurs."

Stroke occurs when a blood vessel in or leading to the brain bursts or is blocked by a blood clot. When this happens, part of the brain can't get the blood or oxygen it needs; so it starts to die. Depending on the severity of the stroke, paralysis or death may occur.

To learn more about stroke, visit strokeassociation.org.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$6.48
Corn (bushel)	\$6.27
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.48
Soybeans (bushel)	\$10.80

Babies

Gracie Abigail AraSmith

Gracie Abigail AraSmith, daughter of Autumn and James AraSmith of Colby, was born Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Sister Amarissa AraSmith welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Gayla and Bryon Davis of Colby, Everett AraSmith of Rexford and Julie Cunningham of Oberlin.



Gracie A.

Sydney Dawn Birt

Sydney Dawn Birt, daughter of Shawn and Tonya Birt of Jetmore, was born Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 19 inches.

Grandparents of the baby are Scott and Teresa Rudzik of Jetmore and Kenney and Donna Birt of Great Bend.



Sydney Birt

Dayton Thomas Neitzel

Dayton Thomas Neitzel, son of Tim and Jill Neitzel of Goodland, was born Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Welcoming Dayton home was his two-year old brother, Paxton.

Grandparents of the baby are Rue and Marilyn Sowers of Goodland and Karen Neitzel of St. Francis.

Dayton is the great-grandson of Glen Neitzel of St. Francis.



Dayton N.

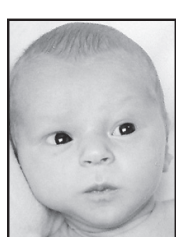
Alexander James Ellis

Alexander James Ellis, son of Keith and Amie Ellis of Topeka, was born Aug. 28, 2011, at Stormont-Vail Regional Health Center in Topeka.

He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 20.25 inches.

His grandparents are J.L. and Cindy Ellis and A.J. and Jodi Hurst, all of Colby.

Great-grandparents are Jim Ellis of Great Bend, Berdean Simminger of Ludell and Francis and Florine Hurst of Achilles.



Alexander E.

Temperance Kay Stragey

Temperance Kay Stragey, daughter of Cole and Tonya Stragey, was born Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and measured

19 1/2 inches. Grandparents of the baby are Judy Stragey of Norton, Glen and Kristen Stragey of Oberlin, Debra Kuhn of Hays and Bob Dinkel of Hays.

Man has most signed baseballs

By MITCH STACY
Associated Press

ODESSA, Fla. (AP) – Assembling more than 4,000 autographed baseballs, it turns out, may not have been as tough a task for Dennis Schrader as proving the collection was a world record.

The Guinness Book of World Records originally rejected Schrader's claim because the signatures on all 4,020 balls couldn't be authenticated.

About a year ago, he started his campaign again in earnest. He made copies of authenticity documents for the balls he got at auctions, and prepared his own papers for signatures he obtained himself. He even had an accountant do an inventory, and included letters from prominent people who have seen the collection.

"I had to have videos, I had to have photographs, along with the inventory list," he says. "It was \$119 worth of postage going to London. And four days after it got there, they notified me that I have the world's record. I have the certificate to prove it – finally."

The 65-year-old Schrader got hooked on collecting signed baseballs when he was 9 and New York Yankees star Mickey Mantle inked one for him at spring training in St. Petersburg. The semi-retired mobile home executive now boasts more than 4,000, some so rare it's hard to put a price on them. He spent the past five years or so bugging the Guinness people to put him the book, finally succeeding this summer.

Schrader, who grew up in nearby Largo, is a likable curmud-

geon who loves to talk baseball and show people around what he has dubbed "Little Cooperstown" in his home north of Tampa. His baseballs – which he figures are worth \$2 million to \$3 million – are displayed in a 12-by-14-foot room that has walls a foot thick, a bank vault door, motion sensors and video-camera surveillance.

"Shoelless Joe" Jackson? Yep, he's got a ball signed by him. The famously illiterate Chicago White Sox star learned to write his name so he could endorse his paychecks, but he didn't give many autographs – especially after he was tossed out of the game for throwing the 1919 World Series.

Babe Ruth? Schrader's got nine. Not only that, he's got a ball signed by Ruth and the other 10 Baseball Hall of Fame members who attended the opening of the Cooperstown, N.Y., museum.

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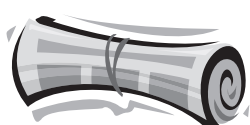
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