

Books break barriers to understanding others



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•Library Links

This week, I want to share about some nonfiction books that some might find an interesting read.

The first is "That's Not What I Meant!: How Conversational Style Makes or Breaks Relationships," by Deborah Tannen. This is a slim book of thinly sliced lumber, but it is packed with useful information. It's about learning to understand each other in our conversations.

Tannen teaches cross-cultural communication as a professional. She writes that many of her friends and students are surprised when they find that her profession actually has something to say to the average American married to an average American. This is because "the average person has their own experiences with language use, environmental experiences, ethnic, religious, class and sexual orientation that gets all jumbled together to make us who and how we communicate."

A second book is "Building Blocks of Personality Type: A Guide to Discovering the Hidden Secrets of the Personality Type Code," by Mark Hunziker and Leona Haas. This book looks at the eight processes that contribute to the 16 types of personality.

It discusses the introvert and extrovert. One chart that is especially helpful shows the typical age when development of processes takes place. This will help the reader examine why some processes might not be showing up in a person's life.

The forward tells us the information within this book should be "on the shelf of everyone interested in understanding and making use of Jungian psychological type and the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator assessment in their own lives and/or in helping others."

A third item is the updated version of "What Color Is Your Parachute? 2012: A Practical Manual for Job-Hunters and Career-Changers," by Richard N. Bolles. This is really a great book to help a person consider just what makes them tick and how this can be applied to work and business.

Another helpful addition is "150 Best Jobs for Your Skills," (second edition), by Laurence Shatkin. Maybe you are settled and not wanting to explore new ventures. But what about a college or high school student that is looking to find where they fit?

Shatkin has provided a skills assessment test. It explains just what this means for the person taking the test.

The author gives information about metropolitan areas that are thriving and how to look for a specific job in that area. Later parts of the book give job titles for a variety of professions. I found architecture, technology, ocean and shipping, medical professional, managerial, safety and civic positions. There are detailed descriptions with information on salaries and the number of job openings. It has a real wealth of information within the covers.

Set your calendar for National Library Week, April 9 to 13. We have set a good schedule of speakers for each day. The list is in the library and is posted on our website. Doors will open at 11:45 a.m.

and we will begin serving lunch at that time.

At 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, just after National Library Week, the library will close for a month for refurbishing. Our last activity will be Story Time for Toddlers at 10:15 a.m. that day.

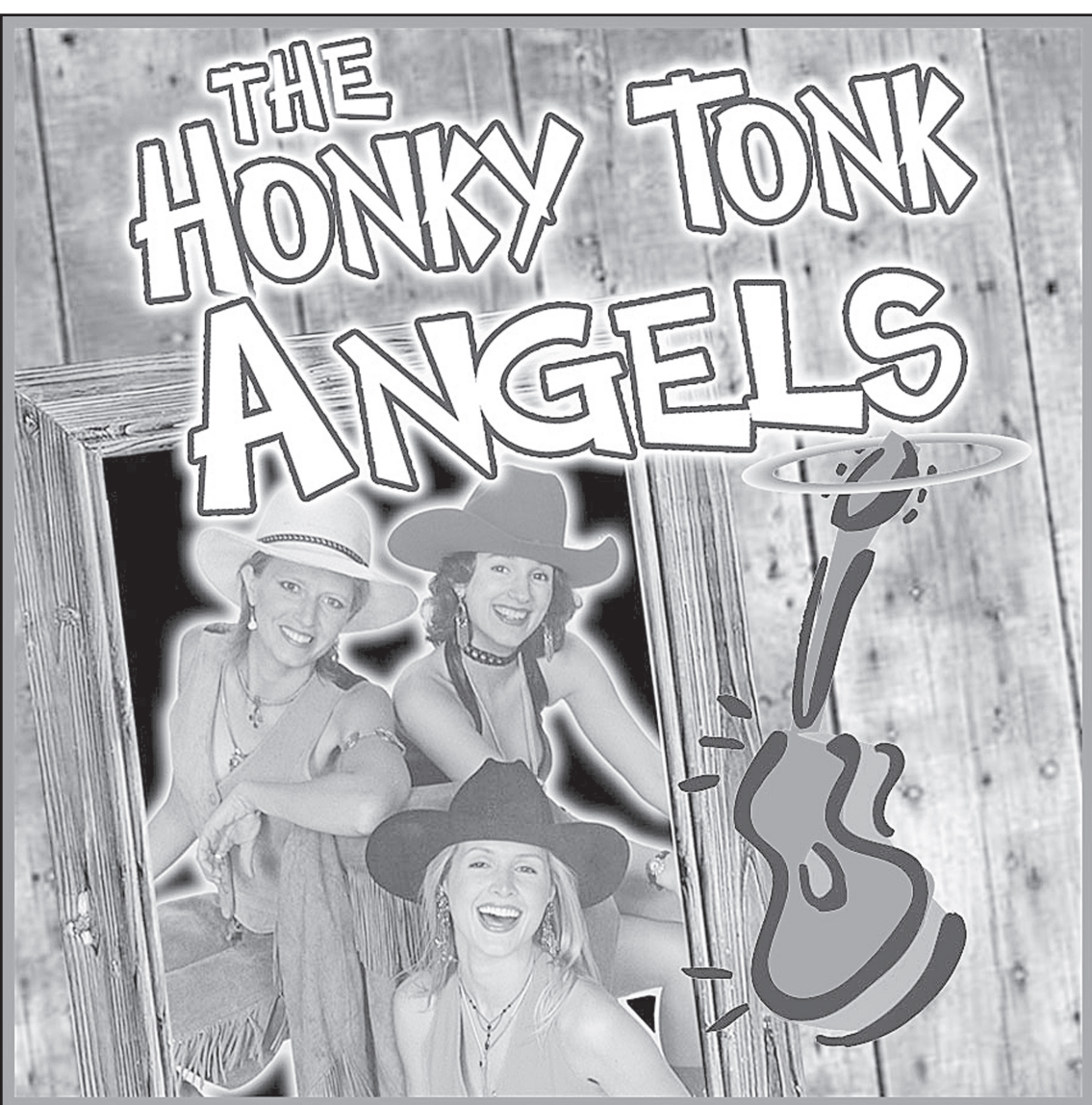
On Wednesday, April 18, after lunch, the library will close to all regular business of checking out items, meetings and other activities. We will begin moving items out of the general library area, tearing up carpet and getting ready for the dusty work of installing new carpet, tile and other necessary repairs and updates.

Fear not! We are allowing patrons to check out items for a month. You may check out five new books or new best sellers (in the general area, large print, junior fiction, and picture book section), five DVDs, five audio books and a large number of regular fiction and nonfiction items.

In honor of National Library Week, we will begin checking these items out to people on Monday, April 9. All items will need to be checked out no later than 11 a.m. on April 18. If anyone wants to return them earlier than Friday, May 18, when we reopen, put them in our drop box or drop-off slots in the back driveway. We really want everyone to have the materials they need for that time, so do not be shy about checking items out and taking them home. The more items you check out, the lighter our shelves will be to move!

The library opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 5 p.m. on Friday and 4 p.m. on Saturday. Sunday hours are 1 to 4 p.m.

See you in the library!



Cast members of "Honky Tonk Angels" had a good laugh as they prepared for the show, which will be seen Monday in Oakley.

Arts program to hold musical at Oakley High auditorium

It happens every day of the year. Somewhere in America, a girl quits her job, kisses her loved ones goodbye and climbs aboard a Nashville-bound Greyhound. And every day those girls arrive in Music City USA with little more than a dream to sustain them.

In Ted Swindley's Honky Tonk Angels, the raucous and touching hit country musical, three attractive and talented young women make their way to Nashville determined to "make it."

Hear the classic tunes of Tammy Wynette, Dolly Parton and Loretta Lynn as they were meant to be sung. Follow the adventures of these three sassy

gals as they pursue their Music City dreams. "Stand By Your Man," "Coal Miner's Daughter," "Nine to Five," "Harper Valley PTA," "Rocky Top," "I'll Fly Away," "These Boots Are Made For Walkin'" and "Ode to Billy Joe" are some of the country favorites that make Honky Tonk Angels the biggest sure-fire musical theatre hit of the year.

The show will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Oakley High School Auditorium. Admission is by Western Plains Arts Association season pass or at the door: adults \$20 and students through high school \$10.

Community College students win, going to Phi Beta Lambda nationals

Four students enrolled in business classes at Colby Community College recently qualified to compete in the national Phi Beta Lambda competition to be held in San Antonio.

Sponsors Diane Williams and Crystal Pounds accompanied five students to the Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference held at Cowley Community College in Arkansas City, where each could compete in up to five events. Colby students competed against 100 students from Butler Community College, Central Christian College, Cowley Community College, Labette Community College, Emporia State University, Flint Hills Technical College, Fort Hays State University, University of Kansas, Brown Mackie, Sterling College and a virtual chapter. Phi Beta Lambda is the largest



Mallory Green



Brady Rundel



M. Yergey



B. Ellegood

professional business leadership organization for college students in the U.S. with over 12,000 members.

Students who placed first or second in Arkansas City qualified for the national competition to be held Sunday through Wednesday, June 24 to 27, in San Antonio. Those who qualify can compete in two events.

Individual results follow.

Mallory Green, Lawrence: ac-

counting principles, first: financial analysis and decision making, first; hospitality management, second.

Brady Rundel, Colby: business decision making, second; sports management and marketing, second.

Michael Yergey, Colby: business decision making, second.

Brittany Ellegood, Oakley: retail management, second.

Agencies schedule series of classes for senior health insurance guidance

The Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging and the Kansas Department on Aging will hold training for the Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas program on Wednesdays May 16, June 13 and July 18 in Hays. Attendance on all three days is required to be fully certified; alternate training dates and locations are available. All expenses will be paid by the agency through a grant. Preregistration by Friday, May 4, is required.

Senior Health Insurance Counseling is a free program that uses trained community volunteers to answer people's questions about

Medicare and other insurance issues. Counselors provide free, unbiased and confidential assistance to beneficiaries, their caregivers and others who have questions.

Volunteers receive training on Medicare, prescription drug insur-

ance, Medicare supplement insurance, long-term care insurance and other health-insurance subjects.

For information, contact Glen-na Clingsmith at the agency at (800) 432-7422 or (785) 628-8204.

Corrections

The name of Viola Gallentine-Van Der Wege of Norton, mother of Val Gallentine, 44, Goodland, was misspelled in a story about his death on Page 1 of the Monday, March 12, issue of the Colby Free Press. This was a reporting

error.

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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.

Zoo gives gorilla pet bunny

ERIE, Pa. (AP) - An elderly gorilla that lives at a Pennsylvania zoo has a new companion: a bunny named Panda.

The Erie Zoo's gorilla, Samantha, has been without a full-time friend since the death of Rudy, a male gorilla, in 2005.

But officials say the 47-year-old

western lowland gorilla is too old to be paired with another gorilla. So they opted last month to introduce her to Panda, a Dutch rabbit.

The Erie Times-News (bit.ly/yu3y2d) reports Samantha and Panda get along well. Samantha will gently scratch under the bunny's chin and share her food.

The family of LeRoy J Moos would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone for their support, cards, phone calls, food, flowers, memorials, kind words and prayers since the sudden passing of our Son, Brother, Uncle, Cousin, and Friend.

We would like to thank the Oakley EMT's for their quick response to St. Joseph's Church, and the Logan County Hospital Emergency Room Staff for their compassionate care.

Thank you to the Hospice Volunteers for the meal at the wake and St. Mary's Alter Society for the lunch following the Mass and burial. It was very much appreciated.

Thank you to Fr. James Thomas CMI and Fr. Michael Elan CMI for their spiritual blessings.

- Alvina Moos, Charles & Marjorie Moos & family, Dennis & Charla Moos & family, Denora Holzinger & family, Darlene & Gerald Schaffer & family

Colby American Legion Post 363

BREAKFAST FEED

When: Sat. March 24
Time: 7:00 - 10 a.m.
Where: 1850 W. 4th St.

Biscuits & Gravy
Hashbrowns
Scrambled Eggs

★ ★ Free will donation ★ ★

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Bookkeeping Position

We are looking for an individual who meets challenges head on!

The responsibilities include bookkeeping, billing, circulation, and helping front counter customers.

This position comes under the category of 'multitasking' - an ability to fit in where necessary as the need might arise. This position is full time. Computer knowledge necessary (accounting background a plus).

INTERESTED?

Send a letter and resume to Sharon Friedlander, Publisher, at 155 W. Fifth St., Colby, Kan., 67701, sfriedlander@nwkansas.com or apply in person at the address above. No calls please.

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In honor of **Margene Griffin's 85th Birthday**

her children are holding a potluck dinner March 24 at the Colby American Legion starting at 12:00 followed by a reception. No Gifts Please.