

Parents see kids growing up

This week parents and family members are rushing around getting ready for graduation.

Between, Colby Community College and Colby High School graduations there will be a lot of celebrating. Others at Golden Plains, Heartland, Brewster, Oakley and home school graduates cannot be forgotten either. This is a time when we look back at growth, accomplishments and just plain thanksgiving for the years that went before.

Now many parents will see their young adults move on into college or career. As one friend said to my husband and me, he thinks he is entering a stage in his daughter's life where he becomes a friend more than a parent. It is time to allow the person to become an adult and make life choices. If you are looking for a book on this subject, one we have is "Parenting When Your Child is an Adult," by Dale and Renee Gordon.

Now let me tell you about a few junior or young adult books that we are placing on the shelves this week. Books in the series of *The Mortal Instruments* have been read by many already. Book five, "City of Lost Souls," by Cassandra Clare has just arrived. Clare has a very interesting family background. She was born in Teheran, Iran, traveled in the Himalayas and lived in France, England and Switzerland before the age of 10. This rather young writer has found her niche in fantasy fiction. She began this trek in 2006 and says she hopes to never write anything else (www.cassandraclare.com/about).

In this book, Jace has been enslaved through magic by Lilith's powers. The demon has enslaved



Melany Wilks

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Jace to Sebastian, thus attaching him to evil. Jace, however, has friends who will do anything to save him. Their thirst for his release may be the undoing of their own lives and freedoms.

The second book we are adding is "Liberator," by Richard Harland, book two of the *Worldshaker* series. Col and Riff are working together on the Liberator to ensure that the upper class – called the Swanks – and the lower classes – called the Filthies – work together to make a new society. Splinters and divisions are taking a toll on the progress of the juggernaut. The factions must decide what is truth and what is fabrication, what is important for their survival or priorities. Who is behind the problems and intrigues?

The next junior fiction book is "Small As An Elephant," by Jennifer Richard Jacobson. Jack and his mom are camping in Acadia National Park. She planned this trip to make up to Jack for all the boring times he stays home as she drives the shuttle for the Intown Inn. In a rental car they drove from their home in Boston to the park in Maine.

She promised they would feast on candy-apple-colored hot dogs that snapped when you bit into them. The first night he slept in a small borrowed tent and sleeping bag. Jack slept late and wondered why his mother did not awaken

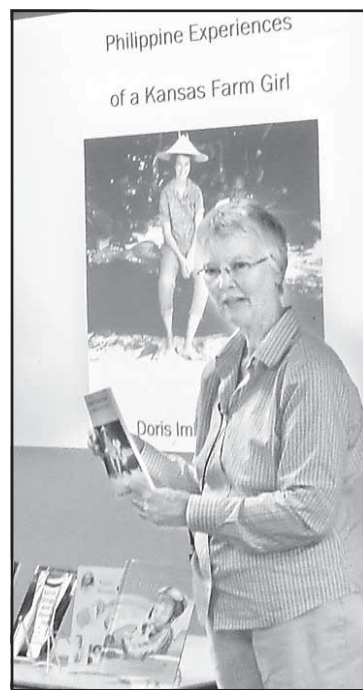
him. He could not find her or the car. He trekked around loops A and B, C and D, but his mom was nowhere to be found. By now he was starving and needed to eat. He walked to the nearest inn and found one of those famous hot-dogs. Now he must return to camp and figure out what to do.

A short book and an easy read for children is "Three Cups," written by Mark St. Germain with the story by Tony Townsley. It is about parents telling their children if they place their allowances in three cups, they will have lots of adventures. The cups are labeled, "give," "save" and "spend." It is nicely illustrated by April Willy.

Other items we are adding are: "The Watch that Ends the Night: Voices from the Titanic," by Allan Wolf; "Who Can Crack the Leonardo da Vinci Code?" and "Who Can Save Vincent's Hidden Treasure?" – both by Thomas Brezina for fourth through seventh graders; and a graphic novel, "The Fastest Pig in the West," by Randi Hacker (provided by the University of Kansas on the Chinese culture and the Chinese immigrant experience in Kansas).

Remember to put on your calendar our first *Adventures in Nutrition and Wellness* group meeting. We have special guest speaker and author, Jane Ibbetson to help us launch this new group. She will talk about nutrition and her book, "Smart Eating Made Simple." Ibbetson, who now lives in Arizona, lived in Colby years ago and is the mother of Rhonda Faber. The event will be at 7 p.m. next Thursday. Come and be part of something new at the library.

Also, summer reading and special events for children, 15 months



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Pioneer Memorial Library
Doris Johnson of Abilene spoke on her book, "Philippine Experiences of a Kansas Farm Girl," at the final Booked for Lunch for the season.

to middle school age, begin Wednesday, May 29. Pick up information on activities for ages, or check out our website on the children's page at www.colbylibrary.com/Children.html. Adult and teen summer reading will begin Saturday, June 1. All ages have a chance to win prizes. We will give you information on the summer reading schedule soon.

Remember our normal hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday until after memorial Day.

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)	\$7.25
Corn (bushel)	\$6.53
Milo (hundredweight)	\$11.04
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Deaths

Mary Belle Grabenstein

Mary Belle Grabenstein, 87, Colby, died Wednesday, May 8, 2013, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Services are pending with the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, 462-7979.

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday at Colby Community College with 28 members and guests Dustin and Melissa Reed.

Les Loker was recognized for achieving his Paul Harris Fellow Plus Two award.

The club presented Dustin Reed, the 2012-13 Rotary scholarship winner, with a certificate. Reed will attend Newman College in Wichita where he plans to major in physical therapy.

President Melany Wilks reported the club was given the Presidential Citation Award at the district conference Friday and Saturday in Lyons. Jeff Horlacher, Nancy LePell and Sandy Wilks attended the conference along with Melany Wilks. Horlacher reported the conference featured good speakers and a service project assembling 22,000 meals for Numa-na to be shipped to South America for refugees.

Horlacher said the Polio Plus program has been instrumental in the eradication of polio and there are only 225 active polio cases remaining in the world.

Wilks reviewed plans for the club's service project for Pioneer Memorial Library.

Dr. LaDonna Regier was the

featured speaker, sharing about her medical missionary work in Ghana over the past five months.

She has worked in Ghana over the past two and a half years, seeing cases of malaria, typhoid fever, cholera, dysentery and HIV. Sanitation conditions are horrible, she said, and continue to worsen as the population increases. Regier said it is a major accomplishment for a person to reach adulthood in Ghana.

She continues to work part time at the Sutures Hospital in Kumasi, Ghana, and at Ama Nyame Memorial Medical Center, a Colby Rotary project. The medical center, in a rural area about 15 miles from Kumasi, officially opened Feb. 20.

Regier said there is much work to be done in the center as the heat and humidity have caused some deterioration, but the facility is open, though the electricity is off about 60 percent of the time.

Regier will return to Ghana on Saturday, May 18.

Joyce Washburn won Roto-Lotto.

Rotary meets at noon Tuesdays in Room 106 of the Student Union.

—Relda Galli

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Matthew Eugene Horinek, 42, Colby, April 8, probation violation, Thomas County Sheriff's Office/Court Services of Thomas County, released Thursday on treatment facility.
- Jarrod Kenneth Ferguson, 33, Colby, April 10, probation violation, Thomas County Sheriff/Court Services, released April 30 on recognizance.
- Jason Allen Goffinski, 29, Colby, April 25, domestic battery, disorderly conduct, criminal restraint, Colby Police Department, released April 30 on supervised

probation.

- Jorge Alejandro Hernandez-Patino, 26, North Glenn, Colo., April 25, felon in possession of a firearm, possession/distribution of hallucinogenic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, Kansas Highway Patrol, released April 30 on \$100,000 appearance bond.
- Levi Ysidro Sisneros, Frederick, Colo., April 25, possession/distribution of hallucinogenic drugs, felon in possession of a firearm, possession of drug paraphernalia, Highway Patrol, released April 30 on \$100,000 appearance bond.

School librarian to retire

By Heather Alwin

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Sacred Heart Church will hold a retirement reception for Sister Loretta Podlena after 5:30 p.m. mass on Saturday.

Sister Podlena, originally from Wilson, entered the Dominican Sisters convent in 1948 and has been in Colby since 1997, working as a first grade teacher and librarian for Sacred Heart Catholic School.

She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education at Marymount College in Salina and her master's in education from Fort Hays State University. She worked in education for 50 years in Salina, Wichita, Dodge City and Tulsa, Okla.

Sister Podlena said she has enjoyed the friendship of the people at Sacred Heart School, the cooperation of the parents and everyone being so willing to help with anything she needs.

The students of Sacred Heart



Sister Loretta Podlena

had many positive things to say about Sister Podlena.

"Sister Loretta has always been great at reading books to kids," said fourth-grader Lacy Weigel.

Jenna Reinert, fourth grade, and Brandon Brier, fifth grade, said she helps students whenever they

need help.

"She is good at helping other people," said second-grader Melissa Zimmerman.

"I'm sad she is retiring," said Tanner Vyzourek.

Sacred Heart's teachers say they will also miss Sister Podlena. "She has mothered our whole school," said preschool teacher Sharon Shirley. "It has been such a privilege to have a nun in our school! We miss all of her wisdom and caring."

"I will miss her smile and positive attitude. She always saw the bright side of everything," said Elaine Breckenkamp, a substitute teacher, volunteer and parent of a former Sacred Heart student.

Sister Podlena will be returning to the motherhouse in Great Bend this summer where she will live with other sisters from her order, now called the Dominican Sisters of Peace, and volunteering in the house and community.

Send cards for a card shower to 1065 W. Fifth St., Colby, Kan., 67701.

HAROLD L. "GIL" GILLISPIE

Harold L. "Gil" Gillispie, age 79, of Manhattan, Kansas, died Thursday morning, May 2, 2013, at his residence.

He was born on May 11, 1933, in a farmhouse near Levant, Kansas, the son of Harold and Agnes (Dryden) Gillispie. Gil was raised on a farm until age 11.

In 1944, the family moved to Salina, Kansas where they joined the First Presbyterian Church. After graduating from high school in Salina, Gil earned a scholarship to Kansas Wesleyan University and graduated in 1955 with a BA degree. While attending Wesleyan, he worked at the Salina YMCA where he had previously played basketball.

He was then drafted into the U.S. Army in 1955, eventually being shipped to Korea where he went to the 8th Army Headquarters, becoming a clerk typist in the Adjutant General's office. His military awards and honors included a letter of commendation and good conduct medal. He returned to the states in 1957 and spent the next four years in the reserve before leaving military service.

He then returned to the YMCA with a long term career in numerous leadership positions including Assistant Youth Director for the Des Moines, IA YMCA and eventually Executive Director of the West Des Moines YMCA. He went on to serve as Executive Director of numerous YMCA's including the Aurora Branch of the Denver, Colorado YMCA, the McCook, Nebraska, YMCA and the Junction City, Kansas YMCA. In 1979, he purchased the Manhattan franchise of H&R Block, which he operated for the next 11 years. His love for youth was reflected in his involvement with Big Brothers Big Sisters where he has been a "Big Brother" for 10 "Little Brothers."

Gil was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. Having been involved in church leadership throughout his life he began preaching in 1967 for YMCA Sunday in West Des Moines, then in Aurora, McCook and later in Junction City and Manhattan. After a Methodist District Superintendent heard one of his sermons he was invited to fill pulpits several times over the years in McCook. Later while living in Junction City the local Presbyterian Pastor put his name on the pulpit supply list of the Presbytery, and he began immediately getting calls to fill pulpits. In 1996 he was called upon to serve as a temporary supply pastor for the Oakhill Presbyterian Church in Oakhill, Kansas, eventually becoming a Commissioned Lay Pastor in 1998. At the time of his death he was still serving as the Commissioned Lay Pastor for the Oakhill Presbyterian Church.

In 1970, he was named to "Who's Who in the West", then in 1990 to "Who's Who in the Midwest" and every year since 2000 to "Who's Who in America" and later to Who's Who in the World." Gil was named as one of the "2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21st Century."

He is survived by two sisters: Julia "Julie" Stephen, Orlando, FL and Elsie Ohlson and her husband Nils, Hampton, NH. Also surviving are his nephews and niece: Brian Gillispie, Manhattan, KS; Tim Gillispie and his wife Maria Francia, Overland Park, KS; Mark Stephen and his wife Anne, Orlando, FL; Joni Abbate and her husband John, Hackettstown, NJ; and Nils Ohlson, Jr. of Hampton, New Hampshire.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his younger brother: Leonard Gillispie.

Friends may pay their respects anytime Thursday through Friday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home. Private burial will be in the Sunrise Cemetery.

Memorial services will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 11, 2013, at the First Presbyterian Church, 801 Leavenworth Street, Manhattan with Reverend Zachary Morton officiating.

On-line condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website located at www.ymlfuneralhome.com. Memorials have been established for the Oakhill Presbyterian Church, Big Brothers Big Sisters and for the Kansas Wesleyan University-Harold L. Gillispie Endowed Scholarship Fund. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.



90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
FOR CHARLES E COOK

May 19, 2013
American Legion
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Ceanne Rinehart

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