

Fair week book sale offers cool chance for browsing

Well it is book sale time again; the book sale starts at 9 a.m. Monday.

Almost daily the prices go down. The principle of this sale is that the early person gets the best item for a low price. Our highest full price is \$2. We are super-selling VHS tapes by the flat. A person can purchase a flat of VHS movies for \$1! We have lots of fiction, nonfiction, paperbacks, children's, Christian, large print items and more. Here are the details:

Monday: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., full price.

Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., full price.

Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., half price.

Next Thursday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., half price.

Friday, Aug. 2: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., \$3 per bag.

Saturday, Aug. 3: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., \$1 per bag.

Sunday, Aug. 4: 1 to 3:30 p.m., free.

Now let me tell you about books that you can check out from the library at no cost. I do not know if you are aware of this, but westerns are hard to purchase for libraries. There is a plethora of fiction items, but there are not many authors that write good western novels.

The first one is "Return To Oakpine," by Ron Carlson. The author sets the story in Oakpine, Wyo.

Craig Ralston has just finished his dream home on the hill. His old buddy's mother called him at his business to ask for help. Mrs. Brand had fed Craig, Mason, Frank and her son Jimmy every afternoon after band practice when they were seniors in high school. Craig's bond with her went way back.

Mrs. Brand needs Craig to open a door on a stand-alone garage that has not been opened in probably 20 years. His friend Jimmy, a novelist who has been living in



Melany Wilks

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New York is returning home; he is dying. Craig knows he must be there to help Mrs. Brand and Jimmy. Mason and Frank are also brought back into the story by the author. This is a really great book to read.

The next book two books we are adding are science fiction novels. The first item is "Witch Wraith," by Terry Brooks, third and last of the *Dark Legacy of Shannara* series.

When you open this book the first thing you find is a full color fold-out page with art work by Todd Lockwood. This helps set the scene for the reader. Turn this page over to find a glossy full-color map of the four lands of Shannara.

Railing Ohmsford is struggling with his decision - confronting, doubt, fear and shame because he has not told his friends the complete truth. He senses danger but is not ready to be honest with others. Sailing up from the Rainbow Lake and heading toward Rampling Steep, he and others are about to fight to save their world from those that come from the Forbidding. The section between them and the Forbidding is being breached by the most fearsome creatures that have disturbed their lives in centuries.

The second science fiction item is "Storm Riders," by Margaret Weiss and Robert Krammes, No. two of the *Dragon Brigade* series. This book has a ink drawing of the lands of Rosia, Freya and Braffa. Protagonist Sir Henry Wallace is awaiting the birth of his child at

his grand estate. Looking out the window he sees the secretary of his vast holdings coming to the door and runs to greet him on his return from the city-state of Braffa, where he witnessed a vessel of King Alaric's utterly destroyed by a green laser beam that emanated from a small creature.

Sir Henry believes these to be evil demonic creatures that have been directed by Eiddwen, who tried to assassinate Sir Henry the last time he was in Westfirth. Sir Henry inadvertently saved her life. During his last encounter, he told her that if she ever tried to injure himself or his family, he would track her down and kill her. Sir Henry is certain the most recent attacks are coming from her. He has assigned a technician to make steel with magical properties that repel attacks to help in their fight.

Other fiction items we are adding this week are: "The White Princess," by Philippa Gregory; "Unseen," by Karin Slaughter; "Love All," by Callie Wright; "Blood and Beauty," by Sarah Dunant; "Fin and Lady," by Cathleen Schine; "The Execution of Noa P. Singleton," by Elizabeth Silver; "Chose The Wrong Guy, Gave Him The Wrong Finger," by Beth Harbison (love the title!); "Winter Kill," by Bill Brooks; and "Tapestry of Fortunes," by Elizabeth Berg.

Come enjoy our cool environment to read the newspaper, magazine, book, or tablet. Put in some earphones and listen to an audio book. Bring in your laptop or tablet and do some business or e-mailing.

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, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. See you in the library!

Is their lunch better?



A goat seemed to pose for the camera at last year's Thomas County Free Fair. Perhaps it felt like a trend setter. One of the changes in fair entries this year, according to Thomas County Extension Agent Diann Gerstner, is a large jump in the number of goats to be exhibited. She thought the fact that goats are smaller, easier to handle and - let's face it - just plain fun might be factors in the increase.

Colby couple to wed in fall

Kristen Renee Wieger and Jesse Allen Brottem of Colby plan to wed Oct. 5, 2013, at the Colby United Methodist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Duane and Kim Wieger of Russell and the granddaughter of Ray and the late Dolores Wieger and Alvin and Winnie Webster.

She is a 2006 graduate of Russell High School and attended Colby Community College where she received an Associate of Applied Science degree in veterinary technology. She is a sales associate for Farm Bureau Financial Services in Colby.

The groom is the son of Tom Brottem of Texas and Ronda and Rich Bachman of Colby. He is the grandson of Ross and Anna Dean Rodenbeck and the late Joe and Delores Brottem.

He is a 2004 graduate of Colby High School. He attended Northwest Technical College where he received a degree in auto body technology. He works at Road Runer Manufacturing in Levant.



Jesse Allen Brottem and Kristen Renee Wieger

Invasive, tree killing insect spreads to Johnson County

Johnson County has a new, unwelcome resident. The Kansas Department of Agriculture confirmed July 15 that a destructive beetle called the emerald ash borer, *Agrilus planipennis*, has been found in Johnson County.

The invasive, wood-boring pest can infest and kill native ash trees, including saplings to fully mature trees, according to Nicole Opbroek, Kansas Forest Service forest health specialist.

The emerald ash borer news prompted the Department of Agriculture to implement an emergency intrastate quarantine for Johnson County, similar to a permanent quarantine in place for Wyandotte County, where the borer was confirmed in August 2012. Wyandotte and Johnson counties are the only two Kansas counties where the ash borer has been found.

The quarantine applies to individuals, companies and government agencies, among others, and prohibits movement from the quarantined area of firewood of all hardwood species; Ash (*Fraxinus*) trees including nursery stock and green lumber, as well as wood chips, logs, stumps and branches of trees.

Information about the quarantine order is available at agriculture.ks.gov/docs/default-source/pp-emerald-ash-borer/emerald-ash-borer.pdf?sfvrsn=0.

Opbroek said there are several things property owners can do to help in detection and to impede the spread of the pest, which include:

- Don't move firewood. When you camp, leave your wood at home. Buy only local firewood, and burn it before you leave.

- When planting new trees, avoid planting ash trees.
- Emerald ash borer only attacks ash trees, so it's important to determine if your trees are ash trees. Ash tree branches have opposites growing on either side of the main branch, rather than a branch on one side and another two or three inches further down on the other side.

- If you have an ash tree, assess its health. Look for sparse leaves or branches dying in the upper part of the tree, vertical splits in the bark, new sprouts on the roots or lower trunk or branches, increased woodpecker activity, winding s-shaped tunnels under the bark or light-colored larvae with bell-shaped segments just under the bark. Two or more of these symptoms may indicate a

problem.

- Check for holes in ash trees. What shape are they? The borer makes D-shaped holes (not round or oval).

- If you're unsure, call your local extension office or a certified arborist.

"Unfortunately, we all knew that this day could come," said Dennis Patton, horticulture agent for Johnson County K-State Research and Extension. "... We are not sure at this time how fast EAB will move through the area. This issue also underscores the importance of planting a mix of trees."

The widespread drought stress that shade trees have been experiencing the past two years, has made trees more vulnerable to insect attacks than usual, including the emerald ash borer, Patton said.

Sears celebrates 20 years in business here

Sears Hometown Store of Colby plans to celebrate a 20-year anniversary this month, sharing the occasion with the community through a "throwback" promotional weekend celebration Friday and Saturday.

This year marks two decades since Sears, Roebuck and Company published the final run of its legendary Big Book catalog, closing its catalog stores and shifting to a new retail model of locally owned and operated dealer stores.

The store in Colby, which opened in 2001, is one of 900 stores nationwide that began as a

result of that move.

To honor the anniversary, the store will feature current versions of some popular items advertised in 1993 with the same or lower pricing than that available in 1993.

The dealer stores primarily sell appliances, tools, lawn and garden equipment and seasonal outdoor

Corrections

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Markets

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

Wheat (bushel)	\$6.87
Corn (bushel)	\$6.79
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.82
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.96

Big tuna flips fisherman's boat

LIHUE, Hawaii (AP) - A 54-year-old fisherman is safe after his 14-foot boat capsized as he was landing a 230-pound tuna in the ocean off Hawaii.

The U.S. Coast Guard rescued Anthony Wichman on Friday after receiving a distress call from his wife.

Wichman was fishing near the island of Kauai Friday morning

when he hooked the Ahi tuna. Coast Guard Lt. Jessica Mickelson tells *Hawaii News Now* (tinyurl.com/ksqfuaf) that Wichman called his wife for help on his cell-phone.

The Coast Guard dispatched a helicopter, and friends arrived on another boat. They towed Wichman's boat - and the fish - back to port.

Reception Saturday to honor 90 years

Viola Lindeman of Oakley will turn 90 on July 30, 2013, and will celebrate with a public reception from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Oakley Country Club.

Cards may be sent to 615 Price Ave., Oakley, Kan., 67748.



V. Lindeman

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