

Active Aging writer has book signing



B. D. Tharp, a freelance writer who is a frequent contributor to *Active Aging*, will have a book signing for her first novel, *Feisty Family Values*, on April 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Borders at New Market Square, 21st and Maize.

She will also be giving a reading at the Derby Public Library, 1600 E. Walnut Grove, on May 27 at 7 p.m.

Tharp's debut novel is set in Wichita and tells the story of three women living together in a once-opulent Riverside home and challenges they face as a new, handsome neighbor arrives and three grandchildren are abandoned on the doorstep.

"Every woman should get a copy of *Feisty Family Values*, cuddle up in her favorite chair, and enjoy the ride," says Feathered Quill.

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Kansas where it wouldn't have mattered which candidate won and no outcome would be satisfactory, whether gained by bullet or ballot. As for thwarting the will of the people, so few of them vote that it's hard to think they care who governs them.

Maybe Kansas should take the lead in election reform. Cause all elections to be settled by duel. Move the capital to Dodge City, where the streets are suitably named, and establish a new statehouse with an attractive dueling green. Then

we could call our state a commonwealth. Would that dispel our stuffy image? It couldn't hurt.

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