

Family

Firefighters top list of books and videos

I thoroughly enjoyed the fireworks Saturday at the fair-grounds!

What a blessing to have such benefits for a community our size. Actually, when you examine our city, we really have some impres-sive services provided for citi-zens.

I was able to tour the new fire station the other day, and was amazed at the hard work, dili-gence and foresight that our city and county employees and vol-unteers put forth to make our fire station, equipment and teams ready for an immediate response. The volunteers often take training on their own time, and the costs come from their own pocketbook. So, if you see a fireman, be sure and thank him.

And speaking of fire stations and firemen, if you want a new theme to explore, you might en-joy the movies "Firehouse Dog" from 20th Century Fox or "Lad-der 49" from Touchstone Pictures. Two nonfiction books that are es-pecially interesting and quite dra-matic are "Brotherhood" by Tony Tendra, and "Report from Ground Zero" by Dennis Smith. A recently published children's books is "Out and About at the Fire Station" by Muriel Dubois.

The library also has four new video disks on photography. All four of them are published by Me-dia West. The first is "Learn Pho-tography: Film & Digital." It is a 90-minute program with 16 seg-ments discussing basic principles of cameras.

The second, "Digital Photog-raphy: The Camera," starts at the beginning explaining such topics as F-stops and shutter speeds, but goes on to discuss how to choose a camera and which features are important and beneficial. Brian D. Ratty, an internationally known photographer, covers the history of digital photography, under-standing memory and file sizes for a camera, and just how digital photography works. The program also explains using light, lenses, the principles of depth of field, and exposure control. It goes from the basics to the more advanced. Each is done in a section so you can ap-ply what they have learned and then go back and listen to another section. This disk also provides key terms, a glossary, a teacher's guide and a quick quiz packet. I was really impressed with it.

A third disk from this same company is "Digital Photog-raphy: Crafting Images." It goes into some of the same subjects in the above program, but in a more in-depth fashion. It also discusses design, critiquing images, visual themes and subjects and the gift of photography.

If you are really a photography buff, then this disk is for you. "Dig-ital Photography: The Darkroom" is narrated by Ratty through 10 chapters that discuss computers, scanning images, image resolu-tion, darkroom software, printers, paper and ink, as well as working with image files and the finishing room. It has a 20-page teacher's guide and a 30-question quiz.

A new quick and easy book that I read over the Fourth of July holi-



Melany Wilks

Library Links

day was "An Unmarked Grave," by Kent Conwell. This book is a mixture of small-town atmo-sphere, country living and a bit of science fiction mixed through the theme of a UFO mystery.

Justin Chester grows up rich, but longs to accept and be accept-ed by the simple people and things in life. However, he also wants to solve the mystery of the UFO event that happened in the small town of Elysian Hills in 1897. This is an easy-to-read Avalon mystery that is one of 11 of the Tony Boudreaux series.

A second book is "Murder at the Academy Awards," by the famed comedian Joan Rivers. The title speaks for itself. A famous young actress fresh out of rehab collapses as she steps out onto the red carpet from her limousine. Maxine Max Taylor and her daughter know this is a murder, not a relapse. From this event, Rivers draws on her intimate understanding of Holly-wood, her ribald humor and wit to craft this new Red Carpet Murder Mystery Series.

Today, the Middler students will present a reader's theater called "Oscars and Emmys." It begins at 10:30 am. in the basement. The reader's theater is a product of their brainstorming, summer read-ing and activities. Come and en-joy their creativity.

The Pioneer Memorial Library summer schedule is 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; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; and 1 to 4 p.m. Sun-day. Come and stay cool at your library.

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Katherine Lynne Molstad and Elijah Clark Tuttle

Garden ceremony planned in August

Katherine Lynne Molstad and Elijah Clark Tuttle plan to marry Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009, in a garden ceremony at the home of the bride's parents in Colby.

Katie graduated from Colby High School in 2003 and from the University of Kansas in 2007 with a degree in archi-tectural engineering. She is completing work on a master's degree in architectural engi-neering at KU. She is a me-chanical systems designer for Henderson Engineers Inc. of Lenexa.

She is the daughter of Stan and Maradith Molstad, and a granddaughter of Gary and Patricia Sloan and the late Judith Sloan; Mary Molstad and the

late John Molstad, all of Colby. She is the great-granddaughter of Dorothy Sloan and the late Vida Toburen of Colby.

Eli graduated from Greeley County High School in 2003, and from the University of Kansas in 2008 with a degree in economics. He will be a tax accountant for the certified public accounting firm of BKD in Kansas City, Mo., after the couple marries.

He is the son of Linden and Eugenia Tuttle of Tribune and a grandson of Bill and Gerry Tuttle of Tribune, and Eugene and the late Frances Courange of Pratt.

The couple will live in Shaw-nee.

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Stimulus money, budget cuts hit Hays

HAYS – President Edward H. Hammond says that Fort Hays State University will use its nearly \$2.8 million share of federal stim-ulus money to hold tuition down and stimulate the Ellis County economy by addressing deferred maintenance projects.

As the state of Kansas has strug-gled since last fall with declining revenue, universities in the Kan-sas Regents system first had to re-duce their budgets during the fis-cal year which ended June 30, and then had to make further cuts for the new fiscal year that began last Wednesday. A cut of 10 percent and another 2 percent in unfunded mandates (university expendi-tures required but not funded by the state) originally caused a 12-percent reduction in the Fort Hays budget. The additional cuts an-nounced Thursday brings the total impact to 14 percent.

"We will be able to cover the additional 2-percent cut, which to-tals \$678,000, with one-time stra-tegic planning money," President Hammond said.

By using money that was bud-geted for action plans, the univer-sity will again have to postpone some innovations and new initia-tives, but it will avoid making fur-

ther cuts in department operating budgets that are needed to imple-ment the school's efficienc-ies-and-growth budget model.

Dr. Hammond announced pro-grams and projects that will be paid for with the \$2,786,646 in federal stimulus money.

"Two of the planning principles we've been following since this financial crisis began last fall are to keep costs down for students and to minimize negative financial impacts on the local community," he said. "We are creating a Tuition Incentive Program, or TIP, that will reward our current students' good academic performance by greatly reducing the tuition hike that was recently announced.

"We are creating the Stressed Kansans Scholarship Program for workers who have lost their jobs and want to return to school. Also, we will commit a major share of the stimulus money into deferred maintenance projects, which will preserve and enhance ... infra-structure while also stimulating the local economy."

Out of the nearly \$2.8 million in stimulus money, more than a half a million dollars will be used for tuition relief, he said.

Rotary Club

The Rotary Club met July 7, at Colby Community College. Twenty eight members and guests were in attendance. Guests includ-ed Deanna Smith, Henry Schuette, and visiting Rotarian Art Mai from Sharon Springs.

Recognized for perfect atten-dance for the 2008-09 Rotary year were Nancy LePell (10 years), Mike Tubbs (eight) and Jerry Arensdorf and Relda Galli (one).

The monthly collection was taken for Thomas County Gen-

esis. Nick Wells was the Roto-Lotto winner.

New officers for the 2009-2010 year are Arensdorf, president; Wells, vice-president; Connie Renner, secretary; and LePell, treasurer. Board members include Tubbs, Gene Rothfuss, Galli, and Les Loker.

The club meets every Tuesday at noon at Colby Community Col-lege Student Union.

– Relda Galli

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8:30 p.m. ~ Wednesday and Saturday
9:30 a.m. - Sunday Morning meeting

Downtown:
Basement of City Hall
8:30 p.m. ~ Monday and Thursday

Sisters in Sobriety:
Basement of City Hall
5:00 p.m. ~ Sunday

Narcotics Anonomys:
Basement of City Hall
8:00 p.m. ~ Tuesday, Friday and Sunday

Alanon:
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8:30 p.m. ~ Wednesday

ACOA:
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7:00 p.m. ~ Monday