

Family

Local author to visit library for book signing on Saturday

The Pioneer Memorial Library will have our local author Millie Hurlacher signing her newly published book, "Seasons of Salt: Meditations," between 1:30 and 3 p.m. Saturday. I have been enjoying her reflections that give insight into her life and how the Scriptures helped guide her family and her personal responses to life circumstances.

This week I am highlighting resources for school age youth and their parents who are helping to guide their children. A book that will help parents with children in the Middle school years is "A Parent's Guide to the Middle School Years," by Joe Bruzzese. This book discusses the process of making friends, dealing with less than friendly classmates and building good relationships with teachers. It also helps the parent consider balancing school work, school activities and family activities.

Bruzzese also outlines keeping your child safe online. If you want more information about online safety, I recommend a few sites: SafeKids.Com. This website has tips, advice, and list of suggestions, to make your family's online time safer and more fun. This site has an Internet safety quiz for children: www.safekids.com/quiz/. Another great online website is NetSafeKansas: Attorney General Steve Six. It was created by the Kansas Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit to help increase awareness and education about Internet crime. It has areas for kids, teens, parents and the consumer.

The Colby area has a rather large homeschooling population, so we have added some new items to help parents who homeschool their children. "The Well-adjusted Child: The Social Benefits of Homeschooling," by Rachel Gathercole, has 15 chapters, plus two appendices to discuss positive aspects, challenges and ways to prepare the student for the real world environment. Another item is "The Ultimate Book of Homeschooling Ideas: 500+ Fun and Creative Learning Activities," by Linda Dobson. This book covers ages 3 to 12 years old. A third item is "When Homeschooling Gets Tough: Practical Advice to Stay on Course," by Diana Johnson. It discusses making a realistic schedule, defining what the important elements to concentrate on are, and just how to deal with a difficult child.

Another homeschooling item is the "Homeschooling Book of Lists," by Michael and Mary Leppert.



Melany Wilks

Library Links

parents can find to provide for curriculum and additional materials for their child. It describes preparing a child for college. It also gives the parent information on who to contact regarding homeschooling in each of the 50 states.

The last homeschooling item is "College-Prep Homeschooling: Your Complete Guide to Homeschooling Through High School," by David P. and Chandra Byers. This book needs to be read and considered by parents of a child entering the seventh or eighth grade. I believe it will help clarify whether a parent believes they are able to adequately prepare their child for college. It shows that parents play a larger role in creating courses and helping their child learn and succeed in more advanced courses than they might have in the lower grades. This book provides homeschooling resources and a reference list of books used while preparing this work. There are appendices, a bibliography, and index as well.

For the owners of Windows Vista, we have "Windows Vista for Dummies," by Andy Rathbone. Another interesting book that you might want to skim is "Click: What Millions of People are Doing Online and Why it Matters," by Bill Tancer. The author shows us who and what sort of online searching many are doing - anything from the profane to the sacred. Tancer outlines the early adapters and why these people help push trends. If you were to skim this book, you might pick up some interesting clues. The author shows how just understanding the trend of customers to view news online could have helped newspapers make shifts in their industry.

As the weather turns rainy and blustery at times, remember that we are a nice cozy place to enjoy magazines, reading your daily newspapers, or read your e-mail through our Wi-Fi hotspot which is available at the library. The Pioneer Memorial Library is now operating under its winter schedule. We are open until 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. See you in the library

Horse fun show to help with expenses

There will be a horse fun show at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Oakley Fair Grounds, to benefit Jade Kruse, 2010 Miss Teen Rodeo Kansas. It will go to helping her pay for expenses during her reign, which begins in January.

Entry fees are \$3 per event, payable at the show.

Events will be: barrels, pole bending, flag race, polo turn, phone book race, pair sack

(team of two) and western relay (team of 4).

Age groups are: 18 and over, 13-17, 8-12, 5-7 and 4 and under.

Every event will have a little twist to it, so come prepared for anything.

If there are any questions, call Jade Kruse (785) 672-4226 or email her at jkruse@hcscol-by.org.

Rotary Club

Colby Rotary met Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Colby Community College with 27 members and guests in attendance. Guests included Barry Blount, Henry Schuette, and Art Mai of Sharon Springs.

The Polio-Plus collection was taken.

Dr. Paula Davis, Sacha Sangui-netti, and Rick Patrick were inducted as members of the club.

Gary Schuette had a presentation on Neurofibromatosis.

Jerry Arensdorf was the Roto-Lotto winner.

The club meets at noon each Tuesday in the Student Union at Colby Community College.

- Relda Galli

Congressional internships available

Congressman Jerry Moran is accepting applications for congressional internships in his Washington, D.C., office for the spring 2010 term.

"My own interest in public service was sparked by a congressional internship in 1974," Moran said. "As an intern, I was able to see firsthand how a congressional office operates and observe the legislative process."

A congressional internship gives young adults an opportunity to participate in public service. Responsibilities include assisting Moran and his staff with legislative and administrative projects.

Applications are due by Friday, Oct. 16. The spring internship session begins in January and ends in

May.

Applicants should submit a completed application form, cover letter, résumé, college transcript and three letters of reference. The cover letter should explain the student's interest in public service and the goals the student hopes to achieve by participating.

Applications can be obtained under the "Services" section of Moran's Web site. In order to ensure timely receipt of the application, students are encouraged to fax their applications to (202) 225-5124. If students are unable to fax their applications, they may mail them to Moran's Hutchinson office, Attn: Intern Coordinator, Box 1128, Hutchinson, Kan., 67504. Students may call (202) 225-2715 with questions.

Child sexual development program set

"Healthy Sexual Development in Children" will be presented from 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 1, at the Frahm Theater at Colby

Community College.

Christine "Coco" McAtee is the speaker for the event, sponsored by Smart Start Northwest Kansas, Northwest Kansas Child Care Resource and Referral and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

McAtee is a perinatal social worker with Overland Park Regional Medical Center. She is also a consultant and presenter for the Wisconsin-based ProjectGirl

program, an arts-based program teaching girls to analyze the destructive images aimed at them.

The presentation is open to the public. Anyone working with young children is encouraged to attend. Early childhood professionals will receive a certificate for two hours of professional development.

There is no cost for the program.

Ft. Hays gets seismic software

The Department of Geosciences at Fort Hays State University has recently received two new pieces of 3-D seismic visualization software worth more than \$5 million as part of a grant through the Landmark University Grant Program.

"Geographix" and "Kingdom Suite" are used to convert raw seismic data into 3-D imaging used by geologists to locate petroleum deposits. Geoscience majors in the petroleum option will

use the software in conjunction with raw data provided by John O. Farmer and Downing Nelson, two local petroleum companies.

"Students will use the raw data to practice analyzing the 3-D seismic images," said Dr. Ken Neuhauser, professor of geosciences. "This software is the hottest item on the block."

For more information about the Department of Geosciences at Fort Hays State University, visit the Web site at www.fhsu.edu/geo.

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Corrections

In the article "College exceeds new enrollment goal" on Page 1 of the Wednesday, Sept. 23 edition of the Colby Free Press, the writer misnamed Alan Waites, vice president of business affairs at the college. This was a reporting error.

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