

Junior fiction books add fun

Today I want to tell you about the many new items we are adding in the junior fiction area.

Some may say, "Junior fiction, I don't read that." Remember that some really creative books are coming out for the teenage crowd, so much so that many adults are rereading them as well.

The first is "Fly Trap," by Frances Hardinge. This is the next book of the *Fly by Night* series.

Mosca Mye has been traveling with Eponymous Clent, the consummate poet and literary genius. Clent is now in jail while Mye is trying to sell some wares with a not-too-subtle less-than-salubrious sales attitude. In truth, Clent is in jail for nonpayment of bills and Mye has been charged with earning funds to pay off the debt so he can get out of jail. But Mye is outside in the cold, hungry and weary. These two will have to turn their lives into a more positive situation and overcome the obstacles they face.

The second book is "Hunter Brown and the Consuming Fire," by brothers Christopher Miller and Allan Miller, book two of the *Codebears* series. A large black figure dressed in all white - except for his belt buckle - has just leaped to the edge of a cave and taken out his opponents with thought, quick



Melany Wilks

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martial art-like motions and creative weaponry. This dramatic entrance was made by none other than Xaul. I'd call him Xaul the white one, who just overwhelmed the local goblin guards tending the all-important keystone.

Lord Sceleris, the serpent master will not be pleased. But, then many of these goblins no longer have life. Only those still alive to tell Sceleris what happened will be the ones with the problem. Xaul, however, will have to contend with Hunter Brown, who is the Consuming Fire in this book. See how Brown defeats the wickedness in the book.

The third book is "Shine," by Lauren Myracle. This mystery is written for a more mature teen audience than the books Myracle normally writes, is an easy and compelling book to get into.

Protagonist Cat is a 16-year-old teenage girl that just had her best friend, Patrick Truman, almost killed by an assault. She has spent many happy hours in Patrick's

home with him and Mama Sweetie - the "huggiest" grandma you ever knew. Cat needed that because she came from a troubled home where she never got hugs or such warm attention.

When Patrick is found left for dead with a gas nozzle shoved in his mouth and a horrible note attached with duct tape, her life collapses. The last few years had not been happy for Patrick after Mama Sweetie died. But now, this assault make her question her roots and the people in the town. She is bound and determined to find out who perpetrated this heinous crime.

Book four is written by bestselling adult-book authors Jodi Picoult and Samantha van Leer. "Between Lines" is a very creative book.

Delilah is a teenager who loves to read. She reads in the library all the time because she is not one of the popular kids in school. In fact, last year she ended up breaking the head cheerleader's leg when she was playing softball. She missed the ball but cracked the leg of the most popular girl on campus. This made her even less popular than she already wasn't. Can I write that? Well I did.

She just knew she was doomed to a life of obscurity until she met Oliver, a character out of one of her novels. Oliver was a prince

from a once-upon-a-time story, out to meet and save a damsel in distress. He also wondered what it would be like to not show up on time when the reader opened the book. He and Delilah will find out just what complications this may pose in both of their worlds.

We are also adding other junior fictions items - "Rival," by Sara Bennett Wealer; "Toys Come Home," by Emily Jenkins; Kingdom Keepers IV" by Ridley Pearson; "Bitterblue," by Kristin Cashore; and "Wither," by Lauren DeStefano.

New DVDs we are adding include "Wyatt Earp;" "Roots," the 30th Anniversary edition; "The Mission;" "The Karate Kid;" "Restrepo;" and "The Happiest Baby on the Block;" A few sets of DVDs in a series are "Hot Shots!" and Hot Shots! Part Deux," by 20th Century Fox; two Woody the Woodpecker cartoons entitled, "Ha-Ha-Ha-Haaa Ha!" and "Guess Who?;" and finally the La Scala Opera Collection, by Opus Arte (which include titles "Verdi Attila," Puccini La Fanciulla del West," Verdi I due Foscari," and Cilea Adriana Lecocœur."

Remember we open at 9 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, at 5 p.m. Friday and at 4 p.m. Saturday. Sunday we're open 1 to 4 p.m.

Deaths

Frank R. Ruda

Frank R. Ruda, 91, Atwood, died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012, at the Good Samaritan Society in Atwood.

He was born Jan. 10, 1921, to Frank J. and Stephana (Horinek) Ruda north of Atwood on a family homestead.

Survivors include six daughters, Lorena (Nolan) Carlson, Lucy (James) Alff, Peggy (Marty) Thoennes, Mary Ruda, Bernice (Jerry) Lorimar, Kay (Bob) Beims and Pat (Tom) Friess; four sons, Bob (Karol) Ruda, Jim (Linda) Ruda, Dan (Lori) Ruda and Marty Ruda; 26 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 9, 2012, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atwood, with Father Carlos Ruiz Santos officiating and burial in Mount Calvary Cemetery with military honors from the American Legion.

Visitation was to be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at the Williams Funeral Home in Atwood and after 6 p.m. at the church, with vigil and rosary at 7 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to Good Samaritan or the church, in care of Williams Funeral Home, 109 N. Second, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday at Colby Community College with 28 members and guest Carrie Evins attending.

President Melany Wilks gave the welcome and club announcements. Rotarians will be participating in the annual Kansas Reads to Preschoolers program next week and plans are also underway for the club's annual Coats for Kids project.

Tama Unger had the program, a presentation on Psycho-Geometrics, which is a relatively new theory of personality disciplines. Members selected a shape they most identified with from the choice of a circle, square, rectan-

gle, triangle or squiggle. Unger reviewed the various characteristics associated with each shape, which shapes are left-brain thinkers and right-brain thinkers and how to best interact with others who are represented by a different shape.

Unger said it takes each "shape" working together to form a successful and balanced organization and it was discovered that each shape is well represented throughout the club membership.

Mike Tubbs won Roto-Lotto. Rotary meets Tuesdays in Room 106 of the Student Union.

- Relda Galli

Rexford scholars place in home meet

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains Middle School

Golden Plains Middle School held its annual scholars' bowl invitational meet on Oct. 29, with Weskan, Cheylin, Greeley County, Rawlins County, Heartland Christian, Triplains, Grinnell-Wheatland and Brewster attending.

A Round Robin format was used for the evening. Each team was matched against every other team, thus having nine rounds of play with each team having one bye round.

There were three levels of competition: sixth grade, seventh grade and eighth grade. Triplains did not seat a sixth grade team, so there were two sixth grade teams from Golden Plains. With 12 rooms, each level was able to play simultaneously.

Golden Plains Middle School scholar bowl Coach Rush Aumiller coordinated the event and said, "This would not be possible if it weren't for the many volunteers - middle school students, high school students and adults - that help run this academic event. A big thanks to all that helped."

Plaques were given to the first place teams from each level. In the sixth-grade division, there was a three-way tie for second place among Greeley County, Brewster and Golden Plains (Black), all with 5-3 records. After tie-breakers, Greeley County placed fourth, Brewster third and Golden Plains (Black) second place. Winning the division was Grinnell-Wheatland with a 6-2 record.

Members of the Golden Plains (Black) team were Amanda Cheney, Nolan Ritter, Dylan Spresser, Haley Miller and A.J. Camacho. Competing for the Golden Plains (Red) team were Noel Ritter, Beth Luna, Paris Bailey, Jacob Ritter and KayCee Miller.

"It was exciting to compete in our first scholar's bowl," A.J. Camacho said. "We were happy to get second place. I look forward to our next competition."

"It was fun," Haley Miller added. "Some questions were easy and some questions were hard. I

would like to compete again."

In the seventh-grade division, there was a two-way tie for second place between Rawlins County and Golden Plains. Each had a 6-2 record. Rawlins County took home the second-place honors by defeating Golden Plains in their head-to-head round. Cheylin took home the first-place plaque by going undefeated - 8-0 - for the evening.

Team members for Golden Plains were Charlotte McCurdy, Clayton Bange, Kaylie Schaben, Devin Carter, Jennifer Esparza, Maggi Nieman, Sierra Finlay and Jeron Schutte.

In the eighth-grade division, once again, the competition was very close, ending the evening with a tie for the second place spot. Cheylin and Golden Plains both had 6-2 records. Golden Plains had defeated Cheylin by only 10 points in the first round of play, giving the Bulldogs second place. Rawlins County took home the first place plaque with an undefeated record of 8-0.

Team members for Golden Plains were Cole Bingham, Dawson Spresser, Morgan Ritter, Gabrielle Schiltz, Nick Brown and Arianna Camacho.

The next meet is Monday, when they travel to Rawlins County.

We love a Spook Parade



MORGAN WALZ Golden Plains

Miguel Garcia received a treat from Jaci Schaben in Selden during the annual Spook Parade on Halloween. The Spook Parade is one of the most highly anticipated events of the school at Golden Plains Elementary.

Corrections

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Math competition set

The 34th annual Kansas High School Math Relays at Fort Hays State University will be from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. next Thursday in the Memorial Union.

Students will compete against each other in a series of six tests: algebra, geometry, number sense, applications, trigonometry and calculations with calculators.

The Department of Mathematics and Computer Sciences predicts that 500 to 600 students from about 50 schools will compete.

"Individuals and teams will be given 20 minutes to complete each test," said Dr. Bill Weber, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science. "Students can get into teams of three to work

as a relay team. One student will start, then one-third of the way through the second student will take over, then the final student."

At the end, awards will be presented to the top three places in the individual and team categories for each grade level and in each subject. The top three schools overall will also get awards based on the total points they earn in their Kansas State High School Activities Association classification. Divisions are 1A; 2A to 3A; and 4A to 6A.

For information, contact Weber at (785) 628-5375.



American Legion Post 363 1850 W. 4th St.



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SATURDAY NIGHT IS PRIME RIB

EF Tour Meeting on Monday, November 12th, 2012

New Promotion: \$200 Discount off of the November Pricing!!

Hill City Family and Consumer Science teacher, Kim Trexler, will be taking a group of adults and students to Austria, Germany & Switzerland in May of 2014. The group will travel through EF (Education First) Educational Tours, which is the world's largest private educational organization with offices and schools in over 50 countries. If you sign up by the end of November, there will be a \$200 discount off of the cost of the trip!!

The twelve-day tour includes stops in Vienna, Salzburg, Munich, Neuschwanstein, Liechtenstein, Lucerne, Heidelberg, Rhineland, Cologne, and Bonn.

We will begin in Vienna where we will tour the Opera House, the Parliament, Schonbrunn Palace (where Marie Antoinette spent her childhood), and Rathaus (the building which serves as the seat both of the mayor and city council.)

In Salzburg we will tour the Old Town and Mozart's birthplace. A visit to the Olympic Stadium, Dachau (the first of the Nazi concentration camps opened in Germany), and the famous Hofbrauhaus (which was once the royal brewery for the Kingdom of Bavaria), will be the highlights in Munich. A favorite stop is sure to be the Neuschwanstein Castle. It is one of the most visited castles in Germany and one of the most popular tourist destinations in Europe. Its fairytale appearance inspired Walt Disney to create the Magic Kingdom.

The majestic Swiss Alps rise behind the shores of Lake Lucerne and provide the stunning backdrop to one of Switzerland's most picturesque cities. We will see the moving Lion Monument, a sandstone statue commemorating the Swiss guards slain in the 1792 Paris storming of the Tuileries. In Lucerne we can follow the cobbled streets past fairy-tale houses to the Chapel Bridge, which dates back to medieval days. An optional excursion is available to Mount Pilatus where we will be rewarded with spectacular panoramic views of Lucerne.

Finally, we will travel via the Rhine Falls and the Black Forest to Heidelberg where we will tour the Heidelberg Castle wine barrel. After a Rhine River cruise, a visit to the Cologne Cathedral, and a visit to Beethoven House in Bonn, we will depart for home.

Anyone who has an interest in going to Europe with this group should attend the first informational meeting at 5:30 on Monday, November 12th, at Pioneer Memorial Library. You may also contact Britney Johnson by calling 785-421-8466.

Sell it in the classifieds 462-3963