

Learning the ropes



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Mandy Edmundson, right, played with Eryn Freeman and Courtney Williams Wednesday during the Super Sitter baby-sitting course at the 4-H Building in Colby. Youth had the chance to learn to be safe, responsible sitters during the all day event.

Librarian reflects on recent Chautauqua event and more

It is so hard to believe that Chautauqua has been here and gone when we waited so long it seems for it to arrive and had so much fun while it was here.

Our thanks again to the Kansas Humanities Council for the great Chautauqua "Bleeding Kansas: Where the Civil War Began" production and all the scholars that brought this piece of history alive for us. Thanks also to the great local Chautauqua committee that put this thing together and brought it to Colby: Leilani Thomas, Sue Taylor, Judy Kleinsorge and all her great volunteers for the children's workshops, Mayor Hixson, Carolyn Armstrong, Jada Johnson, Ruth Clark, Sharee Fromholtz, all the sponsors who generously donated to this project and all the others who anticipated and planned and did so much work.

I was proud to have been a part of the Chautauqua committee and thank you all for the great time and memories.

Just because Chautauqua is over, it doesn't mean that Pioneer Memorial Library doesn't have some other great stuff for you to enjoy. Some of the new titles we have for check-out might be just what you are needing on these warm summer days.

Remember that the library is more than just books. We also offer books-on-tape and CD, videos and DVDs, magazines of every kind and so much more.

Be sure to stop by often and take advantage of the great selection of things we offer.

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day, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

One book that comes to mind that sort of carries on the Chautauqua programs we just enjoyed would be *Harriet Jacobs* by Jean Yellin which is a carefully researched biography of a woman who both lived and wrote about her life as a slave. Harriet was an oppressed slave who became a free woman after the Civil War and went on to become politically and socially active.

She ran a boarding house, traveled extensively and raised a family.

This is indeed a unique story of a feminist and abolitionist reformer. For all you Anne Tyler fans (*Breathing Lessons*, *The Accidental Tourist*, etc.), you'll be glad to know that her new novel called *The Amateur Marriage* has arrived. The attack on Pearl Harbor serves as the catalyst for this one.

It propels Pauline, bleeding from a minor wound sustained in the fervor of a spontaneous patriotic parade, into the humble family grocery store run by handsome and reserved Michael and his embittered widow mother.

Against all good advice and common sense, Pauline and Michael have a whirlwind courtship, marry, move into the already cramped apartment above the store—with his mother no less!—and rapidly produce three children.

As in most of Tyler's novels, they all begin to make each other miserable.

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Monitored security company moves

LAWRENCE (AP)—Protection One, the monitored security company once owned by Westar Energy Inc., is moving its headquarters to Lawrence from Topeka.

In February, Westar completed the sale of its stake in the company to two New York investment funds, Quadrangle Capital Partners LP and Quadrangle Master Funding. The sale was part of Westar's effort to restructure its business into a pure utility and reduce the company's debt.

Protection One's offices were located within Westar's headquarters. Topeka offered financial incentives for the company to stay, but president and chief executive Rich-

ard Ginsburg said the company could not find something that met its needs. The company will maintain a branch office in Topeka.

The company is leasing 15,000 square feet in what used to be the Tanger Factory Outlet Mall, now the I-70 Business Center, on the edge of downtown Lawrence. The move is expected to be completed by late November or early December.

Sixty-five jobs will move to Lawrence, with another 15 employees expected to be added in the next several years.

Much of the top management, including finance, human resources and marketing staffs, will be based

in Lawrence, said company spokeswoman Robin Jacobson Lampe.

"We think this is a jewel that we're adding to the city's portfolio," said Lynn Parman, vice president of economic development for the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce.

"It will be a hallmark or a stepping stone for the community. We now have a publicly traded company in our community. We think that is a fact we can really build on and use to attract other corporate headquarters."

Protection One, with 1.1 million customers nationwide, has 2,300 employees, including about 600 in Kansas.

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