

Summer children's programs offer fun and opportunity to read

The theme this summer for children's programming is "Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales."

So far this week we have seen Pinkerton the Dog, Capone from the K-9 unit of the Colby Law Enforcement agency, William Wegman's Weimaraners, and Lad the Dog. The "paws" part of the programming this summer has already been well represented; now for the "Claws, Scales, and Tales."

Themes are always fun because of the ability to focus on a certain, well — theme. Since there are over 40,000 items available for check-



Jeff Friesen
● Library director

out in the library, a theme can really narrow down the selection process.

So what books fit well within the theme of "Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales?" Here are a few that you can read to, or along with, your student. As a bonus, I threw in a book that

fits in with the "Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales" theme for adults.

How about something gripping to start off with? The name Peter Benchley will indelibly go down in history along with sharks.

Although Colby is about as far from the sea as it gets, we all can remember that gut wrenching feeling of watching the movie Jaws for the first time. (directed by Peter Benchley) Ironically, while his movie Jaws instilled fear, his latest book attempts to allay our fears of sharks. The book "Shark Life" is a collection of true stories about

sharks and the sea. Chances are, your middle school student will find this book enthralling.

The children's section of the library has lots of books on furry critters with paws, claws, and tales. (furry and scales would seem to be mutually exclusive) Take for example the book "Groundhog Gets a Say" as told to Pamela Curtis Swallow, by a groundhog.

Did you know that when groundhogs hibernate, they only breathe once every six minutes and their heartbeat slows to one beat every 4-5 minutes? If not, then maybe you

should listen (or read) about what groundhog has to say on his own life in his own terms in the book "Groundhog Gets a Say."

For something less furry and more scaly, try "I Wanna Iguana" by Karen Kaufman Orloff. Alex wants an iguana but his concerned mother is very reserved about the idea. A series of letters written between mother and son parodies the dialogue so many families work through before committing to a pet. In this story, Alex (the son) makes the case to his mother for why he should be allowed to have an iguana as a pet. The mother, in each of her letters, asks probing questions about the iguana to prepare Alex for

all the challenges that will go along with owning an iguana. If you have a child that wants a pet, this book would serve as an excellent conversation piece.

Adults, try "Marley & Me" by John Grogan. I've reviewed it once already in Library Link but this book is definitely worth another look. If you are a dog lover and you can relate to this story, my sincerest condolences. The author's perspective makes this story of an uncontrollable Labrador Retriever named Marley touching, funny, sad, and nostalgic all wrapped in one.

For information, call 460-4470 or stop by the library at 375 W. Fourth St.

Dear Abby — by Abigail Van Buren Unprofessional nurse could ruin a marriage

DEAR ABBY: Today I witnessed what may be the end of a marriage, and it was because of a professional health care worker's unwise remark.

My wife was having a colonoscopy, and there was one large recovery room where patients coming out of anesthesia were grouped. (There were curtains separating the patients.) While I was waiting for my wife to awaken, I overheard a nurse talking to the wife of the patient next to us. She said, "You know, you can find out anything from them when they're coming out of anesthesia. They are completely incapable of lying." She said it in a lighthearted way — sort of giggling. A few minutes later, I heard the wife ask in a hushed voice, "Bart, have you ever cheated on me?"

"Yes," he moaned, "with Mary Helen." I heard the wife choke back a sob and she ran from the room. It was another 45 minutes before my wife was ready to leave, and the

woman did not return during that time. Abby, should I let the doctor know about his nurse's unwise comment?

— MIKE IN TUCSON, ARIZ.
DEAR MIKE: ABSOLUTELY! People have been known to babble all sorts of nonsense when coming out of anesthesia. Of course, a wife who would have to stoop to such behavior already has her suspicions, or she would not feel the need to ask. But you have described a man who was not only not responsible for what came out of his mouth, but also probably has no memory of it thanks to the new, improved anesthetics being used today. The doctor needs to counsel his nurse for her poor judgment.

DEAR ABBY: I have a huge problem. I met my husband when I was 13. We married at 21. From day one, he knew I did not ever want kids. He figured I would change my mind,

and one day I would have one. Well, I'm 25 now, and I still don't want kids. I will not change my mind.

He has now given me an ultimatum. Either I get pregnant within two years or he wants a divorce. I love my husband, and I'd do anything for him — but I do not want kids! Should we just divorce now and get it over with, or should I stick it out?

— DON'T CALL ME
DEAR DON'T CALL: You might

as well separate now, because if your husband wants children, he has the right to have them.

He just picked the wrong girl to marry.

Your letter is a perfect example of why premarital counseling is so important for couples before they marry — to make certain both parties are "on the same page" about what they expect from marriage and each other.

Seamless Rain Gutter

Siding, Soffit, Fascia
FREE estimates
22 colors available

Installed by Ron Lucke
719-346-8840
cell 719-349-8840 Burlington CO

COLBY'S FULL SERVICE FILLING STATION

HARVEST IS JUST A FEW WEEKS AWAY

LET THE HI-PLAINS COOP SERVICE YOUR HARVEST TRUCKS!!!

CHANGE THE OIL CHECK THE BRAKES
CHECK THE BATTERY CHECK THE TIRES

FULL SERVICE FUEL FOR SELF SERVICE PRICE ON THURSDAYS!

407 Nashville • Colby • 785-462-8671

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

To have your ad placed in the Business Directory call Crystal, Jasmine or John Altman today at 462-3963.

Get On-Line for Value!

nwkansas.com

Call 462-3963 or stop by
155 W. 5th St., Colby

JOHN'S WELDING

- Welding & Repair
- Field Service
- Miscellaneous Repairs

Brewster, KS
785-694-3553
leave message

A financial services organization like no other.

James (Jim) Jordan
Regional Support Associate
Member-Million Dollar Round Table
Member-NAIFA
Member-NAFIC
800-756-2139

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
Registered Representative for securities offered through Thrivent Investment Management, Inc., 625 Fourth Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55415-1665, 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836), a wholly owned subsidiary of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Member NASD. Member SIPC. 20328PB R9-05 2200402670 ©2006 Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Thomas County Insurance
has been serving
NW Kansas for 100 years.

Stop in and experience the friendly service and excellent insurance products we have to offer.

490 N. Franklin • 462-3939

THOMAS
INSURANCE AGENCY

Jim McLaughlin/Agent

JEFF HARLOW

Hours:
M-F: 8-5:30;
Sat: 8-4:30

Phone: 785-460-0828
Fax: 785-460-0829
Cell: 785-443-1082

930 S. Range
Colby, Kansas 67701

COMPLETE AUTO DETAILING

Available M-F 8-6; Sat. by appointment

Taylor Motors

1000 Taylor Ave. • Colby, KS 67701
785-460-3317; 800-834-2338; www.taylor-motors.com

FAMILY DENTAL CARE

The Latest Technology and Most Complete Care Available!

- Root Canals • Orthodontics
- Implants • Wisdom Tooth Surgery

*New Patients Welcome
No Referral Necessary ~ Financing Avail.*

1690 W. 4th St., Colby ~ 785-460-3999
Toll Free: 1-866-305-3999

SHAWN D. JENSEN, D.D.S.

Advanced Technology Auto Glass

"The Difference is Clear"

Rory Henry • 785-460-7773

ROOFMASTERS

Your Local Roofing Contractor

425 East Hill, Colby, KS
Licensed - Bonded - Insured

RESIDENTIAL	1-800-536-6642	COMMERCIAL
Tamko Shingles	1-785-462-6642	Rubber Single Ply
GAF Shingles		White TPO Single Ply
Wood Shingles		Built Up Systems
Metal Roofs		Modified Systems

FREE ESTIMATES

Elastomeric Rubber Coating For Metal Roofs

WORLDWIDE • Vacation Packages • Cruises • Tours • Groups • Flights • Hotels • Trains • Cars

155 W. 4th, Colby, KS 67701
Phone: 785.462.6999
Fax: 785-460-0852
Toll Free: 1.888.690.7077

CALL IN OR FAX YOUR INTERNET QUOTES AND OTHER ADS!
WE CAN BOOK THEM FOR YOU WITH LOCAL, CARING SERVICE!!

VACATION SPECIALS		From	# Nights
LAS VEGAS	Air & Hotel	\$250	4
DISNEY WORLD	Park Passes, Air & Hotel	\$505	3
MEXICO	Air & Hotel	\$800	3
CARIBBEAN CRUISE	Cruise & Air	\$1,050	5
ALASKAN CRUISE	Cruise & Air	\$1,500	7
HAWAII	Air & Hotel	\$740	3
LONDON, ENGLAND	Air & Hotel	\$700	3
AMTRAK EXPLORE AMERICA		\$359	Max 45

Round Trip Travel
BOOK SUMMER VACATIONS NOW!
Call for Bus Tours Schedules.

All specials may be for specific dates and are subject to availability

G & S TREE WORKS LLC

1114 Main, Gem (785) 462-3501

Chuck Saddler Tracey Galli

• Tree Removal & Trimming • Full Insured • Careful & Prompt Service • Late Model Bucket Truck • Free Estimates!

Colby Sew & Vac

• Viking & Bernina Sewing Machines • Vacuums • Fabrics • Classes • Nature's Air - Air Purifiers

Sales & Service

Southwind Plaza
785-460-1900

Hours: 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

host
Dry Carpet Cleaning System

Murray Roofing & Construction

Residential & Commercial
(785) 462-6908

Residential roofs
Flat & Low-Sloped Roofs
Metal Retro-Fit
Energy Efficient Roofing Solutions

Vinyl & Steel Siding
Decks & Patios
Wood & Vinyl Fencing
Soffit & Fascia

FREE ESTIMATES

Jeff Dreiling - Sales
(785) 443-0819

FREE ESTIMATES

Jim Murray - Owner
(785) 443-1339

Now Scheduling Spring Cleaning!

Commercial • Residential
Serving NW Kansas & Eastern Colorado!

New System

Professional Window Cleaning

Chris & Beth Lewon • 650 N. Grant • Colby, KS

785-462-6995 ~ 800-611-6735

Call for your FREE estimate!
"We do windows!"

Bison

Rx compounding & Therapy

James E. Hampton, RPh, PCCA Member

416 State Street, Suite A
Atwood, Kansas 67730
(785) 626-3237
(800) 696-3214

Bison Rxcompounding@atwoodtv.net

Customized prescriptions for patients with unique medical situations requiring unique medical solutions.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

RENT IS BASED ON **YOUR** INCOME!

Meadowlark Manor	Southpark Apartments
600 S. Mission Ridge Ave. Elderly & Family Housing	700 S. Franklin Ave. Family Housing

Colby Housing Authority ☎ 785-460-6763