

Family

Sports figures speak to all

This week I will share about books we have on sports figures and coaches.

The first book is "A Game Plan For Life: The Power of Mentoring," by John Wooden and Don Yaeger. Wooden tells about seven people who mentored him in life; the first being his father. Others were coaches and even historical figures, such as Mother Teresa and Abraham Lincoln, which he read about. He then goes on to discuss the seven people in his life that he has mentored. One larger-than-life name is Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Wooden describes his home, school environment and his growing years. He also talks about how he coached University of California Los Angeles' team while they had ten winning seasons. The whole premise of his book can be encapsulated by saying that we all need to constantly be mentored, as well as mentoring others.

I think that Wooden believes that we actually do mentor without noticing. So many things in life are caught and not taught, that we can either strive for a life that helps others develop positively, or live a life of sloth and allow others to be affected or even pick up that habit. The choice is always ours. He advocates we take the high road and choose positive, strong, right choices in life to help mentor and be mentored by.

A second book is "The Talent and Secret Life of Teams," by Terri Pettit. Pettit is married to a local girl raised in Colby. When I was reading this book, I found some good leadership principles hidden away in each chapter. Pettit coached in several schools and areas until he came to coach volleyball in Nebraska. He too was an award-winning coach with a number of winning teams. He and his wife, Ann, live in Colorado, while Margaret Denneler, Ann's mom, still lives in Colby.

A third book from a nearby area is "Our Boys: A Perfect Season on the Plains with the Smith Center Redmen," by Joe Drape.



Melany Wilks

Library Links

While I have sat through several different types of competitions between Colby and Smith Center, it is still wonderful to have a book that details the lives of those in a nearby area. To learn their victories and struggles in life, not just in the game. The author, who is not from Smith Center, traveled there to research the background of this award-winning team. He finds and shares with his readers the individual stories of team members, coach, as well as the assistant coaches' son's struggle to achieve a record like his father. Once again, thoughtful lessons and leadership principles can be gleaned from this book and there are some really enjoyable moments as well.

Other new books on sports figures' achievement and life stories are: "Uncommon: Finding Your Path to Significance," by Tony Dungy and Nathan Whitaker. In brief, Coach Cal Stoll challenges Tony Dungy to be more than an average player and person. Another book is "Satchel: Life and Times of an American Legend," by Larry Tye. Here Tye discusses Satchel Paige's story while pitching for the Negro League. This story is brought about by Tye interviewing many of the players in the Leagues. A third book is "Shooting Stars," by LeBron James and Buzz Bissinger. Here a bunch of rough and tumble kids meet in Akron, Ohio, through basketball. This team never disbands. They set their sites on the national championship in Memphis, Tennessee. A fourth book is "On the Line," by Serena Williams and Daniel Paisner. Serena grew up in Compton, Calif., where she learned to play tennis with her

father. The courts and parks were littered with trash and drug paraphernalia. This did not dampen her spirits, nor did the oversized racquet she was playing with. It only made her work harder.

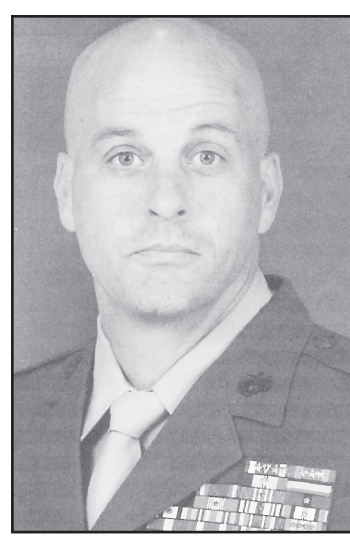
Booked for Lunch will be held at noon Wednesday at the Pioneer Memorial Library. Judy Kleinsorge will be discussing books on the Great Depression. One such book reviewed will be "Rose's Journal: The Story of a Girl in the Great Depression," by Marissa Moss. Judy tells me she will also have a special guest with her to help her share. Lunch is free, but donations are taken.

Alvin Volk will once again give free tax help to those who are "low-and middle-income with special attention to those age 60 and older," at the Pioneer Memorial Library. Beginning next Thursday, and each Thursday thereafter until April 15, he will be available from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. to serve those needing help. No reservations are necessary. Appointments are on a first come first serve basis. Visit our website for a list of what to bring or come and see the poster in the library. See you in the library!

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Sgt. Maj. Eric Rummel

Oakley native earns Corps' highest rank

The son of a Colby couple, Wes and Izetta Rummel, has been promoted to sergeant major.

Sgt. Maj. Eric Rummel, currently serving in Afghanistan, was born in Oakley and enlisted in the Marines in 1989. He has worked his way up the ranks, attaining the highest noncommissioned rank in the service in December.

His personal awards include

the Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal with combat distinguishing device and three Gold Stars, the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal with three Gold Stars and the Combat Action Ribbon with Gold Star.

Before deploying to Afghanistan, he was based at the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines in 29 Palms, Calif. His wife Linda lives there. They have three children, Blake, 13; Colin, 10; and Jaylynn, 11.

\$500 tip leads to millions in fake bills

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Malaysian police have arrested a Lebanese man allegedly carrying fake currency with a face value of \$66 million after he tipped a hotel staff with a \$500 note, an official said Friday.

The largest U.S. note currently in wide circulation is a \$100 bill. But police found bundles of \$1 million, \$100,000 and \$500 bills in the man's hotel room in Kuala Lumpur on Sunday, said Izany Abdul Ghany, head of the city's commercial crime unit.

Hotel staff alerted police after a housekeeper received a \$500 bill tip and found out it was fake when she tried to convert it to local currency at a money changer, Izany said.

The man could be charged for possessing counterfeit money and, if found guilty, face up to 10 years in jail, he said.

The largest U.S. bill ever printed was a special edition for \$100,000 in 1934. Bills of \$500 were last printed in 1945 and are now no longer in wide circulation, according to the U.S. Treasury Department.

This is not the first time the man has been in trouble with the law in Malaysia, Izany said. A Malaysian court charged him last week with cheating over the sale of office supplies in 2005 in a separate case. Cheating, or fraud, carries a maximum penalty of five years.

Meadow Lake Bridge Club

Tuesday bridge winners at Meadow Lake were first, Elaine Ptacek; second, Margaret Dennel-

er; third, Ken Ptacek; fourth, Jean Snyder; fifth, Larry Barrett; sixth, Joy Davis; seventh, Lyle Worthy; eighth, Sarah Jane Barrett; ninth, Dave Ulmer.

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