

Family

Books focus on kids, games

Today is the beginning of school for most who are under college age. This means we all go back to planning our lives around school assignments, school activities, clubs, sports etc.

At the Pioneer Memorial Library it means that *Booked for Lunch* is at noon next Wednesday. Nancy Saddler will be reviewing the book, "Are We Winning?" It also means that after Labor Day, Sept. 6, the library begins its winter hours and the basement will be open for youth to enjoy between 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Story Time for preschool and toddlers also begins Sept. 14 and 15.

Today I want to discuss three books parents and children might enjoy together, and one describing the life of a family dealing with autism.

The first is "Handy Dad," by Todd Davis. This book has 25 projects for dads and kids, divided into three categories. There is also a section on knot tying as well as resources and an index.

"Easy Projects" include making a lava lamp, water-pressurized rocket, paper airplane: the bomb-proof bomber; and slip-and-slide.

"Afternoon Projects" include tie-dye, rope swing, lion-manetire swing, slingshot, water-balloon launcher, bird feeder, sand candles, "angel's wings" and a climbing wall.

The longer "Weekend Projects"



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include skate longboard, dollhouse, treasure chest, bike jump, tree house, "stunt dummy/abominable snowman," light box, half-pipe, rope bridge, circus tent, and go-cart. Pictures and drawings are included in this book. I think the treasure chest would be a great addition to the library as a "lost and found" chest!

The second how-to book is "Digital Photo Madness: 50 Weird and Wacky Things to Do with Your Digital Camera," by Thom Gaines. It is an eight-chapter book with photos to illustrate the techniques.

The first chapter discusses the basics of digital cameras. Chapter Two covers "Camera Tricks." Two chapters explain color, light and composition, followed by two chapters on landscapes and closeness, along with subjects such as dogs, fireworks and more. The last two chapters are ones kids will love: "Phunky Fotos," and "Altered Reality," showing how to alter pictures by computer. It will help youth and adults get good at photo editing.

The third book is an instruction

manual, "Chess for Beginners," written by three-time U.S. Open champion of chess I.A. Horowitz. He states in his preface that over a 25-year period he has noticed "The average players ... lack driving force; they haven't learned to hit hard when tactical possibilities give them their big chance to decide the game or achieve a sizable advantage." He has used considerable energy to communicate this in his book.

He also explains basic rules, how various chessmen move and are seen in action. He discusses different types of checks or checkmates and explains draws in games. Horowitz covers "Spotting Combinations and Sacrifices," "Traps In The Opening," and the "Fundamental EndGame Positions." Each chapter has illustrations. The last chapter talks about the etiquette of chess. There is also a list of other books on chess.

The fourth book is a story by Karl Taro Greenfeld, a well-known journalist. He has written such books such as "Speed Tribes," "Standard Deviations," and "China Syndrome."

His most recent book is a graphic description of growing up in a family with a child that is autistic. Greenfeld discusses both the love and pain he experienced growing up with an autistic brother. He pulls very few punches when it comes to describing his own and his brother's behavior and his par-

ents' struggle cope with an environment that is extremely stressful both at home and with the medical establishment.

The story does get better. Greenfeld begins to interact with his brother and then to attend conferences. He finds that the majority of the work being done is for children and teens. At one conference he found that "amid 458 papers and presentations and three dozen talks given by the elite academics and specialists covering autism, only two dealt with the low-functioning adults..." and those that did, had very small studies that would not be considered statistically relevant (p. 344). He says only 10 percent of severely autistic children will be able to become moderately able to function in society.

He tells how his parents, wife and children encouraged him while writing this. His father's private journals and input helped to change the original course of the book from facts about autism to the real life their family lives with his brother Noah.

We are still on summer hours for the library until after Labor Day. Our hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 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 at the library!

Deaths

John H. Ostmeyer

John H. Ostmeyer, 87, Colby, died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He was born March 16, 1923, in Gove County, to George and Christina (Fromme) Ostmeyer.

Survivors include his wife, Fritz Ostmeyer, Colby; two sons, Mark G. Ostmeyer, Colby; and John C. Ostmeyer, Overland Park; two daughters, Cathy A. Van Doren, Hays; and Diane J. Ostmeyer, Englewood; a sister, Mercedes Webster, Tulsa, Okla.; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, 2010, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, with burial in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Grinnell.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel.

Rosary and vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel.

The family suggests memorials to the church, in care of the funeral chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Workshops to present rural development ideas

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development will hold several Community Facilities Program workshops at regional locations across Kansas in September.

Participants can expect to learn how the department can finance projects of public benefit in rural communities, such as daycare centers, hospital improvements, elder care facilities, school cafeteria improvements, fire and rescue protection and city hall improvements.

Local units of government and

citizens interested in improving the quality of life in their community should plan to attend one of these workshops.

The nearest workshop will be from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Sept. 15, at the Hays Natural Resources Conservation Service Area Office, 3012 Broadway. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. For information contact David Barber at (785) 628-3081.

For information about Rural Development and its programs, log onto the Agency's website at www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks.

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Colby Rotary Club

Dr. Luke Tubbs was inducted into the Colby Rotary Club on Tuesday when thirty one members and guests, Sue Evans, Dalton, Eric and Henry Schuette and Clarissa Unger met on Tuesday.

Evans shared information about the activities and projects of the Thomas County Coalition; a group of concerned people from various agencies in the community whose common goal is to prevent and reduce alcohol and substance abuse of youth in lieu of healthier lifestyle opportunities.

Jim Stanley was the Roto-Lotto winner. The Colby Rotary club meets

each Tuesday noon in room 106 at the student union on the college campus.

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Teachers, students offered ag awards

The Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom is offering opportunities for both teachers and students.

The group will give the Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year award, which recognizes a teacher for efforts to incorporate agriculture into the classroom. Any Kansas teacher integrating agricultural concepts into the classroom may apply.

The recipient will be recognized in March during the Ag Day festivities at the state Capitol in Topeka and may choose between an all-expense-paid trip to the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., June 22-25, or a \$250 gift certificate for agricultural education supplies.

Applications, available at www.ksagclassroom.org, must be postmarked by Dec. 3.

Students are encouraged to enter the 2010 Post Card Art Contest. The theme is "Celebrate Kansas: 150 of Agriculture," and its focus is agriculture's influence on Kansas history.

One winner from each grade, kindergarten through sixth, and one grand prize winner will be selected. Each winner will receive a U.S. Savings Bond. Each winner, teacher and parent or guardian will also be invited to the awards program in Topeka.

Entry forms and information are available at the website. Entries must be postmarked by Jan. 31.

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