

Documentary follows winning coach, kids

The documentary “The Street Stops Here” will be shown at 7 p.m. Monday in the Colby Community College Cultural Arts Center.

The film documents the career of Bob Hurley Sr., one of the most successful high school basketball coaches in America. Hurley has more than 1,000 victories and 267 state championships. He has sent all but two of his players on to college during his 39 years of coaching. One hundred of those students played for Division I schools.

Hurley is the coach at St. Anthony’s of Jersey City, N.J., one of the poorest schools in the city, where the basketball players all come from the street. The young men are lured by gangs and crime and challenged by difficult home lives and poor socioeconomic status.

“The school doesn’t have a gym for practice or a weight room for conditioning,” said Colby instructor Ryan Hale. “All the students have is their

devoted coach and the talent to play ball.”

“The Street Stops Here” follows Hurley’s team as the senior class prepares for the 2007-08 state championship. None of the seniors on this team have won a championship – something that a Bob Hurley team has never failed to do.

The documentary features Coach Mike Krzyzewski of Duke and Roy Williams of North Carolina. It was chosen for screening at the 2010 Chicago Film Festival.

In his 39 years of coaching, Hurley has lost only 110 times, has three National Collegiate Athletic Association All-Americans, 68 consecutive wins and five first-round National Basketball Association draft picks. His coaching salary is \$6,500 per year.

The public is encouraged to attend. There is no charge.

For information, contact Hale at (970) 215-4030 or 460-5544.

Positive approach to mark aging meeting

Aging brings changes in life and lifestyle, as well as new challenges and opportunities.

Making the most of changes and meeting the challenges, while taking advantage of opportunities will be the focus of the 2013 edition of northwest Kansas’ spring conference on aging: “Full Circle: The Best is Yet to Be,” from 9:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, at the Gateway Fellowship Church Impact Center, Sunshine Avenue and E. Second in Oakley.

Karen Ridder, Topeka, of the Kansas Humanities Council, will be the keynote speaker.

Her topic will be “Bucket Lists and Looking Back” as she encourages attendees to reflect on accomplishments and consider what they might like to do.

Deb Sellers will offer tips for adapting to challenges associated with aging, and encourage attendees to examine their beliefs about aging and consider aging as another stage in life’s journey.

Sellers, is K-State Research and Extension’s state specialist on adult development and aging, based on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan.

Attendees may attend three of six break-out sessions.

- Falling Less in Kansas: Reducing Risks. Teresa Radebaugh, Carl and Rozina Cassat professor in aging, and director, Regional Institute on Aging, Wichita State University. Radebaugh, acknowledges that falls can be devastating for older adults and may result in life-changing injuries and offers ideas on reducing risks.

- The Who, When, Where, What and How of Guardianship vs. Conservatorship. Randy Clinkscales, attorney with Clinkscales Elder Law Practice, Hays, will explain the differences and help attendees consider current needs while plan-

ning for future needs.

- Behind Closed Doors: Intimacy and Aging. Gayle Doll, director of the Center on Aging in the College of Human Ecology at K-State. Doll will address preconceived notions about sexuality and aging, and growing older without repressing sexuality.

- Legal Issues and Farm Succession. Michael Irvins, Kansas Farm Bureau. Irvin, who grew up on a farm in Goodland, is an attorney and knowledgeable about issues that many families face.

- Getting Financially Prepared: Avoid Disaster. Jamie Rathbun, family and consumer sciences agent in Ellsworth County. Rathbun gives tips for ensuring that records and essential documents are up to date, stored safely, and accessible in the event of a disaster.

- Mental Health Crisis Intervention-Mental Health First Aid. Ken Loos, High Plains Mental Health Agency, Hays. Loos will offer tips for framing effective communications during a health crisis.

Cost is \$25 per person or \$40 for two family members by Friday, April 19, and includes conference materials and a noon meal.

Registration at the door is \$35 per person; lunch and conference materials not be guaranteed for registrations at the door.

To register or for information, go to www.northwest.ksu.edu or call Diann Gerstner, K-State Research and Extension family and consumer sciences agent in Thomas County, at 460-4582.

The conference is sponsored by the K-State Research and Extension Northwest Area Office; Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging; Fort Hays State University Department of Health and Human Performance; Kansas Humanities Council and Logan County Health Department.

Kids’ books help on snowy, rainy day

Spring is almost here. I received an e-mail from a friend with a picture of their area with snow. She labeled it Springer.

I think that is about right with the current affairs for our weather, too. I am loving the glorious days of warm sun, yet still hoping for rain or snow to water our land.

So – if you are a parent and all of a sudden find yourself looking at an up-and-coming snow or rain event, plan to come to the library and check out a lot of books for your children to keep them busy. We are adding a number of them.

And in honor of this thought, let me tell you about the first book I want to discuss. I was inspired by one of our library staff who was preparing the item. Since she has little ones, she often breezes through these items to see what is good.

She was really excited about the book “The Day Dirk Yeller Came to Town,” by Mary Casanova. Aard Hoyt marvelously illustrates how Dirk Yeller is looking for the solution to his itching and twitching. Sam, the young boy who is called a “world-o`trouble,” makes a deal with Dirk that if he helps him stop itching, twitching, jumpin’ and rattlin’ then Dirk has to leave town. Dirk snorts in acknowledgement.

How was Sam planning to solve Dirk’s problem? Well of course, he took him to the place that has lots of answers and solutions to problems. He took him to the library and helped him read. When it was time for closing, Miss Jenny helped Dirk check out his books. Dirk rode off with a saddlebag of books and declared he’d be back to get more books – and of course to visit Miss Jenny as well.

Another cute but very creatively illustrated and written book is “All The Water In the World,” by George Ella Lyon and Katherine Tillotson. This discusses how we get our water, its cycle from the clouds to rain, watering the earth and filling our oceans. It then shows us its upward motion. It also discusses things like the sound of rain, the way we see water flow in the earth and how we use it. I think this is a great book for curious children who ask lots of questions.

We have also received a Disney Pixar book called “Meet the Cars,” by Disney and Pixar. This is filled with different types of cars; especially those from the Cars movie, but they actually have pictures with titles of cars and the description of each car. One such is Brush Curber, which is a Sherpa Motors Iota GT.

Burglar repays 1988 robbery take

HASTINGS, Mich. (AP) – A burglar expressing guilt about stealing \$800 from a western Michigan store three decades ago has repaid the money, plus some interest.

The anonymous thief sent a note and \$1,200 in \$100 bills to the Barry County sheriff’s department in Hastings, and they arrived Monday, WOOD-TV reported (bit.ly/WzFNjS).



Melany Wilks

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They also include foreign vehicles as well. The Okuni, also known as the 2009 Microlux 4000 from Japan, and the Sgt. Highgear is actually a 1962 Land Rover Series IIA with a black plumed English military hat. Tractors and other equipment are also included. I think for boys who are into cars and moving vehicles, you will be reading and reviewing this 141 page book for a little while. The colors and glossy-looking vehicles will keep children’s attention.

There are three books that we are adding to the juvenile, junior easy-reading books area. They are found in the children’s room as well, but are written in a graphic novel format. They have lots of colors and pictures in a comic-book type reading style. The words are more advanced so they are not for the beginning readers. They are for children in transition that are comfortable with harder words and are still wanting to read from the children’s area and not the junior fiction chapter books, or for the adult to read to the child.

Two of the books are written by Jonny Duddle, “The Pirate Cruncher” and “The Pirate Next Door.” They both use deep colors to illustrate their stories. Each of these books has a fold-out center.

The third graphic novel is “The Three Little Aliens and the Big Bad Robot.” This is book discusses the universe and space. It uses weird names for the characters, and words that would be a problem for the new reader. This book is for a parent to read or an older reader who loves to read fun stuff. It will give a parent an opportunity to talk about the universe and space with their child, however. It will also allow the reader who wants to be creative with making up words and sounds a fun time.

Other items being added in this genre are: “Detective Little Boy Blue,” by Steve Metzger; “Princess Matilda,” by Eva Montanari; “I’ve Seen Santa,” by David Bedford; and “Steps and Stones: An Anh’s Anger Story,” by Gail Silver.

Our normal winter hours are now 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

See you in the library!

Deaths

Clarence P. Rudell

Clarence P. Rudell, 86, Oakley, brother of Joseph Rudell of Colby, died Monday, March 18, 2013, at his home.

He was born Sept. 13, 1926, in Wallace, the son of Matthew and Mary (Pheifer) Rudell. He grew up in the Wallace and Russell Springs area and Levant.

After serving in the Navy during World War II, he moved to Oakley. He was a co-owner of R-U Ready Mix and Oakley Excavating until his retirement in 1990.

On Aug. 17, 1947, he married Edna Elizabeth Uhrich. She preceded him in death on May 8, 1998.

On June 18, 1999, he married Ellen Lou Jennings.

A member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church of Oakley and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, he served on the Oakley City Council and on the board for Kansas

Ready Mix Association. He enjoyed collecting coins and old cars, trap shooting, playing cards and going on gambling trips.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his first wife, Edna Rudell; three sisters, Jilianna Bruggeman, Waunita Quenzer and Ermalina Vernon; and a brother, John Rudell.

Survivors include his wife, Ellen Lou Rudell, of the home; two stepsons, Dallas Harman, Salina, and Dustin Harman, Hays; another brother, Francis “Sonny” Rudell, Campus; a sister, Henrietta Homm, Garden City; and seven step-grandchildren.

A graveside memorial service and inurnment will be held later at the Oakley Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice Services Inc., in care of Garnard Funeral Home, 405 W. Grant Ave., Ulysses, Kan., 67880.

Harvey M. Samuelson

Harvey M. Samuelson, 85, Quinter, formerly of Oakley, died Tuesday, March 19, 2013, at Hays Medical Center.

He was born April 16, 1927, to Antone and Anna (Peterson) Samuelson in rural Logan County near Pine City.

In May 1949, he married Freda Wright.

Preceding him in death were his wife; his parents; a daughter, Christin Molstad; and four brothers.

Survivors include a son, Scott Samuelson, Quinter; a son in-

law, David (Susan) Molstad, Ellis; a brother, John R. Samuelson; a sister in-law, Pearl Samuelson; a brother in-law, Bud (Alberta) Wright; and six grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 23, 2013, at the Buffalo Bill Cultural Center in Oakley.

The family suggests memorials to the Oakley or Quinter Senior Citizens Center in care of Baalmann Mortuary, Box 204, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Online condolences may be left at www.baalmannmortuary.com.

Daughters of Isabella

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Circle of the Daughters of Isabella met March 7, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Regent Charlene Barnett called the meeting to order and read a prayer for deceased members Jean Mallory and Dorothy Stephens, followed by the opening ode and pledge to the flag.

Barnett performed a conferral ceremony for new member Denise Garcia.

Chancellor Joan Ziegler read a message about forgiveness from the spiritual reflection guide.

Barnett read a letter from the state regent about the state conference to be in Russell Friday and Saturday, April 19 and 20.

Ziegler reported she had been helping her neighbor, Linda Petty, who recently died. Nancy Barlow and Laura Krejci visited Lucy Curtin’s home. Margaret Denneler

visited Natalie Urbom at the hospital in Oakley. Donna Juenemann took a candle to the Rodenbeck family.

Theresa Baker read a letter to the editor written by Gene Schoenberger.

The group was in charge of the soup supper Friday. Queen Mary circle bought the broccoli cheese soup, and Daughters of Isabella took care of the vegetable and potato soups.

Fawna McFee made a motion for the circle to buy two sheets of raffle tickets for items offered at the state conference. The group will assemble a basket to take to the conference, plus \$25 cash. Members planning to attend must fill out registration forms. Four members plan to attend.

Nancy Barlow served drinks and Irish cake for dessert.

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Thank You

I want to thank all of my friends and relatives who came to my 80th birthday party on Friday to help me celebrate. Also, thanks for all the gifts and cards.

A special thanks to our daughter Linda, our son Allen and his wife Debbie for organizing the event, and to those who helped prepare for it; granddaughter Holly Lynn and children; our grandson Matthew Schrock and wife Shona and children, and Rusty Depe.

I would also like to thank the many dancing girls who performed line dances for us and the great-grandchildren who also dances: Brayclen, Clayton, Brielle, Trevor and Gavin. This will always be one of my special memories.

Jim Brown

Chamber offers customer service workshop

The Colby-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce and Thomas County Economic Development Alliance will offer a free customer service workshop from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Thomas County Office Complex meeting room in Colby.

Megan Horinek, a business consultant with the Fort Hays State University Kansas Small Business Development Center, will present ways for businesses to improve their customer service.

Topics will include little things that make a big difference; what customers want; why customers leave; whether good customer service is good enough; and how customer service impacts a business’ bottom line.

Participants must register by Friday by calling Holly Whitaker at 460-3401 or Christy Rocca at 460-4511.

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