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Farmers and Merchants Bank tellers Marla Wozniak and Katie Wahlmeier looked at an exhibit of historic American currency Thursday. The exhibit, on loan from the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, will be on display at the bank during business hours until April 21.

Learn about the oceans of Kansas



Jeff Friesen

• Library Link

Author Michael Everhart will kick off National Library Week with the first of five book reviews Monday, April 3.

Michael is considered an expert in the Late Cretaceous of western Kansas. He will be here over the noon hour April 3 to review his latest book "Oceans of Kansas: A Natural History of the Western Interior Sea."

You can find a huge amount of information on paleontology as well as on Michael Everhart and his books at the Web site <http://www.oceansofkansas.com/>.

At one time millions of years ago Kansas was underwater. That idea may be hard to wrap your mind around considering the chronic lack of rain in western Kansas, but nevertheless — the evidence is preserved in the soil. In this book, Michael recreates Kansas as it was millions of years ago. Prehistoric animals including plosaurs, mosasaurs, squids, ginsu sharks, swimming birds, tylosaruses, etc. are all brought to life through the writing and pictures in Everhart's book "Oceans of Kansas."

The modern day story of these prehistoric animals however, did not start until the 1860s when the first discovery was made in the Smoky Hill Chalk. This discovery led to a rivalry between two of the most well-known bone hunters, E.D. Cope and O.C. Marsh.

Since that time, thousands of fossils have been collected and placed in museums around the world.

Michael Everhart has been collecting fossils in western Kansas for over 35 years. He has been adjunct curator at the Sternberg Museum in Hays since 1998. Michael has written a number of books, but his latest book Oceans of Kansas has generated the most "buzz."

In fact, the topic produced enough interest that Indiana University Press was willing to give him a contract to write the book. That is certainly a credit to the content of the book and the credentials of Michael Everhart.

We hope you will join us Monday, April 3 for this unique opportunity to listen to Michael Everhart, an expert in the scientific community, take us from the Late Cretaceous Period to 2006.

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Cruise ship fire kills passenger

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica (AP) — A fire apparently started by a cigarette broke out aboard a giant cruise ship early Thursday as it sailed through the moonlit Caribbean, leaving one passenger dead, 11 people injured and at least 100 rooms scorched.

The Star Princess, carrying 2,690

passengers and 1,123 crew members, bore evidence of the nighttime drama as it pulled into Montego Bay's port. About 85 exterior cabins were blackened from the fire, a stark contrast to the otherwise gleaming white exterior of the ship. Metal was twisted, evidence of the heat of the blaze.

"We consider ourselves very lucky," Klemens Fass, of Toronto, Canada, told The Associated Press after he and his wife were evacuated with other some passengers. "When we got out of our stateroom ... there was someone lying in the hallway passed out. He was being attended to but it was very, very scary."

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