

Library to host trivia night

Question: Give the number of Senators and Representatives elected to the state legislature? (answer at the end)
If you can answer this question correctly then you are a great candidate for Trivia Night at Pioneer Memorial Library on Election Day. Come alone or as a team to participate in a night of trivia at the library at 7 p.m., Nov. 7.



**Jeff Friesen,
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relevant and in effect today. His observations include some of the strengths, shortcomings and "forces" that can be seen evolving and shaping America even today. This book is an interesting reference point for the shaping influences of Democracy in America. Alexis De Tocqueville was a visitor from another country observing and writing about the greatness of America. James A. Michener on the other hand, had the first-hand experience of living in the United States for more than 8 decades. During his life Michener rose to become one of America's most recognizable authors.

In 1996, a year before he died at the age of 90, Michener published his final book titled "This Noble Land: My Vision for America." After 90 years of living under the American flag, a man has earned the right to an opinion. In this book, Michener takes America to task on issues that might (or ultimately will) determine the future course of our history.

Among the list of issues that he feels need to be addressed are declining health care, deteriorating families, a declining educational system, and worsening racial relations.

This book probably won't give you all the answers but it might make you think deeper about what is best for the future of America.

The future of America however, also depends on how well our government works together - despite our differences. The book "Faith and Politics: How the "Moral Values" Debate Divides America and

How to Move Forward Together" by Senator John Danforth addresses one of the more relevant and controversial voting matters of the upcoming Kansas midterm elections.

The fact that he was elected as a Missouri Senator for 3 terms and lives and served in the Midwest certainly adds credibility to his message in this book. "Faith and Politics" addresses and provides workable solutions to the divisive methods that have affected the ability of our entire political system to work efficiently.

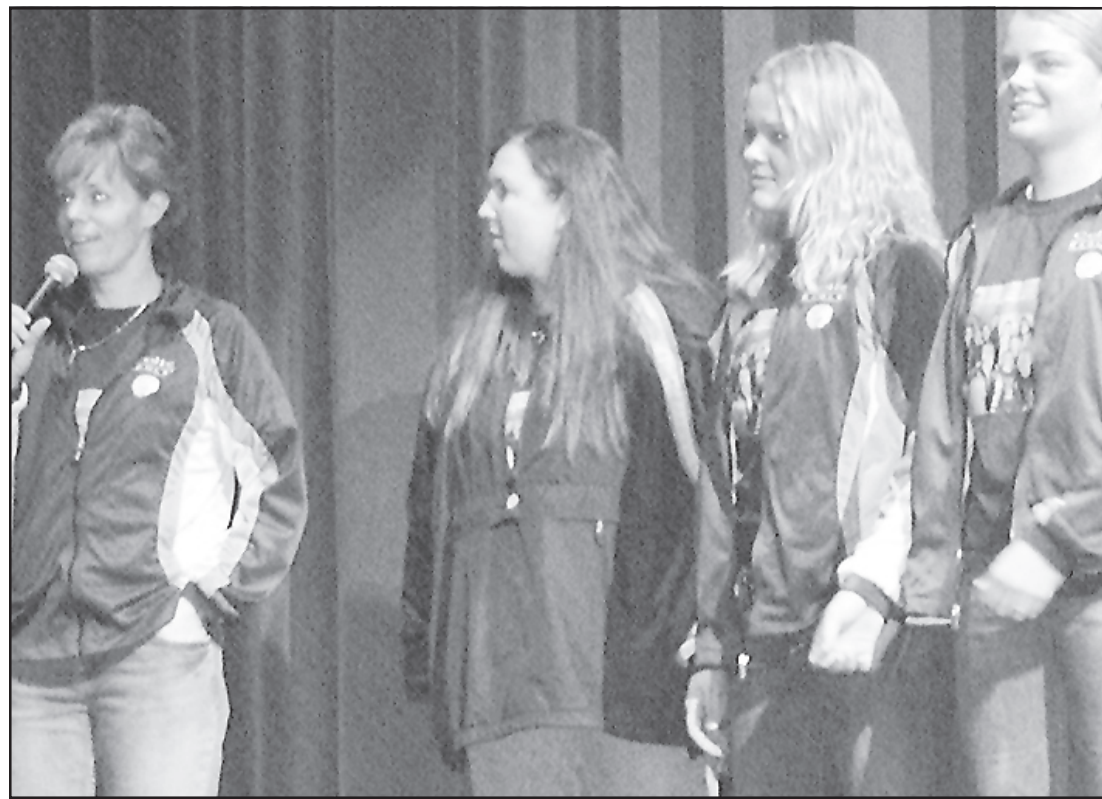
Your chance to make a difference is quickly coming up so make sure you stay informed. Have a great week.

P.S. There are 40 Kansas senators and 125 Kansas representatives.

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Volleyball send-off



TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

Colby High School volleyball coach Leslie Wagoner, left, talked about her team's success during a send-off Thursday in the high school auditorium. The Lady Eagles began state tournament play earlier today in Salina.

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Program aims to put fifth graders into college

TOPEKA (AP) — Seated around a library table after school at Lowman Hill Elementary School, four students were brimming with dreams.

Some day, they hope to be lawyers, fashion designers, veterinarians, teachers, principals, doctors, foster parents and ice skating instructors. Most have several professions on their to-be lists.

"Veterinarian, slash, supermodel, slash, singer, slash — what was the other thing?" paused Destyne Thomas, one of the fifth-graders. "Oh, slash, fashion designer."

Channing Cox smiled, happy to see the students dreaming big. He has his own dreams for these kids: All 16 Topeka fifth-graders will go to college for free, thanks to the new College Prep Academy of Topeka.

Cox launched his academy this fall with a few select students at Lowman Hill Elementary, Bishop Elementary, State Street Elementary, and Scott Computer and Technology Magnet School, which are in Topeka Unified School District 501.

It is a program that relies on parents, the district and Cox to keep students on the right track.

Cox, of Topeka, has spent his career in higher education. He isn't employed by the district. But he meets with students at their schools each week for seminars during which they talk about books they are reading.

Once a month, all 16 students get together for special activities, from a trip to a museum to a volunteer project.

In the summers, there will be more activities, taking them to college campuses and plugging them into activities or professions in which they have an interest. In future years, these students might receive tutoring or help applying for scholarships.

Regardless of scholarship dollars that might flow in, Cox has made a promise. These students will go to college on the tab of the College Prep Academy after which they are obligated to come back to Topeka for two years.

"They want to be challenged," Cox said. "I think they want to excel. They want to show that they can do it."

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