

Family

Holiday leaves time for a good book



Finding books to read over the Christmas break, Jenna Reinert, 6, was at the Pioneer Memorial Library. The daughter of Cindy and Shawn Reinert, she is a kindergartner at Sacred Heart School in Colby.

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Choir performs for music educators

By Maria Garcia
Golden Plains High School

Several Golden Plains High School choir members went to the northwest district festival of the Kansas Music Educators Association on Dec. 13 at Fort Hays State University.

Hannah Antholz, Isaac Broeckelman, Jonathan Broeckelman and Randa Lewis were chosen for the high school honor choir in live auditions Nov. 1 in Hays. They practiced all day beginning at 8 a.m. and had a concert at 3 p.m. The songs they performed were "O Sacrum Convivium," "Pilgrim's Hymn," "All People That on Earth Do Dwell," "If Music Be the Food of Love" and "Let Everything That Hath Breath." They did "Over the Rainbow" with the high school honor band for the grand finale.

Students selected for the elementary honor choir also went on Dec. 13, including Rebecca Bange and Brooke Wark.

"All the groups were exceptional this year, as were the middle school and high school jazz groups in November," said Golden Plains Music Director Janell Antholz. "Our students worked very hard to perform music that was more challenging than we can do here with our numbers. And the sound ... Wow!"

"They all were exhausted vocally and physically, but all of them are excited by the thrill of hearing and being a part of such beautiful music. It is an experience they will never forget. I know I won't."

"The KMEA experience is what made me decide to pursue music education as a career and music as an art."

Deputy receives award for meritorious service

Sheri Lee, a 10 year veteran of the Thomas County sheriff's office, received the Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding performance Friday from outgoing Sheriff Mike Baughn.

Lee received a medal, a citation bar for her uniform and a plaque at a reception held in Baughn's honor on Friday.

Lee oversees serving civil process duties and warrants. After legal papers have been served, she

receives the returns and processes them. She also serves as office manager.

Lee has attended the Kansas Law Enforcement Academy and is qualified in all areas of law enforcement, Baughn said. She attends yearly continuing education to keep her firearms qualification current.

Lee is the wife of Andy Lee and the daughter of Larry and Agnes Lewis, Colby.

Auction items sought

Smoky Hills Public Television is looking for donations for its 2009 Signature Auction.

The auction itself will be from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, April 17; 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 18; and 5 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, at The Mall in Hays. All broadcasts will be live.

Proceeds will go to help pay for the station's operations.

Jayne Heller, director of development at the station, said contributions are welcome whether it's fine art, folk art, antiques, collectibles, furniture, home decor, jewelry or special or unique Kansas experiences and travel packages.

"We want this auction to be a celebration of the best of Kansas," Heller said.

To make a donation, she said, call Judy Satchell at (800) 337-4788 or (785) 483-6990.

For information, go to www.shptv.org and click on the Signature Auction icon on the right or e-mail jsatchell@shptv.org

Deadline for donations to be included in the auction catalog is Saturday, Jan. 31. Deadline for items to be a part of an auction exhibit at the Deines Cultural Center in Russell is Friday, Feb. 13.

Flint Hills subject of art show

A photography show, "The Flint Hills: A Kansas Treasure," opened Friday at the Dane G. Hansen Museum in Logan and will run through Feb. 1.

The Kansas Flint Hills were featured in the April 2007 issue of National Geographic through the lens of Kansas native Jim Richardson, a longtime photojournalist.

Richardson took over 11,000 photos in the Flint Hills for the project.

To complement the magazine spread and further celebrate the Flint Hills, the National Geographic Society and the Kansas Division of Travel and Tourism are sponsoring this traveling exhibit of 32 large-scale photographs from the magazine.

The Flint Hills were named in 1806 by explorer Zebulon Pike for the flint-like chert which glinted through the tall prairie grasses.

The region is nearly treeless. There are immense horizons, and the bluestem grass was so tall that early explorers wrote they had to stand up in the saddle to get their bearings.

Richardson proposed the Flint Hills story to National Geographic as a part of the magazine's ongoing coverage of the world's most distinctive landscapes.

The exhibit includes other stops across Kansas. For a complete schedule, visit www.travelKS.com or call the museum at (785) 689-4846.

Deaths

Ed J. Berens

Ed J. Berens, 54, Colby, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2009, at Colby Care Center.

Services are pending at the Harrison Chapel, Colby.

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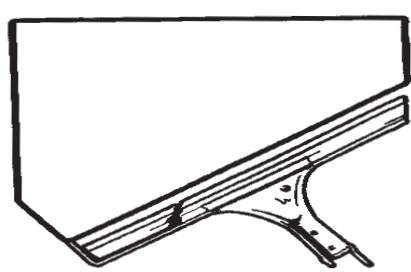
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