

# Family

## Library gears up for summertime

Summer Reading Program will begin May 28, 2009. The staff at the Pioneer Memorial Library is hoping everyone will express themselves creatively this summer during the 2009 Summer Reading Program. The theme for this summer is "Be Creative @ Your Library" and the programs are open to children preschool age through eighth grade. The summer reading program encourages reading for pleasure during the summer and helps youngsters retain their reading skills but it is also a lot of fun.

The program is divided into three distinct offerings: Weekly Story-times, Special Events and Imagination Station (Reading Challenge Game). Judy Kleinsorge, our children's librarian hopes that by planning a variety of offerings, the program will meet the interests of youngsters and the busy schedules of their families.

Weekly Story-times will begin meeting on Tuesday, June 2nd. Imagineers for Preschoolers (ages 3-5 years) will meet at 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. on Tuesdays, and Toddlers (ages 18 months - 3 years) will meet at 10:15 - 10:35 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Youngsters who will be in grades one through five next fall are invited to come to the library two times each week. Creators will meet on Tuesday afternoons and Innovators will meet on Wednesday afternoons. Both sessions meet from 3:15 - 4 p.m.

Outside the Box for those entering the sixth through eighth grades next fall will meet on Thursday afternoons from 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. These same youngsters can be part of Reader's Theater which will meet on Thursday mornings from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. This year's group has scheduled meetings in order to create their program.

Prize drawings will be held at the end of the summer in each of the sessions. Sign-up for the sessions is not required and children are encouraged to come when and as often as they can.

Two special PJs and Bedtime Tales will be held in the evenings on Thursdays, June 11, "Stars," and July 3, "Dreamers" at 7 p.m. Children are invited to wear their pajamas to these sessions.

The special events hosted by the library in conjunction with the Summer Reading Program are: A Movie Matinee, to kick off summer reading which will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 28 and will be shown in the library basement. The movie selection will reflect the summer reading theme. Youngsters are encouraged to bring a pillow to make the floor more comfortable. This is for youth grades one through eight next year.

On Tuesday, June 16, you are invited to a birthday party at 8 p.m. Help Judy celebrate her BIG



**Melany Wilks**

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day with a great outdoor concert. Everyone is encouraged to bring their blankets and lawn chairs and settle on the lawn east of the library to enjoy a musical evening called Sparking Creativity with Sue Schnitzer.

Then on Thursday, June 25, Suzanne Lively will share stories from her program entitled Three Best Friends in a Unique and Creative Way: An Interactive Balloon Show!! We've scheduled two performances in the library basement: 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. A ticket is required and is free at the front desk after May 28. We ask that you plan to attend only one performance.

The Reader's Theater group will share their original program, Oscars and Emmys, on Thursday, July 9 at 10:30 a.m. This will undoubtedly be amusing and entertaining.

Youngsters will be able to sign up for Imagination Station (Reading Challenge Game) beginning May 28. They will receive age-appropriate game cards in which they are challenged to complete a variety of objectives for prizes. This year a party will be held on July 23 for youngsters in grades one through eight who achieve a "black out" on their game cards.

Last year over 1300 individuals participated in the Pioneer Memorial Library's summer reading program. With this summer's great line-up, we expect to share with even more. For more information, stop by the library at 375 W. Fourth or call 460-4470. All programs are free of charge.

Many of our youth and children in the Colby area use the library almost daily. This year the basement will also be open to youth all day Mondays and Fridays for those wanting to use computers, and experience other activities such as board games, computer games and much more. The basement will only be open in the morning hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for computer use. We will post a schedule so that the youth know when the basement will be used just for them.

We will be having our Memorable Book Sale, May 22 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) and May 23 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.). We will be closed for Memorial Day May 25.

Summer hours (after Memorial Day) for Pioneer Memorial Library are: Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sunday 1 - 4 p.m. See you in the Library!



Travis James Glassman and Kendra Marie Evans

## Oakley graduates plan to marry in June

Kendra Marie Evans and Travis James Glassman plan to marry Saturday, June 13, 2009, at the Oakley Christian Church.

The bride is the daughter of Kent and Brenda Evans. She is a 2002 graduate of Oakley High School and attended Colby Community College and Highland Community College in Wamego. She works as a medical records clerk for Thomas County Health Department in Colby.

The groom is the son of Bonnie Hagel and Jim Glassman. He is a 1999 graduate of Oakley High School and received his Associates in business administration from Colby Community College. He works as a Heavy Equipment Specialist for Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline in Colby.

After a Caribbean cruise honeymoon, the couple will reside in Oakley.

## Public invited to day at Smoky Valley Ranch

The Kansas Chapter of the Nature Conservancy plans a visitors day at the Smoky Valley Ranch in Logan County for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 30.

Conservancy staff and experts will lead guided tours, discussing cultural, historical, geological and biological points of interest.

The working cattle ranch, owned by the group, is home to many species of prairie wildlife, including mammals and birds. It is one of two sites of the recent reintroduction of the endangered black-footed ferret.

This free event will also mark

the opening of three new public hiking trails at the ranch.

To make a reservation, contact Ruth Palmer at (785) 233-4400 or rpalmer@tnc.org. Please bring your own lunch. Because of primitive roads, rains could force cancellation on short notice.

The Conservancy's Kansas Chapter, established in 1989, has more than 7,000 members. It helps protect more than 83,400 acres and owns six preserves comprising over 46,500 acres across the state. Learn more at nature.org/kansas.

## Native graduates in Nebraska

Jordan Rex Cranston, of Colby, received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with

Highest Distinction, from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in commencement exercises on Saturday. Highest Distinction is the equivalent of summa cum laude.

2,400 students were scheduled to receive degrees this year at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln.

## Four couples invite friends to celebrate

Lifelong friends Lyman and JoAnne Goetsch, Rex and Doris Mayer, Bill and Eva Lou Selby, and Leon and Edna Hoyt of Brewster will all celebrate their 50th wedding anniversaries together.

They will host a dinner for family and friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

and a dance from 8 to 11 p.m. on May 23, at the VFW, 220 Lake Street in Colby.

They request no cards and no gifts, but to please come and have a good time. Dress is casual. Music will be by D.J. Muzik Machine from Lakin.

## Lions Club

Requests for financial aid for youth exchange students was the topic of discussion for the High Plains Lions club when they met in the Student Union of Colby Community College on May 11.

Ron Buller, guest of Roger Roger Herren, presented a program on Academic Exchange. He told the group there are 30,000 high school students in other countries that would like to attend high schools in America. "They want the American experience," he said.

Buller is in the process of placing four students in Colby homes right now so they can start school here in the fall. "They are top quality students, and have had three years of English, he said. They will have their own spending money, but they will need transportation, as they are not allowed to drive any type of motorized vehicle."

The students will begin arriving in August. If anyone is interested in being a host family, they can call Buller at (785) 687-2550. The host families need to be in place by May 30.

Sheryl Brenn is also looking for host families for the Lions International Youth Exchange, a six week summer program. Anyone interested in the program can call her at (785) 586-2384, or tell Larry Brenn in person at the drive up window at the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Keesa Wright was a guest of

Roger Hale who told about her activities as a student at Colby High School. She has been chosen to attend a leadership workshop at Stanford University in California in August. She is working on projects to finance the trip and needs help from area service clubs.

To celebrate Earth Day, the club had plans to do ditch cleaning along public roadways, but after Sheryl Brenn reported killing two rattlesnakes today, the project lacked volunteers. The club decided to wait until snow flies to clean ditches.

The club will visit the new fire station on June 8, and is seeking entertainment for the July 4 free hot dog feed.

Norm Whittaker received a bronze lion for service, and Roger Hale received a certificate of recognition for a new member. Everyone received a stuffed lion from Elmer Lawver.

Virgil Jones will have his pickup and trailer parked at the high school for students to recycle their throwaway paper the last day of school.

President Hale reminded the club of the state convention Thursday - Saturday, May 28-30, and the Relay for Life at Fike Park on Friday, May 29. The Lions club will have a cake walk at the basketball court in the park at the beginning of the relay event.

Next meeting will be June 8.

- Roger Hale

## Brewster student honored

Audrey Hoyt, Brewster, was among the students recognized at Sterling College's annual Awards Convocation on April 3, when the school recognized scholarship winners and other outstanding students for their achievements.

Hoyt received the Business Stu-

dent of the Year award and the J. Lee Dye Business Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a student who has given evidence of good scholarship and who plans to enter a business career. Hoyt is the daughter of Keith and Chris Hoyt.

Sterling College is a four-year, Christ-centered, liberal arts college located in Sterling.

## Corrections

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## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$5.83
Corn (bushel)	\$3.91
Milo (hundredweight)	\$6.08
Soybeans (bushel)	\$10.28

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### Thank You

I wish to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, presents, flowers, and for coming to help celebrate my 80th. Birthday. A special thank you to my children for making it possible for such a special celebration.

Thanks to all and I wish you God's Blessing!

*Florence J. Messamore*

## D-Day anniversary parade entries needed

The Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau needs entries for a parade to commemorate the 65th anniversary of D-Day, starting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 6, in downtown Abilene.

June 6, 1944, was the largest single-day amphibious invasion of all time, with over 130,000 troops landing on the beaches of Normandy. A national commemoration is planned in Abilene to honor those who experienced the invasion of Normandy, sponsored by the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum, the "Big Red One" 1st Infantry Division and the USO at Fort Riley.

All veterans are invited to participate in this parade. Participants

already confirmed include units from Fort Riley, the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, the Patriot Guard, the Freedom Riders, military vehicles and re-enactors. Transportation will be available for the veterans who cannot walk.

Additional events include a veteran's panel, USO dance, performances by the Liberty Bells, the Salina Symphony and the 1st Infantry Division Band, military

and civilian re-enactors, films and military vehicle displays.

Parade entry forms are available through the bureau office, (785) 263-2231, or online at www.abilenekansas.org.

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