



Reading program enlightens summer

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Now that school is out, many parents are looking for a way to continue their children's education while still having fun. Pioneer Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program is one way to do just that.

Sign-up began today at the library to get a game board for the Imagination Station reading game. Sign-up will end on June 25.

Sessions for "Imagineers," ages 18 months to 3 years, are from 10:15 to 10:35 a.m., on Wednesdays starting next week through July 15.

"Creators and Innovators" will have crafts and stories for first grade through fifth grade, from 3:15 to 4 p.m. on Thursdays beginning next week through July 16.

Grades six through eight may participate in "Outside the Box" from 3:15 to 4:15 on Thursdays,

beginning next week through July 16, and in Reader's Theater, from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. June 4 through July 9.

"P.J.'s and Bedtime Tales" at 7 p.m. on June 11 and July 3 will be a family night, and the little ones are welcome to wear their pajamas.

One special event will be Sue Schnitzer for Interactive Music for Children from Boulder, Colo. who

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Eagles star ball players to hit for college team

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Three of Colby High School's baseball players will be making the transition to college ball next year at Colby Community College.

Senior pitcher Stephen Dinkel and shortstop Cade Carter, two key players on this year's dominant 22-1 team, have received scholarships to play baseball for the Trojan baseball team next season. Senior first baseman Brent Arnberger will also be trying out for the team as a walk-on.

Colby Community College Coach Ryan Carter said the baseball program has been watching the players for two or three years.

Dinkel has an opportunity to compete for time on the mound, he said, and Cade Carter will be competing for infield spots at second base and shortstop. The Trojans often recruit shortstops who sometimes end up playing other infield positions. Ryan Carter said the second and third base positions for next season's team will be open since this year's starters both graduated.

Carter said Arnberger was a hard worker and a grinder.

"I used to see him playing whiffle ball in his backyard everyday and I'm excited he's coming out for the team next season," he said.

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New business owner learns from Colby legend

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Lori Woodall really hadn't decided she wanted to take up reupholstering when she went into the business, she just knew she wanted to do something different.

Woodall, the new owner of Colby Upholstery on Fourth Street, said she her sister gave her the opportunity, and all she needed was someone to teach her. Woodall's

sister, Donna Inlow of Inlow Interiors, purchased the upholstery shop several years ago from Thurman Cox, a long-time businessman in Colby. Woodall purchased the shop to begin her new career in January, 2009.

"I knew nothing about the business, but was willing to learn by taking lots of pictures of items as they came in, leaning over Thurman's shoulder, and taking things apart and putting them back to-

gether just like they were originally," she said.

Woodall began her new career in January, and said she intends to keep the kind of shop that Cox built it into over his many years of ownership.

"I want the public to know what a tremendous help he has been in teaching me all the tricks of the trade," Woodall said. "And for teaching me how to maintain the quality of work the shop has been known for, over the past 60-plus years.

"Thurman comes in when he's not fishing, but now I can do things by myself, and they look really good, and I think, wow, I did that."

Woodall draws from a large area, and said she can cover anything that's got a covering on it, from sofas and chairs, to boat seats, golf cart seats, truck seats, and cushions of all kinds, whether it's a bar stool cushion or a throw cushion, and in about any kind of fabric.

She said she has spent the past several years delivering parts within a 300 mile radius of Colby, for S and W Supply. She is married to Richard Woodall, who works for AT&T. They have a daughter, Layla, a Physical Therapy Assistant and Wound Care Specialist for Citizens Medical Center.

The shop is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, or by appointment. On Fridays she helps her sister at Inlow Interiors.



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Lori Woodall, new owner of Colby Upholstery, put finishing stitches in a seat cushion Wednesday. Woodall purchased the shop from, which has been well known throughout western Kansas for many years, from Thurman Cox.

Briefly

Junior Golf sign up today

Junior Golf sign up and practice will be 6:30 p.m. today at Meadow Lake Golf Course. Kids ages 8 to 17 are encouraged to sign up. The first tournament will be Monday. For information, contact Miles Lademberger at 443-1362.

Friday cutoff for applications

Friday is the cutoff date for Organic Initiative applications in Kansas under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program to be considered for Fiscal Year 2009 money. For information, call Andy Burr at the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service county office at 462-7482, extension 301

College to hold fishing derby

Colby Community College and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks will hold a free "Kids Fishing Derby" from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at Villa High Park in Colby. The lake will be stocked

with channel catfish and bluegill. The Colby Community College radio station KCJC plans to broadcast live. Wildlife experts will talk to kids about fishing, and there will be a food vendor and face painting. For information, call Barry Kaaz, dean of external affairs, at (785) 460-5429. The park is on the east side of Range Avenue south of the KXXX Radio building.

Church offers financial classes

The Colby Church of Christ will sponsor an introductory class for Financial Peace University, a money management course, at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Pioneer Memorial Library. For information, call Josh and Ronda Faber at 460-6548 or Jared Spencer at 443-2403.

Candidate to stop in Colby

State Senator Tim Huelskamp, R-Meade, who is running for the United States Senate, will be holding a meet and greet campaign stop open to the public at



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Carla Sharp was hard at work cleaning and scrubbing a truck at Citizens Medical Center's Relay for Life Car Wash last Friday, one of many fundraisers held by local relay teams leading up to the Relay for Life event at 7 p.m. on Friday in Fike Park.

Relay plans fun event Friday

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Survivors, family members, friends, care providers and many others whose lives have been touched by cancer will gather Friday evening in Fike Park for the annual Colby Relay for Life event.

Fifteen teams from around Thomas County will walk laps around the park until 7 a.m. Saturday to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The walkers will start in the center of the park, going past the city service building up to Franklin Avenue and back to the center. That section of Franklin Avenue will be blocked off during the relay.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. with an opening ceremony and survivor's lap. A survivor's barbecue will be held at 5:30. The relay itself will follow the survivor's lap. Each team will have at least one member walking at all times.

Food will be provided by the Van Eaton Family team. They will hold a barbecue for donations with hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks starting at 6 p.m. Entertainment will be provided throughout the night by disc jockey C&C Energy, a local dance group, the Tumble-



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Tracy Munk, captain of the Citizens Medical Center's Relay for Life team, dried off the door of a car on Friday.

weed Tumblers and Momma's Boys, a rock band that will be performing at 10:30 p.m. The Lions Club will also hold a cake walk for kids at 6 p.m. at the Fike Park basketball courts.

A luminary service will be held at 9 p.m., during which the luminaries that area residents have purchased in honor of cancer survivors or patients and in

memory of cancer victims will be lit throughout the west side of the park.

The public is invited to the event, said Jennifer Van Eaton of Thomas County Relay for Life, and they can still make donations and purchase luminaries.

"We invite the community to come out and cheer during the evening," she said.

3 p.m. Sunday at the Fireside Lounge in the Colby Community College Student Union. Huelskamp will be joined by State Senator Ralph Ostermeyer. For information, call Rich Epp at 443-1994.

District accepting applications

Thomas County Conservation District is accepting applications for State Cost Share Funding on water resource and non-point source pollution projects. Some of the practices eligible include terraces, diversions, livestock pipelines, water wells and septic systems. Cost share rate is at least 60 percent. The landowner limit will not exceed \$7500 per project. Applications may be picked up at the office at 915 E. Walnut or printed from our web site at thecoconservation.com. Deadline is June 5, 2009. For information, call Debbie Potter at 462-7482 extension 303.

Picnic in Park Wednesday

Plans are underway for Picnic in the Park again

this year, sponsored by the Colby-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, the Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Colby Free Press. The first lunchtime concert in Fike Park will be next Wednesday, with events each Wednesday through July 29. In case of bad weather, listen to KXXX/KRDQ Radio. For information, call the Chamber office at 460-3401.

Colby Dance June 5

The Colby Singles and Couples Dance will be 7:30-11:30 p.m. June 5 at the Community Building in Colby, our music will be Craig Stevens. For information, contact Lue Duffey at (785) 855-2341.

