

February holds training, Valentine's Day events

February brings us Groundhog's Day and everyone will be watching "Phil" to see when we can expect spring. Will he see his shadow?

Two sessions of the Youth Leadership Thomas County program have been held, at Sunflower Bank and the Colby Fire Department. Fifteen Thomas County students are participating, learning 21st century leadership skills. The final two sessions will be today and Wednesday, Feb. 15. The class members are also determining their class project.

Troy Unruh, a consultant with the Kansas Leadership Center, will be in Colby Thursday, Feb. 23, for training with the Leadership Thomas County Board of Directors. The session will be in the evening and include dinner. It is hoped that most of the board members will attend for their own personal development and further education in leadership facilitation.

February brings us Valentine's Day. We are aware of several events in conjunction with that day.

Pioneer Memorial Library is holding Chocolate and All That Jazz with musical performance by the Colby Community College Jazz Band at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14. Tickets are available at the library. The library is also having a Book Lovers' Sale beginning at 9 a.m. Thursday to Saturday, Feb. 23 through 25.

A spaghetti dinner is being held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the American Legion post. You are invited to bring your date out for an evening of light music and dinner. All proceeds will go towards American Legion Auxiliary's various projects.

The Prairie Museum of Art and History is currently exhibiting photographs by Bill Coe. This exhibit goes through Monday, Feb. 13. The Brown vs. Board of Education exhibit will open Wednesday, Feb. 15, and be on display until Tuesday, March 13. Food for Thought at noon Thursday, Feb. 16, will be in conjunction with the exhibit. Angela Bates of Nicodemus will be discussing "Zelma Hurst Henderson, Civil Rights and the High Plains" at the museum.

Sporting events include high school and college basketball games and wrestling. The Bill Voss Wrestling Novice Wrestling Tourney will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the high school. Thursday Colby is holding a junior varsity basketball tourney at the high school and Community Building beginning at 6 p.m.

Other events include the Booked for Lunch book review which was to be at noon today at Pioneer Memorial Library.

The middle school music festival will be Wednesday at the college.



Leilani Thomas

• On the Road Again!

day at the college.

The third grade musical will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the grade school auditorium.

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will present their winter concert at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Cultural Arts Center. The concert is titled "My Favorite Things." Refreshments will be served.

The award-winning crime prevention and personal safety seminar, Refuse To Be a Victim, will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the college Student Union Room 108. Preregistration is encouraged with instructor Tashia Kuiper at 460-5413.

The Sacred Heart carnival will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26. The month ends with an event which only comes every four years, Leap Year Day.

We have just returned from the Boat and Sports Show in Kansas City, Mo., and folks are looking forward to fishing and planning vacations already. There was more conversation about hunting at the Denver show. Other members of the Northwest Kansas Travel Council will be representing us at Pheasant Fest to be held in Kansas City and the Omaha Sports and Travel Show, both in February.

We will also be going to Topeka Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 7 and 8, for the Travel Industry Association of Kansas Legislative Day on the Hill. We will be meeting with legislators, having lunch with a staff member from the governor's office and attending a transient guest tax seminar. We will also have a reception and open house at the Kansas Wildlife Parks and Tourism office before dinner with the legislators. While in Topeka we will also be attending an I-70 Association meeting and a Travel Industry Association of Kansas board meeting.

Once again we have a very active calendar for this month. Enjoy the events, the coming of Spring and Valentine's Day.

Leilani Thomas is director of the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau, a long-time civic volunteer and a passionate observer of the tourism industry.

Career Day at Sacred Heart

Kids took a break in the sunshine Tuesday afternoon at Sacred Heart after a tough morning at Career Day, talking about what they want to be. Prospective careers include paleontologist, equestrian and football players. The school is celebrating Catholic Schools Week with a number of special events.



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Goat missing from Nativity scene found safe

FERGUS FALLS, Minn. (AP) — A goat that escaped a Minnesota Nativity scene is safe after 25 days on the loose.

Curly was found Jan. 18 on a farm southwest of Fergus Falls.

Tony Loomer came out to feed the horses and goats on his farm

and noticed the extra goat. KBRF-AM (<http://bit.ly/r11BGJ>) reports Curly appeared hungry, wet and cold and had lost weight.

Curly's owner, Jim Aakre, came to make sure the goat was his.

Aakre thought about going to get a trailer, but Curly was already

cold, so he and his wife, Karen, gave Curly her first car ride.

The 3-year-old Angora goat was supposed to be part of a live Nativity scene but escaped while she was being unloaded for a Christmas Eve service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Bypass survivor to speak in Hays

Joe Piscatella, national speaker, will present a free program for the public at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Center for Health Improvement Gym, 2220 Canterbury in Hays. Piscatella is one of the longest-lived survivors of bypass surgery in the world, 34 years and counting.

The program will feature easy to use information and realistic tips for healthy eating, including cutting-edge methods on how to control your fat tooth. The audience will learn to read food labels to make smart choices at the grocery store and the secret to

healthy cooking at home.

Piscatella is the author of 12 bestselling books, the host of three PBS television programs and a frequent guest on the Today Show, CNN and Good Morning America.

This program is free of charge to the public and is funded in part by the Hays Medical Center Foundation. The presentation is part of the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Center for Health Improvement.

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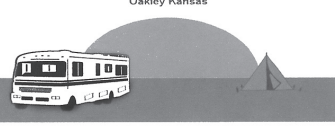
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