

Explore archaeology at April event; come to museum's annual meeting

April promises to be a busy month around the museum. From 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 14, the local chapter of the Kansas Archaeological Association is holding an Archeology Day event here. There will be activities and displays on the paleolithic, Plains Indian and settler periods of life in this region, including atlatl demonstrations, artifact analysis, stone tools, hide scraping and other activities. The event is free, but donations are always appreciated.

Our annual meeting program will be of great interest to any of you who remember visiting Sod Town or have fond memories of Verney Kear's Santa Claus. Carol Thiel will present "Verney: Santa, Sod Town and Sons and Daughters" at noon on Thursday, April 19, following a short business meeting. Lunch will be served and the public is invited. The cost is \$5 per person; please let us know if you plan to come.

Members of the High Plains Art Club will be showing a variety of works beginning next week and extending through the end of May. They very graciously postponed



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their exhibit dates to accommodate the Colby fourth-graders' wonderful renditions of historic buildings. We look forward to seeing what these talented members of our community have been up to.

We need volunteers. Two upcoming events - Prairie Fair on Friday, May 4, and Night at the Museum Camp during the week of July 9 to 13 - will require the help of many hands. Prairie Fair draws as many as 400 elementary school students for an all-day festival of fun and learning. We are again teaming up with Colby Community College for the day, and have been working with several departments there on settlement-related activities. It looks like we will have seven different activity stations at each site, each of which will need a couple of volunteers to help with the kids. If you can



Youth Chautauqua performers visited with audience members in 2010.

help on May 4, please call Ann at 460-4590.

Volunteer help will also be appreciated for our Night at the Museum camp in July. This free camp on historic performance is open to adults as well as kids who have completed fourth grade, and we hope that some of you will be interested in participating as campers. But we will also need several adults who can serve as helpers and resource people for the young-

er campers. We would love to hear from anyone who wants to participate in any way.

Call or stop by the museum for more information on Night at the Museum, Prairie Fair, or anything else that's going on around the museum.

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Senior Progress Center

Thursday evening will be a potato bar fund raiser at the Senior Progress Center.

Activities for the week: **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 cribbage. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 5 p.m. potato bar fund raiser. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pool game.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** Idaho chili mac, winter mix vegetables, peaches, pudding. **Tuesday:** turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, rosy pears, corn. **Wednesday:** ham and beans, orange-pineapple salad, cornbread, cake. **Thursday:** liver and onions in gravy, parslid potatoes, cranberry-apple salad, cook's choice complement. **Friday:** mystery flavor pork tenderloin, tater tots, green bean casserole, fruit crisp.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60

and older and guests to lunch at the senior center. Home delivery is available. A contribution of \$3 per meal is suggested for seniors, \$5.25 for others. For anyone under 60, home delivery is \$5.75.

Make reservations at (785) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

Red Barn

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 1:45 p.m. blood pressure clinic; 2 p.m. Barnswallows; Marjorie Leh's birthday. **Tuesday:** 9:30 a.m. Koffee Klatch. **Wednesday:** 10 a.m. ladies' Bible study. **Thursday:** 2 p.m. Come On Down. **Friday:** 9:30 a.m. Koffee Klatch; 10:30 a.m. board meeting; 2:30 p.m. Stitch and Chatter; Darrel Dible's birthday. **Saturday:** 7 p.m. bingo (last one for the season.)

Tax scam targets seniors

The Internal Revenue Service has warned senior citizens and other taxpayers to beware of a federal tax refund scam tempting victims to file tax returns claiming fraudulent refunds.

These schemes carry a common theme of promising refunds to people who have little or no income, and are normally not required to file a federal income tax

return. Promoters claim they can obtain a refund or nonexistent stimulus payment for their victims based on the American Opportunity Tax Credit, even if the victim was not paying for college.

Typically, con artists falsely claim that refunds are available even if the victim never went to college, or attended decades ago. In many cases, scammers are targeting seniors, people with very low incomes and members of church congregations with false promises of free money.

The service has already detected and stopped thousands of these bogus refund claims. The agency is actively investigating the sources of this scheme, and its promoters can be subject to criminal prosecution.

These schemes can be quite costly for victims as promoters may charge exorbitant upfront fees to file their claim. All taxpayers, including those who use paid tax preparers, are legally responsible for the accuracy of their returns, and must repay any refunds received in error, plus any interest and applicable penalties. Those who intentionally try to defraud the government may face criminal prosecution.

Taxpayers should beware of any of the following to avoid becoming ensnared in these schemes:

- Fictitious claims for refunds or rebates based on false statements of entitlement to tax credits.
- Unfamiliar for-profit tax services selling refund and credit schemes to the membership of churches.

School Activities and Menus

Colby Public Schools

Activities: Monday: Colby Community College spring holiday; 4:45 p.m. C-team track, Goodland. **Tuesday:** 2 p.m. varsity golf, Goodland; 3 p.m. varsity tennis, Trego; 3 p.m. junior varsity tennis, Liberal; 3 p.m. junior varsity track, Rawlins County; 4, 6 p.m. baseball vs. Russell; 4, 5:30 p.m. softball vs. Ellis. **Wednesday:** spring open house, Northwest Kansas Technical College, Goodland; 9 a.m. FFA district livestock contest, Oakley. **Thursday:** 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. kindergarten screenings, Colby Grade School; 8 a.m. high school art show, Fort Hays State University; 11 a.m. middle school track, Phillipsburg; 4, 5:30 p.m. junior varsity baseball, Burlington; 7 p.m. kindergarten musical, grade school auditorium. **Friday:** 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. kindergarten screenings, Colby Grade School; 3 p.m. varsity tennis, Russell; 4, 6 p.m. baseball, Hugoton; 4, 5:30 p.m. softball vs. Hugoton. **Saturday:** 8 a.m. ACT test, colgate; 10 a.m. middle school track, Grant, Neb.

Menus: Monday:

breakfast: sausage patty, toast, applesauce; lunch: cheese quesadilla, lettuce, salsa, peaches, California blend veggies. **Tuesday:** breakfast: pancakes, syrup, grape juice; lunch: chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, orange slices, roll. **Wednesday:** breakfast: cinnamon pastries, apple juice; lunch: hamburgers on a school bun, tater tots, baked beans, applesauce, ice cream cup. **Thursday:** breakfast: Rice Krispies, orange slices; lunch: chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, baby carrots, biscuits, jelly, bananas. **Friday:** breakfast: long johns, orange juice; lunch: spaghetti, garlic bread, pineapple chunks, broccoli.

Sacred Heart

Activities: Monday: no school; 6:30 p.m. home and school; 7:15 school council. **Friday:** 2 p.m. preschool program.

Menus: Monday: no school. **Tuesday:** chicken wrap, lettuce, tomatoes, Spanish rice, tropical fruit. **Wednesday:** spaghetti, meat sauce, garden spinach salad, French bread, sliced peaches. **Thursday:** chicken noodles,

mashed potatoes, green beans, orange wedges. **Friday:** taco salad, salsa, corn tortillas, refried beans, cinnamon puff, pineapple slices.

Heartland

Activities: Monday: no school. Easter break. **Thursday:** 7 p.m. "Three Days" production. **Friday:** 7 p.m. "Three Days" production. **Saturday:** 3 p.m. ACT test; 4 p.m. "Three Days" production.

Golden Plains

Activities: Monday: no school. **Tuesday:** 10:30 a.m. high school track, Colby. **Friday:** 9:30 a.m. middle school track, Logan; 3 p.m. high school track, Logan. **Saturday:** ACT test date.

Menus: Rexford: Tuesday:

breakfast: breakfast burrito; lunch: pork chops. **Wednesday:** breakfast: breakfast combo; lunch: chili. **Thursday:** breakfast: bagels; lunch: chicken a la king. **Friday:** breakfast: monkey bread; lunch: sloppy joe.

Selden: Tuesday:

breakfast: monkey bread; lunch: chicken fry steak. **Wednesday:** breakfast: biscuit and gravy; lunch: spaghetti. **Thursday:** breakfast: toast; lunch: ham slice. **Friday:** breakfast:

scrambled eggs; lunch: burrito.

Brewster

Activities: Monday: no school. **Tuesday:** 10:30 high school track, Colby (Triplains meet). **Friday:** 3 p.m. junior varsity golf, Hill City. **Saturday:** 10 a.m. junior high track, Goodland.

Menus: Tuesday: breakfast: breakfast sundae; lunch: goulash, broccoli mix, apple half, peaches. **Wednesday:** breakfast: sausage biscuit; lunch: grilled chicken sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, orange slices. **Thursday:** breakfast: pancakes, sausage; lunch: rib-b-cue, cheesy potatoes, green beans, applesauce. **Friday:** breakfast: scrambled eggs; lunch: pigs-in-blanket, macaroni and cheese, peas, carrots, pears, mixed fruit.

Colby Community College

Activities: Sunday: equestrian team, Stanford, Calif. (zones); women's golf, Great Bend. **Monday:** offices closed, no classes; equestrian team, Stanford; women's golf, Great Bend. **Tuesday:** 3 p.m. baseball vs. Western Nebraska; 7 p.m. Richard Horan lecture series, Cultural Arts Center. **Wednesday:** 3 p.m. baseball,

Salina: Thursday:

rodeo, Weatherford, Okla. **Friday:** 3 p.m. "Against All Odds" by Dr. Richard Mosier, book signing, library; 3 p.m. baseball, Salina; softball vs. Butler County; rodeo, Weatherford; women's track, Wichita. **Saturday:** 4:45 p.m. scholarship auction, City Limits; 10 a.m. softball tournament; 1 p.m. baseball vs. Hutchinson; rodeo, weatherford; women's track, Wichita; men's track, Seward, Neb.

Triplains

Activities: Monday: no school. **Tuesday:** no story hour; kindergarten; 10:30 a.m. high school track - Triplains Invitational, Colby. **Wednesday:** kindergarten. **Thursday:** state powerlifting, Claffin; no kindergarten; 10 a.m. junior high track, Oakley. **Friday:** school in session, kindergarten. **Saturday:** state powerlifting, Claffin; ACT test date.

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