

Rewards of ‘Night at the Museum’ make camp a week to remember

Members of the six “Night at the Museum” tours on Friday afternoon and evening probably wondered what they had gotten themselves into when faced with a cranky night watchman who wanted to prevent their entry into the museum.

Their concern no doubt increased when the next person encountered was an obsessive-compulsive tour guide bent on showing them each and every item in the museum! Fortunately, this goal was constantly thwarted by historic figures throughout the galleries who mysteriously appeared to tell their stories.

This was the entertaining end result of a week’s worth of effort on the part of 11 campers and numerous helpers. During the course of this week, eight young people and three adults chose an artifact and person to research and portray.

Among the younger set, Trinity Pfeifer chose the Murphy’s Cafe chair and Ella Murphy; Evan Olson opted for the opera costume and Sam Ramey; Abby Rose selected the KXXX control board and Ariel Hughes; Brysen Barton chose a World War II-era bazooka shell and George McGee; Macy Catlin represented Nicol School through schoolteacher Peggy Ryan; Drew Starbuck discussed the 1930s Philco radio as John Eller; Taylor Barnett showed a



Ann Miner

• Around the Museum

Prairie Bell School photograph while depicting Zelma Hurst Henderson; and Elijah Shepherd portrayed a composite character called “Arrow Maker” as he interpreted Native American arrows.

As for the adults, Rich Hawkins told the Colt .44 story while portraying Sheriff Sam Pratt’s son, Walter; Linda Davis-Stephens used the Red Hat family photograph as a basis for speaking as Cheyenne grandmother Pawnee Woman; and Carol Baker held Clara King’s Girl Scout book of games while depicting her character. She even made some authentic “Kingsie”-style treats to give out. Linda Garrett did a fantastic job as the night watchman, and Carol Thiel and I took turns playing the overzealous docent.

Ride Into History’s Ann Birney, Joyce Thierer, Olivia Finley and Alicea Wisneski were here to conduct the week-long camp. Along with museum staff, Linda Garrett, Carol Thiel, Virginia Hopper, Leonard Hopper, Kathy Calliham, Shelli Bielser, Linda Jones and Nancy Rundel helped the younger campers with their research during the week.

Kenton Krehbiel was here one



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Linda Garrett (right) helped Macy Catlin with her research on Nicol School.

morning to answer some of Trinity’s questions about the cafe, Nancy Larsen Sanders came out to talk about her father’s blacksmithing tools, and Virginia and Leonard took Abby to visit KXXX one afternoon. Eli learned about constructing an arrow from Joyce, Leonard and Linda Davis-Stephens.

This is one of the best things about these camps – the opportunity for different generations to learn from one another. The younger campers learned about their historical figures from adult community members, and in turn shared what they had learned with other people who may not have been familiar with these particular stories.

Our thanks to everyone who

made this event possible – the campers, the volunteers, the resource people, and the 90 people who signed up to go on the tours. We plan to continue holding Night at the Museum-style camps and events in the future, applying the lessons we learned this year to make the next ones even better.

The Colby Schools art exhibit is in its final days. Next up is an exhibit called “Picturing America,” created by the National Endowment for the Humanities as part of its “We the People” program. It brings together some of our nation’s important works of art and uses them as a way to understand the history of the United States. The exhibit will be up through September, and, as usual, there is no charge to see it.

Divide iris clumps as summer reaches its peak

If they’re happy where they live, bearded irises multiply.

Unless gardeners divide the resulting clumps every three to five years, though, most varieties start losing vigor and flowering ability.

“Late July through early August is the ideal time – not only to divide but also to plant or move irises,” said Ward Upham, K-State Research and Extension horticulturist.

For dividing, he recommends these steps.

- Soak dry soil a day or two before. Then dig up the entire clump. The revealed part will be a tangled mass of thick rhizomes (tough underground stems) and smaller feeder roots.

- Begin knocking off soil and twisting, breaking or cutting the root mass into smaller

pieces. A knife or spade can help.

- Continue until you have planting-size divisions. The minimum is one rhizome with attached roots and a fan of leaves. (It probably won’t bloom next year.) The better division is Y-shaped: two “minimums” with smallish rhizomes attached to a larger one.

- Discard broken roots. Get rid of old or dried-out rhizomes and those with borer damage or soft rot.

- Cut leaves back by two thirds.

- Prepare the planting site: Weed. As needed, incorporate fertilizer and/or organic material, six to eight inches deep.

- Dig a hole as deep as the division’s longest root. Either mound up soil to hold the rhizome

in the hole’s middle, or hand-hold the rhizome at ground level while you replace the fill dirt. Water halfway through and after refilling the hole. The rhizome’s top surface should end up dusted with soil or exposed to the sun.

The usual planting arrangement is a triangle of three divisions, with their leaf fans facing out, 10 to 12 inches apart.

“If they’re facing the other way ’round, you’ll be dividing again really soon,” Upham said.

Senior Progress Center

The Senior Progress Center will be serving ice cream floats Wednesday.

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 10:30 a.m. dart game. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 11 a.m. bingo. **Wednesday:** ice cream floats. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pinochle game. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pool game.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, country tomatoes, mixed fruit. **Tuesday:** barbecue pork sandwich, tater triangles, macaroni with vegetables, cantaloupe. **Wednesday:** lasagna, gelatin with carrots and crushed pineapple, garlic bread, pudding. **Thursday:** hamburger steak with mushroom gravy, mixed winter vegetables, birthday cake. **Friday:** chef’s

salad, citrus slices, cafe crackers, cook’s choice complement.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch Monday through Friday at the senior center. Home delivery is available, as is pick-up service. A contribution of \$3 per meal is suggested for seniors, \$5.25 for others.

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Red Barn

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 2 p.m. Barnswallows. **Wednesday:** 10 a.m. ladies’ Bible study; Jeannette Bencken’s birth day. **Thursday:** 2 p.m. “Come On Down.” **Friday:** 9:30 a.m. Koffee Klatch; 2:30 p.m. “Stitch and Chatter.”

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Monday

4:17 a.m. – Security check to downtown businesses.

5:11 a.m. – Security check to residences.

1:07 p.m. – Caller reported son caught a stray kitten. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.

1:56 p.m. – Subject called officer about difficulties with child. Provided escort.

3:38 p.m. – Accident.

Tuesday

6:39 a.m. – Caller reported a man on the ground. Ambulance paged.

7:42 a.m. – Caller reported pickup broken into. Report filed.

12:10 p.m. – Complaint of vehicles going through stop light at Range and College. Watched the area, all OK.

1:55 p.m. – Spoke to subject about moped laws.

8:56 p.m. – Caller reported suspicious subject walking. Subject OK.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Monday

12:45 a.m. – Caller reported three subjects standing by a vehicle at Exit 63. Unable to locate.

6:27 a.m. – Booked Angela R. Cook.

9:17 a.m. – Caller reported wood shingles on roadway that blew out

of bed of a dump truck on U.S. 24 between east Colby city limits and County Rd. 22. Removed from roadway.

2:28 p.m. – Caller reported pickup towing a section of irrigation pivot has no oversize load warnings in the 2900 block of U.S. 24. All OK; had amber light, and flagged on back.

4:50 p.m. – Served arrest warrant on Terrell K. Lamb.

4:50 p.m. – Served arrest warrant on Paul Hayes.

8:30 p.m. – Served arrest warrant on Gordon Parrish.

8:43 p.m. – Booked Parrish.

11:35 p.m. – Booked Carson W. Bertrand.

11:52 p.m. – Released Bertrand.

Tuesday

12:07 a.m. – Rene E. Reyes arrested in Scott County on warrant, taken out of hot files.

1:47 p.m. – Subject came to Law Enforcement Center to report a missing license plate. Report filed, entered in national Crime Information Center.

5:41 p.m. – Served arrest warrant on Michael Meyer.

6:11 p.m. – Booked Meyer.

7:28 p.m. – Released Meyer.

11:16 p.m. – 911 hangup: called number back, child dialed it. Everything OK.

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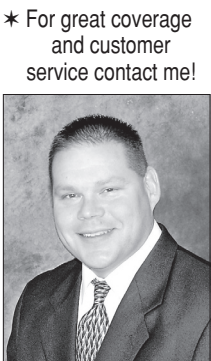
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