

National Library Week is coming; Booked for Lunch to help celebrate

Help us celebrate National Library Week in two weeks. I want you to mark your calendar for April 15 through 19.

During this week we have speakers and authors coming to talk about specific books at lunch time. Doors open at 11:45 a.m.; the speaker or author starts by 12:15 p.m. We normally are done by 1 p.m., but if not, you always have our permission to quietly get up and leave for your other responsibilities. Each day we have a nice lunch. Come enjoy time together.

This year we have the following speakers:

- Monday, April 15, Nick Larmar. "People Care: Perspectives and Practices for Professional Caregivers" by Thom Dick. He will share his recent reading and experiences as an emergency medical technician.
- Tuesday, April 16, author Roy Bird will present "The Kansas Work Ethic of Dwight D. Eisenhower" based on his recently published children's book, "Little Ike," sponsored by the Kansas Humanities Council.
- Wednesday, April 17, retired librarian Joanne Sunderman on "Killing Kennedy," by Bill O'Reilly.
- Thursday, April 18, Kansas author Eunice Boeve will discuss



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her two recently published books, "Crossed Trails" and "Echoes of Kansas Past."

• Friday, April 19, author Jeanne Riedel and her book, "Mistaken Identity." Riedel hails from Hays.

Today we are adding many new and exciting fiction items.

The first is "Benediction," by Kent Haruf, also the author of the books "Plainsong" and "Eventide." Haruf brings us protagonist Dad Lewis who lives in Holt, Colo. Lewis has been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

The book starts out with his wife collapsing on the floor. Mary is told she must be hospitalized to rest a few days. She calls her neighbor Berta May to check on her husband. Berta comes over, declaring she is here to check on him and do things that need to be done. She goes to the back yard to look at the garden, then the kitchen and washes the dishes.

Meanwhile Berta's granddaughter Alice and Lewis are getting ac-

quainted. The little girl picks up that he is sick. She asks him what is wrong and he tells her cancer. The girl asks if it is breast cancer because that is what her mother died of. It is this special conversation that begins their relationship. This book has special stories and characters throughout. It would be like the people in Colby caring for others when they are sick. It is the way of the Plains, the farmer and the community we live in.

A second book is "The Burning Air," by Erin Kelly. This book is not such a heartwarming read. The author has also written the books, "Poison Tree" and "Dark Rose." All are thrillers.

The book opens with Lydia beginning a journal of events that have cascaded through her life as wife, mother and judge. She reveals that there is a dark secret she hopes to keep from her family, that it would hurt husband, son and daughter, each one differently. She intends to destroy her journal prior to her death.

The doctors have told her she has only limited time to live and she has decided that she will not inform her family until nearer the end, wanting to shield them from trouble and grief. Sophie, her daughter, is dealing with her sorrow while preparing for a joyous occasion, the birth of a child.

She is valiantly trying to have this child while her mother is still alive.

Sophie's mother is in a sleeping or coma state that she may or may not come out of. Their lives will change abruptly as the family gathers for its traditional bonfire night at the home they call Far Barn. Together they have planned to spread their mother's ashes, but do not expect a long hidden secret that awaits them in the barn. Read this novel and enjoy the twists and turns it takes, as well as the secrets it reveals.

Other items we are adding are: "Breaking Point," by C.J. Box; "Chasing Perfect," by Bob Hurlley; "Six Years," by Harlan Coben (print and audio); "Family Pictures," by Jane Green (print and audio); "The Truth About Love and Lightning," by Susan McBride; "Three Sisters," by Susan Mallery; "A Cowboy at Heart," by Lori Copeland and Virginia Smith; "Sweet Tea," by Hildreth Jones; and "The Last Debutante," by Julia London.

We are open our normal hours: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

See you in the library!

Tracking happiness: film to screen at college

"Happy Film: A Documentary about Happiness" will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, in the Colby Community College Cultural Arts Center.

"Colby Community College is only the third college in the world to be allowed to show this film this semester," said instructor Ryan Hale.

"It is the winner of several awards, including the Audience Choice Award at the Arizona International Film Festival, Mendocino Film Festival, Mali Film Festival and Telluride Mountain Film Festival."

Director Roko Belic sets out to find the answer to several questions such as, "Does money make you happy? Kids? Family? Work?" Do you live in a world

that values and promotes happiness and well-being? Why is the United States ranked 23rd in the world when it comes to happiness?

Follow the film makers as they travel the world interviewing happiness researchers, psychologists, a rickshaw driver in Calcutta, a Danish family living in a commune, a Cajun fisherman, a Brazilian surfer, villagers in Okinawa, volunteers at a hospital for the terminally ill and a former model whose life was changed forever after being hit by a truck and having her face surgically reconstructed.

The public is encouraged to attend. There is no charge.

For information, contact Hale at (970) 215-4030 or 460-5544.

Hastings, Neb., man shocked by Russian's coin discoveries

By Tony Herrman

HASTINGS, Neb. (AP) - If Alexey Shaykhiev filled out any NCAA national tournament brackets, everyone competing against him in the same pool better watch out.

On two continents and eight years apart, the Russian man has found two coins minted by Hastings resident Jeremy Daniels. Daniels, retired vice president of advertising for Dutton-Lainson, had around 250 of the coins minted as part of his Lucky To Be Loved project to honor his wife Phyllis, who died in 2004 from multiple sclerosis.

The Hastings Tribune reports one side says "In Memory of Phyllis Daniels" and includes the years she was born and died, along with a sketch Jeremy drew of the statue of St. Francis of Assisi outside St. Mark's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral in Hastings created by his friend Herb Mignery. The other side of the coin says "We Are Lucky To Be Loved World Tour" and includes the post office box and e-mail address that Jeremy set up.

Jeremy, family members and friends distribute the coins while

traveling around the world. Coins have been placed on the top of Devil's Tower in Wyoming; in Siberia; on the Great Wall of China; and in Iceland, Tasmania and Antarctica, just to name a few places.

In fall 2005, not long after the Lucky To Be Loved project began, Jeremy's youngest son Ryan and his wife and daughter went to the Grand Canyon, where they left a coin in a sightseeing spot overlooking the canyon.

That is where Shaykhiev found the coin. He took the coin with him and left it on the way back to Russia in an airport cafe in Frankfurt, Germany. In the process of returning to Russia, he lost the Lucky To Be Loved contact information and he didn't have any way of telling the Daniels he found the coin.

Then, in February 2013, Shaykhiev found a Lucky To Be Loved coin in the airport in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia's fifth-largest city and Shaykhiev's hometown. This time, he contacted Daniels.

"I told this fella ... I would think since this coin's found you twice maybe you should keep it for good luck and if you have anything like the Powerball, I'd go buy a ticket," Jeremy said.

Oakley Firemen's Ball to benefit rescue unit

Oakley's Volunteer Fire Department will hold the Oakley Firemen's Ball at 9 p.m. on Saturday at the Logan County 4-H Building.

The annual dance is the department's only fund raiser. Since the department shares the cost of new equipment with the county and city, funds raised at the dance lower the taxpayers' costs, said Jerry Robben.

Recently, the fire department

used similar funds to pay for new air packs. This year's proceeds will help purchase supplies for a new rescue vehicle.

The dance is for adults ages 21 and over. Because alcohol is permitted, persons under 21 should be accompanied by a parent.

Tickets are \$10 per person. Donations can also be made by contacting Kevin Uhrich at 671-4627.

Honor military kids; wear purple April 15

The Defense Department has designated April as the Month of the Military Child and encourages communities to wear purple on Monday, April 15, to honor and support military families and the sacrifices they make on behalf of the nation.

"There was a time when military families were typically assigned to a post or base, and had ready access to social and other services, including programs in place for families experiencing deployment," said Ann Domsch, Kansas' coordinator for Operation Military Kids. "Many of today's military families are, however, members of the National Guard who are living in a community far away from a military post or base when tapped for active duty and deployment."

While the families of Guard members typically stay in their communities, they also will experience a new normal and face a variety of issues associated with deployment.

For example, when a two-parent household becomes a one-parent household, the at-home parent learns to juggle responsibilities formerly shared by both parents. Children used to day-to-day interaction with both parents can have

difficulty adjusting to life without the absent parent and experience a variety of feelings, including anxiety about their absent parent's welfare and family as a whole.

Guard members who are currently on active duty represent 98 of Kansas' 105 counties, so many of their families are faced with driving long distances for support services that were formerly readily available to military families.

That's why Kansas communities are encouraged to identify military families - and to reach out to help them, Domsch said.

To begin, Domsch encouraged every Kansan to show their support for military families by wearing the color purple on April 15.

"The color purple combines the colors chosen to represent America's military forces: Army green, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue," said Domsch.

Corrections

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Deaths

Norma Lee (Brown) Richards

Norma Lee (Brown) Richards, 80, Mandeville, La., cousin of Jim (Marj) Brown, Derald (Gala) Brown and Gene (Kathy) Brown of Colby, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013, at her home.

She was born June 3, 1932, in a farmhouse in Gove County, the daughter of Floyd and Ada Brown. She grew up in Colby, graduating from Colby High School in 1950. In 1954, she earned a bachelor's degree from the Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia, now Emporia State University, and in 1968, a master's in sculpture from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. In 1972, she received a doctorate in art education from the University of Kansas.

A pioneer among women in her field, she taught metal arts and art

education for 15 years and was head of the music department for five at New Mexico State. She took an active part in her community, creating murals in several Las Cruces schools. Her jewelry and metal sculptures showed regularly in the 1970s and 1980s and received many awards.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sons, Rhys Richards and Russ Richards.

Survivors include a son, Ryan Richards, and his partner Craig Inman; and a brother, Russell (Chris) Brown.

A memorial service was held Sunday, March 31, 2013, in Las Cruces.

The family suggests memorials to the local hospice.

Gem 4-H Club

The meeting of the Gem 4-H Club was conducted by President Danae West on March 11 at the Gem Community Building. Logan Haggard led the Pledge of Allegiance. Eleven members answered roll call with their favorite pet's name. Danae West led in singing "The Wheels On The Bus."

Secretary Madisyn Haggard read the February minutes and they were approved as read. Treasurer Tessa Hill gave the treasurer's report.

Parliamentarian tip was given by Chase Cersovsky. Reporter Logan Haggard had no report but did turn in a notice for the paper about the bake sale the club did

in conjunction with the Gem Lions Club Soup Day on March 2. Council Representatives West and Madisyn Haggard gave the 4-H Council report.

Leaders Carmen Cornell and Ashleigh Hill discussed club T-shirts with the members. They also announced that the top three club sellers for pizza sales were: Madisyn Haggard, first; Lizzie Cornell, second; and Caleb Hill, third.

For the program, Morgan Wark and Cassidy West gave demonstrations. There were no project talks.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, April 8.

- Logan Haggard, reporter

Solomon Valley 4-H Club

President Kurt Sloan conducted the Solomon Valley 4-H Club meeting March 11 at the 4-H building, which was repeated for judging at County Club Days March 22 at Sacred Heart School. The roll call question was "What's your favorite 4-H activity?" Twenty-two members were present.

Lisa Stramel, communications leader, said there is a new section in the goat show this year for showing mini goats.

The club is thinking about making club T-shirts.

The club decided to make Mayday baskets on Sunday, April 28, for a 4-H community service project. The activity might also include reading to little kids and people at the retirement homes.

The club decided to pay 20 per-

cent of camp fees for each member that is going, with a maximum of \$300. It was decided to make a donation to the Kansas 4-H Association.

Christian Calliham gave a project talk about the two horses he will be taking to fair this year. Laura Schroder gave a project talk about the steers her family will be taking to fair. Julie Schroder gave a project talk about Amish friendship bread.

Kourtney Finley did a demonstration on how to make melted crayon art. Nathan Stramel demonstrated how to plant bulbs.

Recreation was led by Carli Nieman and the Sloan and Miller families provided refreshments.

- Christian Calliham, reporter

Police on hunt for Sasquatch

WESTFORD, Vt. (AP) - Vermont State Police are on the hunt for Bigfoot. No fooling.

Police are trying to find a Sasquatch sculpture stolen from a driveway in Westford.

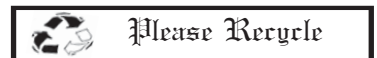
Authorities say the 8-pound, 15-inch-tall plastic sculpture of a Bigfoot head and chest was taken off a tree sometime Saturday or Sunday.

Trooper Todd Ambroz said Monday that the homeowners who had recently moved to Westford are fond of their Sasquatch and just want it back.

He says the owners are using a website called Front Porch Forum to try to find the beast.

Markets

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(620) 624-5263, visitliberal.com

Torc Truck Off Road Racing
April 12-13, Dodge City
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(620) 225-DCRP, torc.eventbrite.com

Kansas Sampler Festival
May 4-5, Liberal
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