

# Pioneer Day captures historical moments

By MAXINE NELSON

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Velma Barnett and Maxine Knudson talked about the early history of the Cumberland community at the 2002 Pioneer Day. The event was part of Thomas County Fair and was held at the VFW Hall the Saturday after the fair.



V. Barnett

Wayne and Millie Lauritsen coordinated the event, continuing a long-time tradition which had previously been hosted by Lloyd and Lucille White.



M. Knudson

Following the flag salute and invocation, lunch was served by the VFW and VFW Auxiliary, after which the Lauritsens sang.

Barnett and Knudson share a common set of grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bourquin, who homesteaded the farm near Gem which Velma Barnett lives on. Her son is the fourth generation which has farmed the land.

Knudson said her father-in-law Henry Knudson homesteaded land near Cumberland in Wendell Township in 1879. At that time, Cumberland had the only stream in the county with



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Among performers at Pioneer Day recently held at the VFW in Colby were Oscar Jones from Hoxie. ABOVE: Cercia Cass (left) was playing the piano with Don Ammons (middle) and Oscar Jones on guitars. Not pictured was Shirley Emich, all of Hoxie.

natural springs. Water was available for activities including boating, fishing, and ice skating.

Following the speakers, Oscar Jones introduced a group from Hoxie, Don Ammons, Cercia Cass and Shirley Emich, who performed old-time favorites with Jones.

The oldest man present was Cyril Saddler born in 1913. Sada Munkres was the oldest lady, born in 1909. Glen and Verla Weber, married 62 years, were the couple married the longest.

The couple whose combined age was longest was Twila and Cyril Saddler, with a combined age of 186 years.

They were also the couple who had lived in Thomas County the longest, for 61 years as a couple.

Matt Hamill was the man who had lived in the county the longest, 88 years. Each received a \$1 bill.

The afternoon concluded with singing of favorite hymns.

## Spy Kids 2 gets high rating by local critic

Jeff Owen

### • Owen's Review

I know it seems that I like every movie I go and see, but to be honest with you, I don't go to movies which do not interest me.

However, this past Friday evening, my wife and I went to see *Spy Kids 2, The Island of Lost Dreams*. It is simply a great movie, especially for the little ones.

Now playing downtown at the Colby Twin Theaters "Spy Kids 2" will hold your attention and give you some laughs as well.

Perhaps there is a spy in your home, waiting to save the world of the evil which threatens to take over. Or maybe, you feel like your home needs to be saved from that little one. Which ever way it is for you and yours, *Spy Kids 2* is a must see movie.

Setting out on an adventure is one

of life's greatest gifts. In hopes of keeping the Transmooker out of the hands of those who would use it to rule the world, the *Spy Kids* leave for a far away island. On the island, they encounter strange creatures and have to overcome many obstacles. Will their mission be a success or failure? Will they retrieve the coveted Transmooker device or will the world as we know it cease to exist? I could tell you, but I won't. You'll just have to go and see it for yourself..

I give *Spy Kids 2* a four out of five spider monkeys.

See you at the movies.

## Student News

Jessica A. Cox

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Jessica A. Cox of Colby has accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Central Missouri State University.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars is a highly selective, national, non-profit honors organization. Founded in 1994, the society recognizes first and second year undergradu-

ate students who excel academically.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars provides the opportunity for students, like Jessica, to be recognized for their outstanding academic accomplishments early in their college experience", said Steve Lofflin, executive director. "Jessica will also have the opportunity to join other high achieving college students in developing leadership skills and a sense of civic responsibility.

# Work-at-home operations could be schemes

By CARLA STOVALL

Kansas Attorney General

Although the following work-at-home schemes have been around for a few years, my office continues to receive complaints from consumers who have participated in them. Usually a business that operates this type of scheme will disappear, but a new one will be right there to take its place.

The most well-known scheme is the envelope stuffing plan. A consumer may see an ad in a newspaper or magazine that promises earnings of \$200 to \$500 per week for stuffing or addressing envelopes in the comfort of his or her home. After responding to the ad, the consumer usually receives a letter

asking for a "small fee" of usually \$10 or \$20 for an explanation of how the envelope stuffing plan works. After sending in the fee, the consumer receives a plan that basically tells how to place a newspaper or magazine ad, at an additional cost, identical to the one to which the consumer responded. The promoter who placed the ad is not offering actual employment, even though that is what the ad implies. The only way a consumer will "earn" money is if other people respond to the ad. A more updated version of this scheme involves a promoter who actually mails solicitations for this plan to consumers' homes.

Another work-at-home plan to be

wary of is assembly or craft work. These programs may require the home worker to invest a substantial amount of money in equipment, supplies and deposits. A consumer will be asked to assemble dolls, clowns, puppets, stuffed animals or other products which the promoting company promises to buy back. The company provides the materials, for a refundable deposit, and assembly instructions. Sometimes the company may require the consumer to purchase equipment from it, such as a sewing machine, to assemble the items. Unfortunately, most of the assembled products are subsequently rejected by the promoting company because they do not meet

"quality standards." The following are questions you might ask a potential work-at-home business:

What tasks will I be required to perform?

Will I be paid a salary or will my pay be based on commission? Who will pay me and when will I receive my first paycheck?

What is the total cost of the work-at-home program, including supplies, equipment and membership fees? What will I get for my money? Then ask yourself: Am I willing to risk this amount if the program doesn't generate the income promised?

If you wish to file a complaint call, 785-296-3751 or 1-800-432-2310.

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