Summer is officially ending and it seems the whole world's in the backto-school, back-to-work clamor, Just before it's officially fall, the French retreat to the beach with a book and a bottle of wine - and in America, we traditionally hold one last barbecue. Pioneer Memorial Library has lots of new books just waiting to be read (or listened to) that will make this end-ofthe-summer thing go more smoothly.

Prisoners of Hope by Dayna Curry and Heather Mercer is the gripping and inspiring story of two extraordinary women who were imprisoned by the Taliban and eventually rescued by the U.S. Special Forces. The two had gone to Afghanistan to help bring a better life and a little hope to some of the poorest and most oppressed people in the

Here are a few ideas that might be ap-



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were arrested by the Taliban for teach- Prairie Museum of Art and History graing Christianity. In the middle of their ciously donated a copy of the HBO trial, the events of Sept. 11, led to the video production entitled In Memointernational war on terrorism and the riam: New York City 9/11/2001, to the Taliban became the primary target. library. Many feared the women would not survive.

rescue by the Special Forces. Prisoners of Hope is the gripping true story for a very timely read.

And while we are on the subject of check out.

world. Not long after they arrived, they terrorists, I want to remind you that the

Although it contains some difficult and graphic scenes, it concludes on a But they did - thanks to their heroic hopeful note. The heroic actions of ordinary people are what linger in the mind. It is a remarkable collection of of two remarkable women and makes firsthand views of the events of Sept. 11 in New York and is available for

iar with landscape artist Thomas might want to give this book a try. Kinkade's work, then you might be interested to learn that he has written a book. Kinkade, often referred to as the "Painter of Light", wanted to write something like his artwork - heartcalled Cape Light and takes place in a small community just like the ones he

The inhabitants of Cape Light include Mayor Emily Warwick, whose secret from the past just arrived in town; her sister, Jessica, who has forgone her own ambitions to care for their ailing mother; Reverend Ben, who counsels and consoles the entire town while trying to come to grips with his own sorrows; and Charlie, the owner of the local diner who always seems to be at the center of contro-

Finally, Red Rabbit, the longawaited new thriller by Tom Clancy, has arrived. It is interesting to note that there is not a shot fired until page 602 in the book, but those familiar with warming and uplifting. His novel is their history will know the outcome of that shot by page 17. Maybe I had better explain. Red Rabbit is the fictional story behind Mehmet Ali Agca's (reallife) failed attempt on the life of Pope John II back in 1981.

learn, is only a supporting player in this novel until the final scenes. The book's main heroes are the husband-and-wife team of Ed Foley, CIA station chief in Moscow, and his agent-wife Mary Pat. say it is a bit disappointing while others say Clancy is still the best espionage writer in town. You decide.

in the Life of Thomas County - July 4, look forward to serving you.

On a brighter note, if you are famil-versy. If you are a Jan Karon fan, you 2002" officially begins on Sunday, Sept. 15, at the library. The photographers/participants and families are invited to come at 1 p.m. for a special showing and the awards presentations for the three top winners will be at 2

The public is invited to come see the exhibit from 2 to 4 p.m. There are over 100 photos displayed in this exhibit and every single one is a winner! What a great look at Thomas County. So mark Sunday, Sept. 15 on your calen-Jack Ryan, you may be surprised to dar and join us for "A Day in the Life of Thomas County".

> This project was sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Stop by Pioneer Memorial Library soon. We are located at 375 West Reviews so far have been mixed. Some Fourth and are open 7 days a week as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; and Sunday, One more important thing before I 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. For more information close: the photo exhibit entitled "A Day contact the library at 462-4470. We

Goodland to host Hospice training sessions

Free Press Editor The need for Hospice Services volunteers is continuing to grow in northwest Kansas and in an effort to handle the increasing demand there are three training sessions planned with the first beginning Saturday.

The Saturday session will start at 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. (MDT) and all classes will be held at the Goodland Regional Medical Center in the small board

The next two sessions will be Thursday, Sept. 19, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., she said.

"Volunteering for hospice is a great way to give back to the community," said Amanda McKenzie, Hospice Services director of volunteers.

"If you can free up two hours in a

week to make a telephone call or friendly visit, give a ride to the doctor, do some light shopping, provide brief respite for a family caregiver, or change a light bulb, you will be doing what most volunteers in America do simple tasks," she said. "But these things are powerful because they allow a person who needs such help to live with hope and dignity."

This year alone, she said Hospice Services served 20 percent more families and provides care for 14 counties McKenzie said the organization adin northwest and parts of north central

After completing training, volunteers are invited to participate in activities and serve families in their county, although, several volunteers also opt to travel and join volunteer inservices and events in adjoining counties as their schedule permits.

"The training prepares our volunteers for what ever situations they may face when working with a family," she said. "We want everyone involved in the hospice experience to be comfort-

Hospice Services is more of a concept than a place. It provides care and services for the terminally ill and their families. Pain control and symptom management are vital goals.

For those unfamiliar with Hospice, dresses the spiritual, emotional, and social needs as much as the medical/ physical requirements.

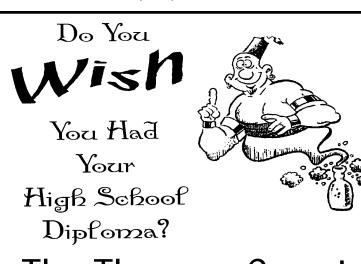
"Death is neither hastened nor post-

poned," she said. "The mission is to enhance the quality of each remaining day to help prepare the patient and family for the next portion of the journey, and to comfort them along the way."

Volunteers are the heart of the organization and without them, the work could not continue.

For questions or information, call either Linda Knott, Goodland, at (785) 899-7105 or McKenzie at (785) 899-5788 or 1-800-315-5122.

For those who might not be unable to participate in this round of volunteer training, McKenzie said there are always other session on a rotating basis within the 14 counties.



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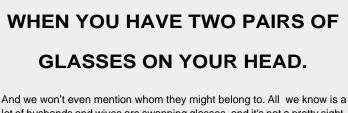
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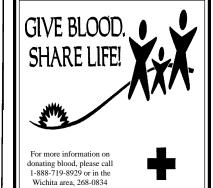
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