

Library to close Sunday; new books, videos and more available

Can you believe that the Easter season is here already? It boggles my mind every time I look at the calendar. I should remind you that the library will be closed on Palm Sunday, April 4, and also Easter Sunday, which is April 11 so if you have plans to travel over either of those holidays and need a book, audio book, video and/or DVD, be sure to come in and check them out well in advance.

Here are a few titles you might want to try.

Thomas Kinkade, most famous for his paintings, is rapidly becoming well-known for his Christian fiction books as well. His latest is *A New Leaf* and the story of a single mom who has become increasingly



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disillusioned by matters of the heart, especially considering the bitter divorce she had gone through. She shies away from romance and has even given up her dream catering business.

Then Matthew Harding, a widower, moves to town and enters her life. Things are bound to change for both of them.

Out of Reach by Patricia Lewin is a heart-stopping tale of suspense.

CIA Agent Erin Baker, working in the world's most sophisticated intelligence-gathering organization, is suffering from a horrible tragedy in her past. When she was a little girl, her 8-year-old sister was kidnapped.

Although she was eventually found and returned home, both girls' lives were changed by the event forever. While on an assignment, Erin spots an ice cream ven-

dor and realizes she has seen this man before - the day her sister disappeared. She gains access to her sister's old kidnapping records and begins to see if this man was involved. *Out of Reach* is about children and a horrifying underworld where they are stolen and trafficked. It has echoes of today's shocking headlines.

Leon Uris, author of best selling books *Exodus* and *Battle Cry*, has a new one about the Marine Corps called *O'Hara's Choice*. It begins shortly after the Civil War when first-generation Irish-American Zachary O'Hara finds himself playing a critical role in the future of the Marines. If he can persuade the Secretary of the Navy that the Marines

are more crucial than ever to America's safety and security, he'll save the Corps and make his career.

But there's an obstacle in his path and her name is Amanda Blanton Kerr, a passionate, obstinate woman poised to blaze a trail for her feminine sex. *O'Hara's Choice* is the story of the inevitable collision of these two determined, fighting spirits. As usual, Leon Uris is a master at weaving historical fact and fiction.

The Between the Lions Book for Parents by Linda Rath and Louise Kennedy, based on the award-winning television series, claims to have everything a parent needs to help his/her child learn to read. I don't think any of us would argue

with the fact that learning to read is one of the most important challenges children face and that parents don't always know how to help them master the complex skills involved.

With this book, parents of children ages 4-8 will find the information they need to help their children succeed.

Stop by Pioneer Memorial Library soon. We are located at 375 W. Fourth and are open seven days a week as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. For more information, contact the library at 462-4470. We look forward to serving you.

Brewster correspondent reports on recent illnesses and updates

Right after I sent the last column in, I received many reports of some folks that are ailing or else, having some event coming up. We don't want anyone to feel that their situation is not important.

First off, we want Shane and Harvey Benham and Rex and Doris Mayer to know that we are with them in prayer for Joseph Benham, Shane and Harvey's older son, and Rex and Doris' grandson.

The Benham's recently moved to Meade and Joseph has had a bout of illness that has been pretty serious. He is in ICU in Wichita at this time and there are still tests being performed on him.

It's hard on this young fellow to be ailing but it is also hard on his folks and little brother to see him feeling so bad.

I hope by now that Joseph has received the right medication and is back home mending until he is totally well. No matter where they live now, Joseph will always be considered a Brewster kid and we



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care.

Another Brewster kid that moved down south to Lakin and has grown up and has a family of her own, also had a bad time a while back. Ronda (Herman) Weirich, daughter of Gloria Ribordy, was hospitalized and had some serious health problems for a week or so.

She and her husband have two little girls and help was needed to tend to them. Ronda wants everyone to know she appreciates the folks that let their "favorite beauty operator" take some time off to take care of her and her girls.

She also wants that "favorite beauty operator" to know that she really appreciates her. So, Gloria, this is to let you know that Ronda called me up special just to get this

little "Thank You" to you and to your customers. That's a pretty thoughtful daughter, right?! And oh yes, she said she feels better than she has for a long time.

Also, I am probably the last person in the area that found out that Helen Schroeder had some surgery and treatments a while back. I want her to know that we hope she is doing as great as what the reports sound like and hope that she'll be stopping by the Senior Center to say "Hi" again soon. And I am glad that the reports are so great!

Talked to our son in Bennington this morning. They were waiting for another rain to go through so they could head for Salina.

It's hard not to get mad at them for getting all the rain but last year they were running pretty dry too. So maybe it'll head back our way some time soon.

One thing we don't need is all the wind that has been in our area although I guess there isn't any smog settling in. That old dust seems to be

Grand jury indicts adult business

ABILENE (AP)—A grand jury returned a 29-count indictment Thursday against an adult novelty and video store that has been the focus of controversy since it opened last September.

Each of the misdemeanor counts returned by the grand jury in Dickinson County alleges that the Lion's Den Adult Superstore promoted obscenity. The store faces fines of up to \$2,500 and/or up to one year in jail on each count.

All the counts relate to devices that are sold at the Lions Den, near Abilene just off Interstate 70. Under state law, promoting obscenity includes knowingly or recklessly selling sexually oriented goods.

Lions Den field manager Sandi Summers said she could not comment on the proceedings. She has said that the Ohio-based company has faced court proceedings before and none of its 29 stores has closed

because of a court decision.

The grand jury's indictment may lead to other obscenity cases being filed across the state, Dickinson County Attorney Kristie Hildebrand said.

"I have received phone calls from other county attorneys who have been awaiting the result of our grand jury decision here in Dickinson County before they make deci-

sions on how to proceed," she said.

The grand jury was summoned after a petition was filed in November by a group called Citizens for Strengthening Community Virtues, which formed shortly after the Lions Den opened.

One of the group's members, Phillip Cosby, of Abilene, said he was pleased and thankful for the indictment.

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