



Making fish



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Storytime at Pioneer Memorial Library continues to provide young children opportunities to learn and interact with one another. **ABOVE:** Preschoolers and family members took part in activities Tuesday morning during storytime with Judy Kleinsorge, children's librarian. Left to right: April Harbaugh helped her daughter, Ashlyn, 18 months, trace her hand on paper in order to make a fish. Others were Cindy Reinert (next to Ashlyn) helping her two children: Jenna, 2, and Hayden, 5. Behind Reinert was a Brewster grandmother, Joyce Crabtree,

helping her grandson, Tad Holm, 6. Kleinsorge is at the far right. Not pictured, but taking part in the program Tuesday were: Cutler Mayer, 1; Tucker Branum, 3; Tohanna Benson, parent, Job Thompson, 4, Kaylee Peterson, 4; and her mother Becky Peterson. For those wanting to attend Storytime, the Tuesday 10:15 a.m. session is for preschoolers; Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. for toddlers; Thursday at 1:15 p.m. for preschoolers; and Thursday at 7 p.m., Family night at the library. For information on the programs, call 462-4470.

Something for  
all ages at event  
next Wednesday

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The Thomas County Health Department is spearheading a new type of event that in some ways will replace its "Bicycle Rodeo," which in recent years has seen less and less participation, officials said.

The new event, "Kids for Safety," is scheduled Wednesday, Sept. 29, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Thomas County fairgrounds, said Juanita Dewey, county health nurse.

"We wanted to have an event that would involve all entities within the county," she said, "and pull it all together as a group."

The thrust of this event will encompass all aspects of safety, but in a new format, Dewey said. For example, the Colby Fire Department will be using its new safety trailer and hazard house to educate adults and children on fire safety, neighborhood safety, bad weather alerts and more.

Midwest Energy also has a trailer, she said, which can provide necessary information in the event of gas leaks and other related dangers. There will also be nationally-known characters such as Vince and Larry, the crash dummies and McGruff, the crime dog to offer their own types of safety tips, Dewey said.

Entertainment will feature the Red Barn Gang with their own style of music and tumblers from the Colby Recreation Tumbleweed

group will perform as well.

Some of the demonstrations will be offered at specific times. For instance, the firearms and home safety demonstration, along with the K-9 demonstration are both scheduled at 4, 5 and 6 p.m. with wildlife safety demonstrations starting at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. K-9 demonstrations.

Other activities, she said, will include drinking water quality, preschool events, first aid, don't smoke, Internet safety, dental hygiene, bioterrorism, Beewee immunization bee, 911, deadly look-alikes, and many, many give-aways.

"We will be giving away prizes every 15 minutes," she said. "Entries will include a name and telephone number and the continuous drawings will not require anyone to be present to win."

It's a huge undertaking that Dewey said will be an all-around safety experience for both children and parents and involve nearly every safety organization, governmental entity and/or other agencies that deal with children and protecting them and their families from harm.

"We encourage parents to come as well as their children," she said.

For questions about this new event, call the Thomas County Health Department at 462-4596 or stop by the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave.

Mysterious rash/bug bite not a problem in northwest Kansas

By PATTY DECKER

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Prompted by a mysterious rash linked to bug bites in southeast Kansas, the state's Department of Health and Environment organized a team of experts to investigate.

The team's preliminary findings indicated that the bites are a result

of the straw itch mite, the Pyemotes, which in turn is causing the rash illness, said Sharon Watson, public information officer for the state. This type of mite has not been identified in the northwest part of the state, said Juanita Dewey, with the Thomas County Health Department on Tuesday.

Although residents in southeast Kansas should be on the alert for this mite, which is invisible to the naked eye, and is a parasite that feeds on insect larvae associated with grain and storage.

The mites were identified in sample galls found on oak trees that were sent to Kansas State Univer-

sity. University of Nebraska and Kansas State University collaborated in identifying the mite, Watson said.

Other findings revealed that the unusual weather conditions this summer is probably a factor in their increased population.

Recommendations by the health

department were for people to use an insect repellent containing DEET for preventing the bites and to avoid grassy areas.

However, in the event a person is unable to avoid those types of areas, the health department urges showering with plenty of soap and water after being in grassy areas.

Oral antihistamines and topical anti-itch creams have been useful in alleviating the discomfort caused by the bites, the team said, and in most cases the bites clear in one to two weeks.

"If you continue to have discomfort," Watson said the team recommends seeing a physician.

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WEEKDAYS													SEPTEMBER 21 - SEPTEMBER 27															
	6 AM		6:30		7 AM		7:30		8 AM		8:30		9 AM		9:30		10 AM		10:30		11 AM		11:30					
KLBY/ABC 4 6	News				Good Morning America								Mak-e-over		Judge-Brown		The View				TBA		News					
KSNK/NBC 3 9	News Cont'd				Today																Live With Regis and Kelly				In the Heat of the Night			
KBSL/CBS 12 11	News								The Early Show				The 700 Club				The Price Is Right				The Young and the Restless							
K15CG 3	BBC World		Yoga		Body Electric		Caillou		Boohbah		Barney-Friends		Dragon Tales		Lions		Sesame Street				Clifford-Red		Teletub-bies					
WGN 13	Chang-ing		Believer Voice		Happy Days		Happy Days		Hillbil-lies		Hillbil-lies		Matlock				In the Heat of the Night				Mag-num, P.I.		Varied					
NICK 29	Oddpar-ents		Jimmy Neutron		Rugrats		Spon-geBob		Dora the Explorer		Blue's Clues		Miss Spider		Lazy-Town		Dora the Explorer		Dora the Explorer		Blue's Clues		Little Bill					
FAM 30	Spider-Man		Digimon-Digital		Power Rangers		Bey-blade		Varied		Living the Life		The 700 Club				7th Heaven				Full House		Full House					
USA 31	Walker, Texas Ranger				Movie								Nash Bridges				The District				The District							
TBS 37	Saved by Bell		Saved by Bell		Movie								Dawson's Creek				Dawson's Creek				Saved-Bell		Saved-Bell					
TNT 38	The Pretender				The Pretender				Charmed				ER				ER				Judging Amy							
DSC 42	Paid Program		Paid Program		Paid Program		Paid Program		Assignment Discovery				Double Agents				Designer Guys		Designer Guys		Rally Round the House							
A&E 47	Varied Programs				Movie		Varied Programs						Murder, She Wrote				Third Watch				City Confidential							
ESPN 49	SportsCenter				SportsCenter				Sports-Center		Varied		SportsCenter				SportsCenter				Varied Programs							
HBO 7	Movie Cont'd				Varied Programs																							
DISN 17	Koala Brothers		The Wiggles		Higgly-town		JoJo's Circus		The Wiggles		Stanley		Rolie Polie		PB&J Otter		Out of the Box		The Wiggles		Koala Brothers		Higgly-town					
MAX 21	Movie Cont'd		Varied Programs				Movie		Varied Programs																			

THURSDAY							SEPTEMBER 23					
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	(5:59) News	Ent. Tonight	Extreme Make-over (Season Premiere) (N) (CC)				Prim-Time: Live (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)	
KSNK/NBC (6) (9)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Joey (N) (CC)	Will & Grace	The Apprentice (N) (CC)		ER One for the Road (Season Premiere)		News	The Tonight Show Keith Urban (CC)	Late Night (N)	
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of Fire (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N)		Without a Trace: In the Dark (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show Rob Lowe; Mos Def. (CC)	Late Late	
K15CG (3)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Sun-flower	Kansas Spotlight	The New This Old House: Hour (CC)		Wide Angle: Young journalists in Iran.		BBC World	Keeping Up (CC)	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
WGN (13)	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	Movie: Militia *** (2000, Action) A federal agent must retrieve stolen anthrax missiles.				WGN News at Nine (CC)		Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)	Home Delivery	
NICK (29)	Jimmy Neutron	Oddparents	SpongeBob	Sabrina-Witch	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
FAM (30)	7th Heaven: High Anxiety (CC)		Movie: Stuart Little *** (1999) Human parents adopt a mouse into their family.				Whose Line? (CC)		The 700 Club (CC)		Family Matters	
USA (31)	The Dead Zone: No Questions Asked		Law & Order: Special Victims		Movie: Beverly Hills Cop III *** 1/2 (1994, Drama) Axel Foley uncovers criminal activities at a theme park.				Movie: The Cable Guy *** 1/2 (1996, Comedy) Jim Carrey. (CC)		Movie: The Nutty Professor *** (1996) Eddie Murphy.	
TBS (37)	Friends (CC)	MLB Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves. Turner Field.	Movie: The Mask *** (1994, Fantasy) Jim Carrey, Cameron Diaz. (CC)					Movie: The Mask *** (1994, Fantasy) Jim Carrey, Cameron Diaz. (CC)		Movie: Spawn *** 1/2 (1997) (CC)		
TNT (38)	Law & Order: Slave (CC) (DVS)		Movie: The Mask *** (1994, Fantasy) Jim Carrey, Cameron Diaz. (CC)				Movie: The Mask *** (1994, Fantasy) Jim Carrey, Cameron Diaz. (CC)				Movie: Spawn *** 1/2 (1997) (CC)	
DSC (42)	Gambling Game: Beating the House		Dinosaur Planet: Little Das' Hunt		Death of Princess Diana		Monster Garage: Monster Nation 4		Dinosaur Planet: Little Das' Hunt		Death of Princess Diana	
A&E (47)	American Justice: Green Beret Murder		Cold Case: Files A Map to Murder; Life on the Run; Soft Kill; Unsolved (CC)				The First 48 (CC)		Crossing Jordan: Devil May Care (CC)		Cold Case: Files (CC)	
ESPN (49)	Sports-Center	College Football: Miami at Houston. (Live) (CC)	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)					SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		Outside-Edge: Line's		Baseball Tonight
HBO (7)	(4:30) Movie: Minority Report		Inside the NFL NFL news and highlights.		Movie: American Splendor (2003) Comic-book writer Harvey Pekar tells his story.			Shock Video 2001: A Sex Odyssey		Inside the NFL NFL news and highlights.		
DISN (17)	Sister, Sister	That's Raven	Cinderella (CC)		Lizzie McGuire		Sister, Sister	Even Stevens	Boy Mts. World	Proud Family	That's Raven	
MAX (21)	(5:30) Movie: Mad Max-Thunderdome		Movie: Bruce Almighty *** 1/2 (2003, Comedy) Jim Carrey. (CC)				Movie: Dreamcatcher *** 1/2 (2003, Horror) Morgan Freeman, Thomas Jane. (CC)				Movie: The Bikini Escort Company	

WEEKDAYS													SEPTEMBER 21 - SEPTEMBER 27												
	12 PM		12:30	1 PM		1:30	2 PM		2:30	3 PM		3:30	4 PM		4:30	5 PM		5:30							
KLBY/ABC 4 6	All My Children			One Life to Live			General Hospital			Judge Judy	Judge Judy	The Jane Pauley Show			News			ABC Wild News							
KSNK/NBC 8 9	News	Inside Edition		Days of our Lives			Passions			The Insider	Jeopardy!	The Ellen DeGeneres Show			News			NBC News							
KBSL/CBS 12 11	News	Bold, Beautiful		As the World Turns			Guiding Light			Dr. Phil			Oprah Winfrey			News			CBS News						
K15CG 3	Reading Rainbow		Mister Rogers	Varied Programs				George Shrinks		Beren. Bears	Dragon-flyTV	Cyber-chase	Arthur		Zoom		Business								
WGN 13	News			Rockford Files			Mag-num, P.I.		Varied		America's Funniest Home Videos			Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Home Improve.		Will & Grace							
NICK 29	Miss Spider	Lazy-Town		Thorn-berries		Rocket Power		Rugrats		Rugrats		Oddpar-ents	Jimmy Neutron		Spon-geBob	SPLAT!	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats							
FAM 30	Family Matters		Family Matters		Step by Step		Step by Step		Switched!		Knock First		7th Heaven		Boy Mts. World		Boy Mts. World	Full House	Full House						
USA 31	JAG			Movie				Varied		Movie						The District									
TBS 37	Cosby Show		Cosby Show		Steve Harvey		Steve Harvey		Drew Carey		Drew Carey		Yes, Dear	Home Improve.		Home Improve.		Ray-mond	Seinfeld						
TNT 38	Law & Order			NYPD Blue		Varied		NYPD Blue			Judging Amy			Angel			Charmed								
DSC 42	Surprise by Design			Surprise by Design			Rally Round the House			Double Agents			Varied Programs												
A&E 47	American Justice			Movie		Varied Programs				Murder, She Wrote			Third Watch			City Confidential									
ESPN 49	Varied Programs												Around the Horn		Interrup-tion		SportsCenter								
HBO 7	Movie			Varied Programs																					
DISN 17	JoJo's Circus	Stanley		Winnie-Pooh		House of Mouse		House of Mouse		Recess		Lilo & Stitch		Recess		Kim Possible	Proud Family		Even Stevens	Lizzie McGuire					
MAX 21	Movie Cont'd		Movie		Varied Programs						Movie			Varied Programs				Movie							

FRIDAY						SEPTEMBER 24						
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	(5:59) News	Ent. Tonight	8 Simple Rules	Complete	Hope & Faith (N)	Less-Perfect	20/20 (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)	
KSNK/NBC (8) (9)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Dateline NBC (CC)		Third Watch Alone Again, Naturally (N)		Medical Investigation (CC)		News	The Tonight Show Patti Scialfa. (CC)		Late Night (N)
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Joan of Arcadia Only Connect (CC)		JAG Going After Webb (CC) (DVS)		dr. vegas Pilot (Series Premiere)		News (CC)	Late Show (N) (CC)		Late Late
K15CG (3)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Wash. Week	Wall-Fortune	Market-Market	Kansas Week	Now With Bill Moyers (N) (CC)		BBC World	Red Green	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
WGN (13)	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	Movie: Last Flight Out (2003, Drama) Richard Tyson. (CC)			Becker (CC)	WGN News at Nine (CC)		Becker Chris' Ex	Becker (CC)	Home Delivery	
NICK (29)	Chalk-Zone	Teenage Robot	Danny Phantom	Grown Up	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Rose-anne	Rose-anne
FAM (30)	7th Heaven We Do (CC)		Movie: A Little Princess ***** (1995, Drama) Eleanor Bron, Liam Cunningham.				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)		Paid Program	Paid Program
USA (31)	The Dead Zone School violence.		Law & Order: Special Victims		Law & Order: Special Victims		Monk Mr. Monk & the Blackout (CC)		Law & Order: Special Victims		Monk Mr. Monk & the Blackout (CC)	
TBS (37)	Friends (CC)	MLB Baseball: Florida Marlins at Atlanta Braves. Turner Field. (Live) (CC)						Movie: Lethal Weapon 2 ***** (1989, Action) Riggs and Murtaugh battle drug-smuggling diplomats. (CC)				
TNT (38)	Law & Order Act of God (CC) (DVS)		Movie: Blade ** (1998, Action) A vampire hunter does battle with a vicious bloodsucker. Wesley Snipes.				Movie: Arachnophobia (1990) An army of lethal arachnids descends on a community.				Movie: I Know	
DSC (42)	Great Biker Build-Off		American Casino Henderson Rocks Party		American Chopper POW/MIA 3		American Hot Rod (CC)		American Casino Henderson Rocks Party		American Chopper POW/MIA 3	
A&E (47)	American Justice: Witness and Hitman		Biography John Travolta: Stayin' Alive John Travolta becomes a celebrity. (CC)				Biography: Timothy McVeigh: Terror		The Black Widow		Biography: John Travolta	
ESPN (49)	MLB Baseball: Teams to Be Announced. (Live) (CC)											
HBO (7)	Inside the NFL NFL news and highlights.		Movie: X2: X-Men United *** (2003) A right-wing militant pursues the mutants. Patrick Stewart. (CC)				Family Bonds		Real Time (Live) (CC)		Def Poetry	Atlantic City
DISN (17)	Phil of Future	That's-Raven	Movie: Kim Possible: A Sitch in Time (2003, Adventure) (CC)		Movie: Kim Possible: A Sitch in Time (2003, Adventure) (CC)		Brace-face		Boy Mts. World		Proud Family	That's-Raven
MAX (21)	(5:00) Movie: Ghost *** (1990) (CC)		Movie: Two Weeks Notice *** (2002, Romance-Comedy) Sandra Bullock. (CC)				Movie: Old School ** (2003, Comedy) Luke Wilson. (CC)		Best Sex Ever		Movie: Sex, Secrets	