

Family

Army band to perform in Norton Wednesday

The 312th Army Band from Lawrence will perform at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Norton school auditorium.

The band is composed of Army Reservists from Kansas. Musicians have been an integral part of the military even before the U.S. Army was created in 1775. From the signal corps drummers in the Revolutionary War to the full brass bands of World War II, music has been part of the Army's

success. Whether it's a ceremonial performance or a concert to boost the morale of soldiers, U.S. Army Band members have a unique opportunity to serve their country while making music.

The Army Band Program is open to musicians who are qualified to enlist in the Army and can pass a prearranged audition. Contact any band member for information.

Catholic charity group plans Salina fund raiser

This past year, Catholic Charities of Salina, the Diocese of Salina's social services agency, served more than 4,000 clients, regardless of their religious beliefs, with emergency assistance becoming the agency's largest program.

But because of the economic turmoil, money is harder to find. That makes the Kansas Prairie Celebration fund raiser an even more important event this year, said Karen Hauser, chief executive officer of the agency.

Tickets, \$30 per person, include a buffet, entertainment and live and silent auctions from 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Ramada Inn Conference Center in Salina.

People come to Catholic Charities because they simply have run out of money to buy food, pay the rent, buy gas or obtain medication, Hauser said, but they get more than a hand-out. The agency uses financial education to help people better manage their money.

Too many people turn to payday or title-loan companies, Hauser said, so Catholic Charities has partnered with other agencies to form a loan guarantee program

through a bank, which makes small loans with reasonable interest rates.

Catholic Charities screens the applicants to see if they qualify for other assistance.

The agency also offers adoption and birth-parent services, counseling, marriage and family education, legal immigration help and family and youth programs.

All serve a definite need in the diocese, she said, but she'd like to do more.

"I'd like to see it expand, but I'm very practical," Hauser said. "You do what you can with the resources you have. There are limitations. But this past year has been a fine line with the downturn in the economy and funding becoming slower or not coming at all. It's not a time we can grow, but the need seems to be growing."

"But I think we're doing some good work here."

To purchase tickets, call Catholic Charities of Salina at (888) 468-6909. For information about the agency, go to www.catholic-charitiessalina.org.

Quinter to have benefit race

The third Annual Waldo McBurney Race sponsored by Castle Rock Health and Fitness will take place at the Quinter City Park on Saturday, July 31.

A 5K run/walk at 8 a.m. will be followed at 9 a.m. by a one-mile run/walk and then the 200-meter kid's run/walk.

Entry fees are \$10 for kids 12 and under and \$18 for adults in advance, or \$21 on the day of the race.

Age divisions are for kids 10 and under, youths 11-15 and 16-20, and adults in their 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s and over 81.

Profits will go to the future Health and Fitness Center in Quinter.

The fastest man and woman in the 5K will receive \$100. Medals will be distributed to first place winners in each division. T-shirts will be given to all participants.

T-shirts and packet pickup will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, July

30, at the fitness center and from 6:30 to 7:50 a.m. Saturday at the park shelter. Registration forms will be available at Quinter businesses.

ASHLAND, Ore. (AP) — A southern Oregon city says the nightlife in its downtown is more like wildlife.

The *Ashland Daily Tidings* reports that on July 3, a deer crashed through the window of Nimbus, a high-end clothing store downtown.

State wildlife biologist Mark Vargas says the doe likely had been spooked and didn't see the glass.

A store saleswoman says the

Jar inventor takes 'garden hero' title

One of my garden heroes is a gentleman by the name of John Landis Mason, because on Nov. 30, 1858, Mason was issued a patent for what is known today as the Mason jar.

Mason wasn't even a glass blower, but a rather obscure tinsmith who plied his trade in New York City. You'll not find his name in the encyclopedia, or in books about famous inventors, but his name has been perpetuated on fruit jars to this day. He died in 1902, penniless, a New York charity case, but his invention will live for the ages.

Those of us who preserve food in jars are greatly indebted to this man. And that may be the understatement of the day. Mason did not invent canning.

Actually, finding a way to preserve food in jars and cans took place during the reign of Napoleon. The French were looking for a way to protect rations for Napoleon's troops and actually found ways to extend the life of certain foods. Not too long after that, American housewives began experimenting with early jars called wax sealers, topped with cork or metal lids and melted wax. None of the experiments were very successful because the top lip of hand-blown glass jars just wasn't smooth enough to guarantee an unbroken seal.

Then, along came Mason, who introduced a square-shouldered jar that closed with a zinc cap and a rubber ring that indeed created an airtight seal. Mason's sealing process had certain disadvantages, including a zinc taste in the food caused by the cap, plus uncertain sealing if a reused cap was damaged along the edge. And there



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

was also the difficulty in getting the jar open once it was sealed.

But there was one advantage that outweighed all the problems, and that was the fact that the square-shouldered jar was the easiest and cheapest of all fruit jars to make, and the zinc cap could be used over and over again. Home canners were quick to adopt the system because of the assurance of safely stored food. Public demand for Mason jars grew by leaps and bounds.

Mason, however, did not profit from his invention. He sold his patent right to the Consolidated Fruit Jar Co. for a small price. When those patent rights expired, 40 or 50 different companies began to make the jars, using Mason's name.

As the fruit jar industry gradually turned to machine-made glass, the number of factories making fruit jars dwindled, until there are only a few major producers today. The most prominent is the Ball Co., which bought out the Kerr Co. several years ago, but produces jars and lids today under both names.

About the time of this region's settlement, Mason jars became the major method of storing fresh food for later use.

So let's hear it for John Landis Mason, the inventor of the modern fruit jar in 1858. He unknowingly changed the way the nation's gardeners preserve food.

Rotary Club

The Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday at the Colby Community College to discuss upcoming events, including the Bluegrass Festival and the Thomas County Fair.

President Nick Wells ran the program and 29 members attended, as well as guests Dr. Keegan Nichols and Henry Schuette.

Members signed up for Plinko shifts at the fair and will be operating the kids' train at the Bluegrass Festival.

Jerry Arensdorf won Roto-Lotto.

The club meets each Tuesday at noon in Room 106 of the Colby Community College Student Union.

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Oregon city's nightlife gets truly wild

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Babies

Logan Anthony Holliday Gardner

Logan Anthony Holliday Gardner, son of Leslie Holliday, Brighton, Colo., and Cody Gardner, Fort Lupton, Colo., was born Friday, June 2, 2010, at North Suburban Medical Center in Thornton, Colo.

He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Grandparents are Peggy Puetz, Brighton; Cameron Holliday, Loveland; and Christina Gardner and Gerry Gardner of Brighton.

Great-grandparents are Otto and Roberta Schutte Jr., Colby.



Anthony G.

Hallee Joy Johnson

Hallee Joy Johnson, daughter of Tom and Valerie Johnson of Monument, was born Saturday, July 12, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 21 inches.

Siblings Andelyn, Jaelle, and

Brynn welcomed their sister home.

Grandparents are Rod and Janis Martins of Curtis, Neb.; Carol Johnson of Colorado Springs; and Dale Johnson of Sharon Springs.

Dracen Michael Henak

Dracen Michael Henak was born Wednesday, May 26, 2010, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He weighed 5 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long.

He is the son of Jonathan and Dondi Henak of Wichita. His grandparents are Don and Phyllis Dawes of Brewster, Bonnie Henak of Sterling and Alan Henak of San Antonio, Texas.



Dracen Henak

Jaya Adley Stroup

Jaya Adley Stroup, daughter of J.C. and Ashley Stroup of Benkelman, Neb., was born Sunday, July 11, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center.

She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces

and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Brother Tavon welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Brad and Linda Latham of Winona and Steve and Julie Stroup, Benkelman.

Ring returned after 28 years

AUBURN, Maine (AP) — A Maine woman's high school class ring is back in her possession 28 years after it was stolen.

Michelle Bilodeau of Auburn hadn't seen her Edward Little High School class of 1983 ring since it was stolen during her junior year.

But on Friday, it was returned to her by a stranger who tracked her down on Facebook.

Angie Foster of Benton says she found the ring years ago at a roller skating rink. She had held onto it

and at one point called the high school to figure out who had the initials MMB that were engraved on the inside of the band. The school said that Bilodeau fit the description

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
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