

Leadership class winds up

April is a busy month, both for the community and our office.

Just a bit of old business before we begin reviewing all of April's activities.

A chapter is about to close for Leadership Thomas County. The youth class is to be complete by today and

a final report returned to the facilitators.

We recently received the results of a survey the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita performed for our program last November. Two hundred random registered voters were called and asked about the program. The results as a whole were gratifying to the facilitators, Cindy Black and myself, and the board.

There was more awareness of our program and a higher level of credibility for the program than in other towns surveyed. More information will be coming about this survey in the near future. In the meantime, if you're interested in receiving an application or learning more about Leadership Thomas County, call me at 460-7643 or Cindy at 460-8170.

The first piece of business in April is not to forget to vote Tuesday at the Community Building. City and school elections are taking place for every town in Thomas County, as well as the Colby Community College board.

There are several major events this month.

The college 2011 Endowment Foundation's annual dinner and auction is at City Limits Convention Center on Saturday. The theme this year is "Pride of the Prairie." This is always a fun event and a great fund raiser for scholarships.

The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner also will be at City Limits, on Saturday, April 16. The college jazz band will entertain following the meal, installation of board members and presentation of awards.

The Prairie Museum of Art and History hold its annual meeting at noon on Thursday, April 21, at the museum. Ron Evans, who was a pilot in Vietnam, will speak in honor of the "Over Here! Over There!" exhibit honoring the veterans of Thomas County.

Special events this month include author Patrick Carr's presentation for the Dr. Max Pickerill lecture series. Dr. Carr will discuss his book, "Hollowing Out the Middle," which should be of prime interest to those of us living in rural America, at 7 p.m. Monday at the college Cultural Arts Center.

James Foster, the Rural Opportunity Representative, will lead a discussion about Dr. Carr's lecture and book at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, at the Davis Library on campus.

A Fun Day Carnival is planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 9, in the Student Union at the college. Families are welcome.

The Western Plains Arts Association will present the International Tenors at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 10, at the Cultural Arts Center.

April 11 to 15 is National Library Week. The Pioneer Memorial Library plans to celebrate with



Booked for Lunch book reviews at noon each day.

Monday, Kipp Van Camp will be reviewing his book "Always Allie." Tuesday, "Daughters of Amana" will be reviewed by Judith Miller; Wednesday JoAnne Sunderman reviews "Bonheoffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy;" Thursday Paul Schneider reviews "Silver

Shoes;" and Friday, the staff will discuss a selection of books

The Art Walk will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 22, at several locations in Colby, including the college, downtown businesses and the high school, brought to you by the Thomas County Coalition.

Finally, the Celebrity Waiter Dinner will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at the United Methodist Church. This is sponsored by Farmers & Merchants Bank to benefit Colby High School sports teams.

Easter is April 24, and there are special activities for the season. Lenten "Soup and Scripture" is being held at noon every Wednesday at Smoffies downtown, sponsored by the Thomas County Ministerial Alliance, Soup and Scripture is also being held Wednesdays at the Methodist church. The Kiwanis Club will hold its Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, at Fike Park, weather permitting. Watch for times.

Sporting activities including many baseball and softball games, plus track, golf and tennis for the high school and college. The Colby Invitational varsity tennis tournament will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 30, while the Junior Varsity tournament will begin at 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 19.

The Northwest Kansas all-star basketball games will be at the Community Building on Sunday, April 10. Area Boy Scouts will be at the college for their PowWow on Saturday and Sunday, April 30 and May 1.

Office business includes a Travel Information Center meeting with state representatives next Wednesday and Thursday, April 6 and 7, in Abilene. Ralph Fischer, Colby Travel Center manager and I will be attending.

I will also be attending the I-70 meeting and Travel Industry Association of Kansas meeting in Topeka on Wednesday and Thursday, April 13-14. Tour Kansas, a motor coach marketing consortium, meets in Concordia on Wednesday, April 20, and Northwest Kansas Travel Council in St. Francis on Tuesday, April 26. This is a busy time of year for all of us.

Enjoy spring and support all those who bring you activities. The quarterly calendar of events is available at motels, many banks, city and county offices, the library, the Colby Free Press and the Chamber office. This will help you keep track of what's happening.

Leilani Thomas is director of the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau, a long-time civic volunteer and a passionate observer of the tourism industry.

School Activities and Menus

Colby Public Schools

Activities: Monday: 9 a.m. junior varsity tennis, Garden City; HOPE meeting. Friday: junior 4, 6 p.m. junior varsity baseball vs. Burlington; 6:30 p.m. high school dance team tryouts, gym. Tuesday: 1 p.m. junior varsity tennis, Trego; 4, 5:30 p.m. softball vs. Dodge City; 6:30 p.m. kindergarten parent visitation, grade school auditorium. Wednesday: Great West Activities Conference art show, Scott City; 9 a.m. Great West Activities Conference league meeting, Scott City; noon - grade school parent teacher organization meeting; 7 p.m. high school booster club; 7 p.m. Senior Kansas Honors Program. Thursday: art show, Scott City; 10:30 a.m. middle school track, Norton Junior High; 3 p.m. forensics, Phillipsburg; 3 p.m. varsity tennis, Cimarron; 6:30 p.m. dance team tryouts; 7 p.m. kindergarten musical, grade school auditorium. Friday: art show in Scott City; 9 a.m. junior varsity golf, Norton; 3:30 p.m. varsity track, Norton; 4 p.m. baseball, Ulysses; 4, 5:30 p.m. softball vs. Ulysses; 6 p.m. baseball, Ulysses. Saturday: 8 p.m. high school junior and senior prom, City Limits; 8 a.m. ACT Test, Colby Community College.

Menus: Monday: breakfast pizza, grape juice; lunch: chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce. Tuesday: breakfast: pancakes, applesauce; lunch: Frito pie, corn, cucumber, cinnamon bread, oranges. Wednesday: breakfast: sausage patty, cinnamon toast, oranges; lunch: marzetti, mixed veggies, tossed salad, biscuit, kiwi. Thursday: breakfast: donut orange juice; lunch: chicken strips, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, hot roll, apple half. **Friday**: breakfast: cereal, pineapple chunks; lunch: ham sandwich, tater tots, carrots, sliced peaches.

Sacred Heart

Activities: Friday: living stations of the cross.

Menus: Monday: burritos, broccoli, peach, roll. Tuesday: corn dogs, fresh veggies, kiwi, Wednesday: chicken cookie. sandwich, French fries, tropical fruit. Thursday: spaghetti, green beans, pears, French bread. Friday: cheese pizza, tossed salad, grapes, breadsticks.

Heartland Activities: Tuesday: 7 p.m. high track, Cheyenne Wells. Sat-

urday: 8 a.m. ACT Test. **Golden Plains**

Activities: Tuesday: middle school music contest. Wednesday: preschool screening; Western Kansas Liberty League forensics, Dighton. Friday: 3 p.m. high school track, Hoxie.

Menus: <u>Rexford</u>: Monday: breakfast: grilled ham and cheese; lunch: corn dogs. Tuesday: breakfast: pancake and sausage; lunch: taco salad. Wednesday: breakfast: bagels; lunch: chili. Thursday: breakfast burrito; lunch: chicken patty. Friday: breakfast: monkey bread; lunch: soup and sandwich.

Selden: Monday: breakfast burrito; lunch: hamburger. Tuesday: breakfast: donuts; lunch: spaghetti. Wednesday: breakfast: biscuit gravy; lunch: ham and cheese pocket. Thursday: breakfast: cooks choice; lunch: Frito pie. Friday: breakfast: scrambled eggs; lunch: cheese pizza.

Brewster

Activities: Wednesday: 10 a.m. Liberty League speech and drama contest, Dighton; Freedom League meeting, Dighton. Friday: 11 a.m. junior high track, Cheyenne Wells; no school.

Menus: Monday: breakfast: pancakes, sausage; lunch: smothered burrito, veggie sticks, pears, mixed fruit. Tuesday: breakfast: sausage gravy biscuit; lunch: ribb-que, cheesy potatoes, broccoli, cooked carrots, orange slices, pineapple, blueberry muffins. Wednesday: breakfast: grilled cheese; lunch: taco, corn, baby carrots, peaches, applesauce Jell-O. Thursday: breakfast: scrambled eggs, bacon; lunch: hot dog

Ohio boy sells manly candles

MARYSVILLE, Ohio (AP) - A 13-year-old Ohio boy has launched his own line of scented candles meant for men, with fragrances that include bacon, New York-style pizza, sawdust and the smell of a fresh leather baseball mitt.

Hart Main of Marysville in central Ohio says he got the idea for candles for \$5 each, both online his "Mancans" when he was mak- and at local stores.

on a bun, macaroni and cheese, peas, apple half, orange slices.

Colby Community College

Activities: Saturday: softball at Central Community College Tournament: 11 a.m. vs. Iowa Western, 3 p.m. vs. Muscatini, 5 p.m. vs. Kirkwood, Columbus, Neb.; 1 p.m. baseball vs. Barton, college baseball field; track, Hutchinson; 4:45 p.m. Foundation Scholarship Auction, City Limits. Sunday: 3 p.m. Alferd Packer Memorial String Band, Hoxie High School; softball at tournament: 11 a.m. vs. Ellsworth, 1 p.m. vs. Southwestern, Columbus; women's golf, Great Bend; 1 p.m. baseball vs. Barton, college baseball field. Monday: men's golf, McPherson; 7:30 p.m. Zumba, Farmers State Bank, Oakley. Tuesday: vote, Community Building; men's golf, McPherson. Wednesday: 1 p.m. baseball vs. Brown Mackie, college baseball field; 6:30 p.m. Zumba, Cultural Arts Center. Thursday: rodeo, Southwestern Oklahoma State; 7 p.m. Zumba, Cultural Arts Center. Saturday: 1 p.m. baseball, Dodge City. Sunday: 1 p.m. baseball, Dodge City; 2 p.m. softball, North Platte, Neb.; 3 p.m. International Tenors, Cultural Arts Center; 5 p.m. all-star basketball women's game, Community Building; 6:30 p.m. Three-Point Shoot Out, Community Building; 7 p.m. allstar basketball boy's game, Community Building.

Triplains

Activities: Monday: no school. Wednesday: 10 a.m. Western Kansas Liberty League speech and drama, Dighton; 1 p.m. Western Kansas Liberty League administrators meeting. Friday: grade school testing; 11 a.m. boys and girls junior high track, Cheyenne Wells.

ing fun of his sister for selling candles with girly scents for a school fundraiser. Columbus station WC-MH-TV reports he launched his company last Thanksgiving, making the candles using scores of empty cans from soup he donated to a soup kitchen.

Hart says so far he has sold 500

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