

Celebrate cool fall at kids' Story Time

Fall officially arrives Friday. Are you looking for something to do with your kids or grandkids during the day or evening where it is warm and comfortable?

The Pioneer Memorial Library has Story Time at 10:15 a.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you are a working parent and cannot get to Story Time with your child during the day we have a special Family Story Time that starts at 7 p.m. each Tuesday night. Family Story Time is designed so parents can bring children of differing ages and make it just that, a special time for the family. Children will hear a story, make a craft and have a snack. Parents get to enjoy their children while they learn, laugh and just have fun. Parents might also enjoy adult interaction with other parents as well.

The first book I want to discuss is "Saint's Gate," by Carla Neggers. Emma Sharpe's background is solving crimes with the FBI. She has been asked to help solve a mystery about a painting. Sister Joan called her to drive two hours south to her local convent and examine a painting she is restoring and cleaning. Sister Joan gets murdered, so Father Bracken calls Colin Donovan, also of the FBI, to solve the murder. Hence, Emma and Colin are racing against time to find the killer and solve the mystery of the painting.

A second book is "Never Knowing," by Chevy Stevens. This is the second suspense novel written by the *New York Times* bestselling author. Protagonist Sara Gallagher was adopted; all her life she has longed to know who her adopted parents were. Sara finally finds her birth mother but discovers that murder and mystery cloaks their relationship. Sara's mother is afraid to reveal the truth. Though she is seemingly rejecting her daughter, she is trying to protect her.

The next book is "The Sixes," by Kate White. Newly hired college professor Phoebe Hall has just taken a position in a Pennsylvania college. A young student washes up on the banks near the college. Phoebe and another teacher decide they must find out who did this murder and why. Here these two college chums find themselves investigating a girl's hidden society within the college.

White began her career when she won Glamour magazine's Top Ten College Women contest. She was hired by the company and rose to assistant editor, after which she



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began working for other national magazines. Since then she has edited major women's magazines while writing books.

The fourth book is "A Most Unsuitable Match," by Stephanie Grace Whitson. Miss Fannie Rousseau and the Rev. Samuel Beck meet on a steamboat in Missouri. Each is traveling to Montana.

Miss Fannie is bound and determined to solve a long-standing family mystery and Reverend Samuel is out to save the down and out people in Montana. Two more unlikely people could not be traveling together. Each finds the company of the other intriguing and consuming in their thoughts.

We have received a number of large print items recently, including "Split Second," by Catherine Coulter; "Smokin' Seventeen," by Janet Evanovich; "Kill Me If You Can," by James Patterson; "Beach Lane," by Sherriyl Woods; "Heartwishes," by Jude Deveraux; "The Secret Supper," by Javier Sierra; and "Miracle Beach," by Erin Celello.

A few new audio-books we have received are "Marley & Me," by John Grogan; "Bossypants," by Tina Fey; "Against All Enemies," by Tom Clancy; "Turn of Mind," by Alice LaPlante; "Lone Star Lovin'" by Debbie Macomber; "The Devil's Light," by Richard North Patterson; and "Happy Birthday," Danielle Steel.

Are you a high school student that already has a new Pioneer Memorial Library card? Well, if you bring in a friend who has not yet updated their library card, you both can receive a gift certificate for a free dessert item from the Colby McDonald's (parents need to sign for any first time applicants). Free desserts such as free ice cream cone, sundae, pie or cookie. This is only for September.

Remember the library is now open longer winter hours. Our schedule is 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 to 5 p.m. Friday, 9 to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

See you in the library.



Nick King and Erin Rogers

October rite planned by Selden graduate

Erin Rogers of Selden and Nick King of Garden City plan to marry Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, at Camp Aldrich in Great Bend.

The bride is the daughter of Dennis and Marla Rogers of Selden and granddaughter of Eleanor and the late Stanley Rogers of Selden and Doris Jean and the late Gail Oliver of Rexford. She graduated from Golden Plains High School in 2002 and from Fort Hays State University in 2006. Rogers works for the Farm Service Agency in Pratt.

The groom is the son of Nathan and Carolyn King of Garden City. His grandparents are Velma Uhl Smith and the late Gene Uhl and Richard and the late Paula King, all of Coldwater. King is a 2002 graduate of Chase County High School and a 2004 graduate of Pratt Community College. He is self employed.

High Plains Art Club

Ruthie Hughes chaired a meeting of the High Plains Art Club on Sept. 13 at the Colby United Methodist Church.

Attending members included Hughes, Bev Kern, Shirley Baker, Barbara Highland, Marj Brown, Marion Boyd, Tom Peyton, Maxine Nelson, Alice Wolf, Margaret Denneler, Fritz Ostmeier, and Karen Reed.

David Ketchum was welcomed as a new member and Marilyn Surmeier attended as a guest.

Kern distributed large white feathers with instructions to club members to paint something on them for display and admiration at the Christmas party. She recommended they be sprayed with hair spray, Modge Podge or something similar to give the feather body before it is painted.

Hughes discussed correspondence concerning art shows in the area and a proposed art show by the club. Heartland Christian School was suggested as a venue for a show this summer.

A presentation about artists David Wiesner and former Colby

resident Shela Page Reilly was given by Hughes.

She informed members Wiesner was known as "the kid that could draw" in his early years. He started his career as a children's book illustrator in 1980 and co-authored a book called *Lonesome Dragon* with his wife in 1987. His works use bright colors and few words.

Reilly, said Hughes, graduated from Colby High School and Colby Community College and recently had a painting in the *Colby Free Press*. Four of her paintings are in the "State of Art: Kansas" book. She also had two paintings selected for the Mile High International Exhibition sponsored by the Pastel Society of Colorado. She lives in Denver with her husband and two sons. Many of her painting from around Atwood and Colby can be seen on her web page at shelareilly.com.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Karen Reed will play host to the program. Interested persons are welcome to attend.

— Maxine Nelson, secretary

Poker run proceeds go to cancer patient

The Cheyenne County Cruisers will hold a poker run open to all types of vehicles starting at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2, at the city park in downtown St. Francis. All proceeds will go to benefit Linda Elfers, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.

Participants are asked to arrive by 1 p.m. to get the instructions and draw the first card. There is a \$20 charge which includes the poker hand and meal after the run. Extra meals are an additional charge.

The route is from St. Francis, to

Wray, Colo., then on to Haigler, Benkelman, Bird City and back to St. Francis, approximately 125 miles.

Those under the age of 18 will need a parent or guardian signature on the release form.

People who do not want to participate on the run can make a donation through the Cruisers Club.

A rain date has been set for Oct. 9, same time and place. For information, contact Kent Kechter, (785) 332-0039 or Scott Schultz, (785) 332-3960.

Heat-related delay may lower soy yields

Pod set in soybeans has been running later than the five-year average across Kansas this year, in part because of the extremely high temperatures this summer during much of the time that beans were trying to set pods, said Kraig Roozeboom, K-State Research and Extension crop production specialist.

This may have an effect on yields, depending on how long pod set was delayed and when the first freeze occurs this fall, he said.

"Not only have the high temperatures and drought delayed pod set, these conditions have also slowed seed fill on beans," he said. "Where pod set was delayed until mid-September, yields will probably be severely reduced. If pod set occurred in late August, soybean fill and yield also will likely be reduced for most locations."

The reason for the lower yields is that seed size will likely be reduced where pod set was delayed, he explained.

"It typically takes about 60 days from flowering to maturity to fill soybean seed of a typical size — about 2,500 seeds per pound —

with average temperatures and rainfall. If soybeans have fewer days of seed fill than that, seed size will be reduced," he said.

Producers can estimate for themselves whether their soybeans might have less time than needed for normal seed fill, he said.

"Take the average date of the first fall freeze, count back 60 days from that date, and see if your soybeans had set all or most of their pods by that date," he said.

"For example, the average date of the first fall freeze in Chanute is Oct. 24. If soybeans had started pod set by Aug. 25, that would give them about 60 days of seed fill — assuming that the first freeze occurs at the normal time — and the potential for average seed size assuming average filling conditions. If pod set began any later than that, there's the possibility for a shortened seed fill period, reduced seed size and lower yields," Roozeboom said.

If the beans have been subjected to heat and extremely dry conditions, beans may not be filling at a normal rate, further reducing yields, he added.

Fort plans candlelight tour

On Saturday, Oct. 8, a special candlelight tour, "Connecting to the Human Experience," will be held at Fort Larned.

The tour commemorates those famous people who were at Fort Larned. Scenes will introduce visitors to George Custer, "Buffalo" Bill Cody, J.E.B "Jeb" Stuart, Kit Carson, and others who were there. Visitors will have the opportunity to see everyday life much as it might have been while Fort Larned was an active post. Details are gleaned from post records, letters and diaries.

The tours are free but reservations are required and each tour is limited to 20 people. The first

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.76
Corn (bushel)	\$6.62
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.98
Soybeans (bushel)	\$11.90

Soil itself determines benefit to be gained from rainfall

Where soils have been very dry, every drop of rain is welcome. But to have the most impact, the moisture needs to infiltrate the soil first — and good infiltration is not necessarily a given, said DeAnn Presley, K-State Research and Extension soil management specialist.

"Infiltration is the name of the game when talking about capturing moisture for crops or preventing runoff-induced erosion," she said.

Presley explained there are several factors that determine how fast a soil can absorb rainfall. These include:

• **Length of time from the start of rain.** Infiltration is usually high at first, decreasing gradually, and eventually reaching a steady-state of slow infiltration as the soil profile fills with moisture. No-till soils usually have a higher infiltration

rate than tilled soils at the start of the rain event. But at steady-state, the infiltration rate of no-till soils is often the same as tilled soils.

• **Water content of the soil when rainfall starts.** Soils have a lower infiltration rate when they are wet than dry.

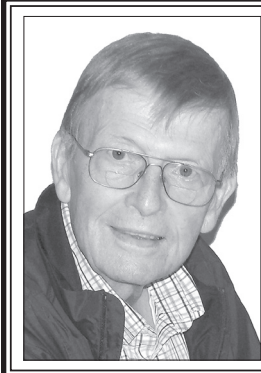
• **Soil texture and structure.** Soils with well-defined structure, stable aggregates, a large number of pores, and higher organic matter content are best able to conduct water through the soil. The structural characteristics depend somewhat upon tillage. Tillage breaks down the soil structure and decreases initial infiltration rates throughout the soil profile. Raindrop impacts also break down aggregates. Soils that are not tilled gain some benefit from slightly higher levels of organic matter, and from the much greater stabil-

ity of aggregates.

• **Condition of the soil surface.** Large soil pores, such as old root channels or other cracks that extend from the surface well into the soil profile, allow for good moisture infiltration. Residue lying on the surface slows running water, giving water more time to infiltrate. Residue also protects the soil surface from the impact of falling raindrops. Partly buried residue that creates new flow paths into the soil also can aid infiltration. Each of these features is characteristic of no-till soils.

• **Depth and layering of the soil profile.** The presence of different types of soil structure, texture, and

original parent material within the soil profile can affect the rate of infiltration. Tillage and heavy traffic on the soil also can change the profile by creating either a subsurface plowpan or a surface crust that will inhibit water movement. Surface crusts can be broken up with freezing and thawing, but plowpans are not. Plowpans may persist in soils for many years and are very difficult to address once present.



In Loving Memory

The honor of your presence is extended for a memorial service in the celebration of the life of Richard Lane.

Saturday, Sept. 24
2 p.m. • Colby
Presbyterian Church



Corrections

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Duck duck goose falls short

KENOSHA, Wis. (AP) — More than 1,000 people with hopes of smashing a world record gathered in Kenosha for a giant game of Duck, Duck, Goose.

In the end, the 1,103 participants fell short of the record — set Aug. 30 when 1,634 people played the game as part of a back-to-school gathering at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Still, the *Kenosha News* (<http://bit.ly/oOwEI>) reports it took

nearly two hours to get the crowd together for the Sept. 3 game. And the circle took up both sides of Sixth Avenue for about four blocks.

The idea was inspired by 6-year-old Landrik Wagner, who said he wanted to play the game with "a million people" because his family was too small to play.

The previous record of 1,415 people was set in Guelph, Ontario, in 2005.

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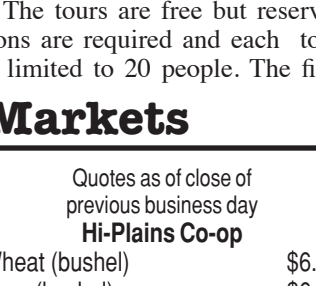
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Sunday
September 25th
12:00 noon

Colby United Methodist Church
950 S. Franklin Ave.



UPCOMING EVENTS in Kansas

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McPherson Scottish Festival
September 23-25, McPherson
Sixteen venues of family fun, 100 pipers and drummers, Celtic musicians, tossing the caber, Irish and Scottish dance. (620) 241-8507, macfestival.org

Joyful Noise - a Music and Prairie Family Camp
October 1, Elmdale
Presented by Symphony in the Flint Hills & Camp Wood YMCA. Music workshops & prairie activities. Grammy-award winner Eugene Friesen will inspire musicians of all ages. Twilight prairie concert is free to the public. joyfulnoisecamp.org

KS150 QuiltFest
October 7-8, Concordia
Celebrate KS150 with 150 quilts! Quilts on display throughout Concordia. Demonstrations, drawings, quilt fabric "thrill shop" & more! Wine social, dinner & auction Sat. evening. (785) 243-4303, KansasQuiltFest.com

Kansas 150 Festival
October 8, Wichita
The Sunflower State's Biggest Birthday Bash Ever! Kansas Sunflower Parade, historic reenactors, "Home on the Range" concert and more!
Find out more at KS150.org

Prairie Fire Marathon
October 9, Wichita
More than 5,000 runners are expected to run one of the flattest and fastest marathon courses in the U.S. (316) 265-6236, prairiefiremarathon.com

Tallgrass Film Festival
October 20-23, Wichita
Bringing the best of indie cinema to the Heartland! Variety of film screenings. All access festival passes are available. (316) 303-2929, tallgrassfilmfest.com

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