

## Featured artist slated to give pastel workshop

The Prairie Museum of Art and History will be exhibiting the work of artist Shela Reilley during November and December. Favoring the rich and vibrant colors afforded by pastels, her exhibit will focus primarily on northwest Kansas scenes.

Although she calls Colorado home today, Reilley was born and raised in northwest Kansas. She graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in fashion design and worked as a children's wear clothing designer and graphic artist in New York City for London Fog. After five years in New York, she married and moved to the San Francisco Bay area for two years before moving to Colorado.

She has won numerous awards for her artwork, including several Best of Show awards in the Gateways to the Rockies Show. She is a featured artist in the book "State of the Art: Kansas," juried by Neil Patterson, president of Oil Painters of

America, and Kristen Hoerth, editor-in-chief of *Southwest Art* magazine.

She teaches art classes through the Bicentennial Art Center in Aurora, and will be offering a pastel workshop in Colby Saturday through the High Plains Art Club.

Reilley is passionate about painting and loves the colors, textures, shapes and atmosphere of the Midwestern landscape. She makes frequent trips to Kansas to collect reference for her works and savors the big skies, open space and evening shadow patterns to be found here.

The exhibit will be at the Prairie Museum, 1905 S. Franklin Ave., beginning on Tuesday and running through the end of December. Winter hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. on weekends. There is no charge to view the exhibit. Call 460-4590 for information.



LORI MILLER/Golden Plains Elementary

Isiah Schwarz held a bucket as some of the second grade boys husked black walnuts to prepare them for burial. They had to peel and stomp the nuts before they were ready to be buried.

## Golden Plains second grade takes time out to get 'nutty'

By Morgan Walz

Golden Plains High School

On Oct. 15, the Sheridan County Conservation District representatives came to visit the Golden Plains second graders and help them prepare black walnut seeds and acorns for burial in phase one of an annual project known as Nut Day. The seeds have to winter in the ground to maintain a normal temperature, so the second graders buried them in screen cages, along with sand and water.

Dalton Bice said, "It was fun

peeling the husks off the nuts." Landen Vogler commented on his favorite part of the experience, "It was fun to watch them bury the nuts."

Hailee Bingham added, "My favorite part was stomping the nuts!"

They plan to dig them up and plant them in the spring for phase two, in which those that have sprouted are planted in a cup and either taken home or planted on the school grounds.

The Conservation District provides the nuts."

## Corrections

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## Markets

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Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$8.44
Corn (bushel)	\$7.60
Milo (hundredweight)	\$13.04
Soybeans (bushel)	\$14.57

# Book reviews and trivia night start off November in the library

Today is the first of November. It now means that the holiday season is upon us – yay!

This Sunday we turn our clocks back an hour and Tuesday we vote.

Wednesday, patrons of the community come to *Booked for Lunch* and hear Tom Peyton speak on two books: "Seven Miracles That Saved America: Why They Matter and Why We Should Have Hope" and "The Miracle of Freedom: Seven Tipping Points That Saved the World," both by coauthors Chris Stewart and Ted Stewart. Thursday, you can come and play trivia at the library and win fun prizes. Friday, you can go to the high school's theater performance. Saturday morning, I hope, you get to stay home and read some of the books we discuss in this and other columns.

The first book is "Rapture," by J.R. Ward, book four of the *Fallen Angels* series. "Rapture" is considered science fiction literature. The best-selling author sets this book up with great suspense. Protagonist and news reporter Mels Carmichael has just been released from the hospital emergency room. Narrowly avoiding killing a pedestrian in the road she did not see, she finds out where he is and goes to see him in the hospital complex.

This person is none other than



Melany Wilks

## Library Links

Matthias, a wicked demon in book two of the series. However, in this book Matthias awakens in a hospital room, hurt and in pain. He does not know where he came from or when he came from. Right now, he has this woman in his hospital room apologizing for almost killing him, in fact crying about it.

In walks a nurse who declares she is going to help Matthias. He knows she is pure evil and comes from another time. Mels leaves the room in the midst of their interaction, but not before she had left her business card on his table next to the bed. Mels has no idea what she has just involved herself in, but she will soon find out.

The second book is "Into the Woods: Tales from the Hollows and Beyond," by Kim Harrison. This book takes many of the writings of Harrison and brings the collection and novellas together into a very well-written novel. If you have loved many of the other books she has written, then you will love this one.

The third book is "Dark Storm,"

by Christine Feehan. This is book 23 in the Carpathian novels. In this book Dax reappears from years of evolution within a volcano. His and the world's nemesis also arrive; he is known in other books as Mitro Daratrazanoff. A new character, Riley Parker, is written into the book. Parker is a relative of Arabejila, who was the lover of Mitro. However, Mitro forgot that part of their lives and killed her in a previous book. This book proves to have interesting twists and continues to be dark and full of drama.

Another book we are adding is "People of the Black Sun," by Kathleen O'Neal Gear and W. Michael Gear. This is the fourth and final book in the *People of the Longhouse* series. Though this is considered historical fiction, to me it reads a lot like fantasy. It is about lives of people a long way from our times.

In this book, main character, Dekanawida is watching as his prophetic words begin to come to pass one by one. He needs to see the People of the Mountain to come together and work to save the world as they know and love it from destruction. Before this happens, however, he must convince Baji and Hiyawento to work with him to thwart Chief Atotarho's ambition to subjugate five nations of the people.

A fifth book is "Red Rain," by R.L. Stine. If this author's name sounds familiar, you are absolutely correct. He used to write for children in the *Fear Street* series and numerous titles in the *Goosebumps* series. Now he is tackling a new adult book.

Lea Harmon Sutter is a writer and blogger. She has decided she will push fate and go to the island of Cape Le Chat Noir, considered haunted. In the last 24 hours she has experienced some weird and frightening events.

A hurricane has left many dead on the island and a rain storm the color of blood blowing onto her. She meets twin boys who captivate and intrigue her. Are they angels, or is it the effects of the rain that create such an aura?

As the season gets to be stormy, if you find you cannot make it into the library to renew an item, remember that if you have set up your library account online, you can renew an item in the comfort of your home.

If you do not want to do this, or have a special need, call when we are open and we will help you with your request or renewal.

We are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, to 5 p.m. Friday, to 4 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

See you in the library!

# November proclaimed adoption month; many in Kansas need permanent homes

Bringing attention to the 389 children in the state who need permanent families, Gov. Sam Brownback on Friday signed a proclamation declaring November Kansas Adoption Month.

Gov. Brownback said even though the number of finalized adoptions has risen sharply in the last two years, there are still many children who need loving forever families.

"Adoption is a beautiful example of the power of family to change the course of a child's life," Brownback said. "All children deserve to grow up with parents who love them and are committed to them."

In fiscal year 2012, there were 777 finalized adoptions in Kansas;

up from 761 in 2011, and 721 in 2010. From July through September this year, there have been 144 adoptions finalized.

Children available for adoption through the state of Kansas come from varied backgrounds, circumstances, races and ethnicities.

While some have specific medical, physical or emotional issues requiring special care, many do not. Some have brothers or sisters and want to stay together as part of a new family.

There are approximately 900 children in Kansas who are technically available for adoption but many of them have a foster parent or relative who plans to adopt them. About 389 children do not.

Other facts about adoption in

Kansas:

- The adoption process through the state costs little or nothing.
- Kansas adoption is legally secure – children are not eligible for adoption unless the courts have terminated parental rights.
- Children adopted after age 16

from foster care are eligible for free tuition at any state university, community college or vocational school.

• People interested in a Kansas adoption should go to [www.adoptskids.org](http://www.adoptskids.org) or call (877) 457-5430.

## Assistance available for livestock water needs

The Farm Service Agency wants to remind ranchers that cost share funds are available to help provide emergency water to livestock for those affected by drought in all Kansas counties except Republic. Emergency Conservation Program sign up began Oct. 15 and will continue through Thursday, Nov. 15. Kansas has received a \$6.1 million allocation to help producers in need of assistance.

Producers may make a request by filing an application at their local Farm Service Agency. The program is being implemented to assist in providing access to water because of an extended period of

severe drought. The local county committee must ensure that the extent of the need is severe enough to necessitate federal assistance.

Participants can receive cost-share assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost for temporary measures and 50 percent of the cost for permanent measures for approved emergency conservation practices. Examples of approved practices are constructing and deepening wells, installing pipe to another source of water because the primary source is inadequate or hauling water for livestock.

For information contact the local office at 462-7671.

## Solomon Valley 4-H Club

The Solomon Valley 4-H Club met Oct. 8. Nineteen members answered roll call with their favorite Halloween treat.

New members Brett Schroeder, Kurt Schroeder, Mason Kelsenberg and Samantha Skoulen were introduced and welcomed to the club.

Trey Stramel demonstrated how to decorate cupcakes.

Brenda Wilson gave a project

talk about the clothing and buy-manipulation projects she did when she was a 4-H member.

Recreation was led by Dana Wilson and refreshments were provided by the Schroeder and Wilson families.

– Christian Calliham, reporter

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