Family

Movies for everyone make relaxing fun

Today is Chocolate And All That Jazz! We hope you have found some good love stories to read or movies to enjoy leading up to this day.

This weekend I snatched some time to watched the newly added DVD of the library's collection, "Trouble with the Curve." It stars Clint Eastwood, Amy Adams and Justin Timberlake. Eastwood (Gus) is a baseball scout for the Atlanta Braves. Gus is getting older and having some problems with his sight. He is on the last leg of his contract and trust by the owner of the company.

of the owner and is saying that computer statistics are the only way to build their team. He wants the owner to trust the stats, not the years of experience of Gus.

Amy Adams is a high powered lawyer, about to make partner. Amy grew up loving the game of baseball with her father Gus as a scout. However, her dad does not know this. Gus's best friend, confidant and associate in the Braves management team reveals to Amy that her dad is about to lose his job, believing there are unaddressed issues with her father. Amy decides to spend the weekend with her father and meets someone that challenges and intrigues her. The movie has a lot of fun curves and outcomes. It is heartwarming and enjoyable.

A second DVD we have added is "Amazing Racer," starring Julianne Michelle, as a teenage girl that has lost her father, and Daryl Hannah. The family doctor reveals to Michelle that she has a mother she never knew about. Arrangements are made for her to meet her. She comes to love horses, which become the avenue from which she triumphs over her tragedies in life and brings triumph to others as well.

A third movie we added was "Little Red Wagon," inspired by a true story, starring Anna Gunn and Chandler Canterbury. Zach Bonner decides he must do something to help the homeless children after Hurricane Charley. He decides to take himself and his wagon to Washington and visit the White House. This is no small feat since he lives in Tampa, Fla. This story outlines his difficulties getting there and the way his relentless spirit changes how people think within his sphere of influence. This is a great family video.

We also added the DVD "The Men Who Built America," a History Channel video. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday It discusses such larger than life figures and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. such as Ford, Rockefeller, Carnegie, Mor-



gan and Vanderbilt. If you like history and the productions of the History Channel, this will be a good DVD to check out.

Another DVD we have added recently is "Lawless." Actors Tom Hardy, Shia There is a young upstart that has the ear LaBeouf, Guy Pearce, Jason Clarke and Jessica Chastain bring us the historical and violent background of brothers who ruled the world of liquor during Prohibition in Virginia. It is inspired by the true life story of the Bondurant family in the "Wettest County in the World," by Matt Bondurant.

Other DVDs added are the children's carton video, "Hotel Transylvania" and "The Dark Knight Rises."

This week the Friends of the Pioneer Memorial Library started their fund raiser and silent auction, "Art Friendsy - Chair-ish Your Library." We have 10 great chairs that have been decorated by local artists.

Come in the library and seek them. Get a number so you can do an anonymous bid for the chair of your choice. You have until 5 p.m. Monday, March 11, to place your winning bid.

For those of you interested in family history or genealogy research, we are going to have a workshop between 2:30 and 4 p.m. on Sunday. We hope to be able to show how to do research using online and other regular sources.

We will also be having our Book Lovers Book Sale next Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 23

Many in our book clubs and those who wish to participate in the statewide Kansas Read program can now sign up to reserve the book "Then We Came to the End," by Joshua Ferris. A National Book Award finalist, this fun-loving book is about how our work sites become like family.

We will have Valerie Brown-Kuchera help us with a book discussion at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 4. We have these books available for checkout now.

Our normal winter hours are now 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.

See you in the library!

Endangered species subject of eighth youth art contest

part of the eighth annual national Endangered Species Day, to be celebrated on Friday, May 17. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and numerous conservation organizations will observe the day to recognize conservation efforts underway across the nation aimed at helping America's imperiled species. This year also commemorates the 40th Anniversary of the Endangered Species Act. Started in 2006 by Congress, Endangered Species Day is a celebration of the nation's rarest plant and animal species. The contest provides students from kindergarten to high school with an opportunity to learn about threatened and endangered species and express their knowledge and support through artwork. Young artists who are home schooled and participate in youth groups are also eligible to submit their art. Previous winners have come from California, Minnesota, New Jersey, Louisiana and as far away as Alaska.

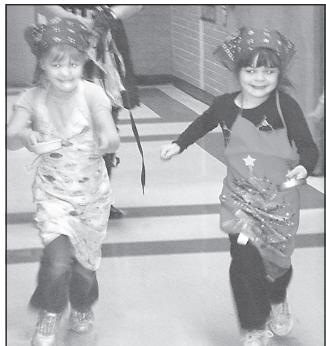
Elementary, middle and high school and conservationists, including Wyland, reteachers are encouraged to have their stu- nowned marine life artist; Jack Hanna, host dents participate in the annual Endangered of "Jack Hanna's Into the Wild:" David Species Day Youth Art Contest, an integral Littschwager, a freelance photographer and regular contributor to National Geographic Magazine; Susan Middletown, a photographer who has collaborated with Littschwager and whose own work has been published in four books; and Alice Tangerini, botanical illustrator for the Smithsonian Institution. The International Child Art Foundation will select the 40 semifinalists from thousands of entries. It takes empathy, direct action and awareness to prevent the extinction of endangered species. Art can certainly play an important role. The Youth Art Contest is an ideal platform to engage the next generation. Winners will be chosen in four categories and will receive plaques and art supply gift packs. In addition, one grand prize winner will be honored with their name engraved on a special trophy and receive a round-trip flight to Washington, D.C. with one guardian to attend a reception in May. The grand prize winner will also receive art supplies and a special art lesson via Skype from Wyland, the artist.



Pancake Day good for a party

Kindergartner Tanner Vyzourek (above) poured syrup on Tatyanna Finley's pancake at the Sacred heart Catholic School celebration of Mardi Gras Tuesday. Along with eating pancakes came a traditional pancake race, with Allison Zimmerman (left) racing Emma Johnson down the hallway. Pancake Day is an old British tradition for Shrove Tuesday, according to Wikipedia.

LAURA KREJCI/ Sacred Heart School



School wins grant

Schools in Hoxie won a grant for \$10,000 from seed company Monsanto last year to boost the strength of their math and science programs.

"This grant will be a tremendous boost to our educational programs," said Scott Hoyt, superintendent for the Hoxie school district and elementary school principal, "and will link technology and education and prepare and provide

future opportunities for lifelong success."

Scholars win in Grinnell

By Jeron Schutte and **Charlotte McCurdy**

The Golden Plains sixth, seventh and eighth grade scholars bowl teams traveled to Grinnell

"We did pretty good for our second scholars bowl meet," said Golden Plains Middle School Ritter and Miller. They are confident and enthusiastic about going to meets.

On the seventh grade team on Jan. 28. The seventh-grade were Jeron Schutte, Charlotte team got first place in their divi- McCurdy, Jennifer Esparza, Kaysion. Sixth grade and eight grade lie Schaben, Maggi Nieman, and Devin Carter. The eighth grade team included son Spresser, Gabrielle Schiltz and Arianna Camacho. "We answered a lot of questions." Camacho said of the eighth grade team. "We did good."

Entries must be postmarked by Friday, March 15.

This year, the finalists will be judged by a prestigious panel of artists, photographers

Odd speed limit 'no go'

neighborhoods after all.

City Council members had suggested the odd speed limit in an attempt to get the attention of drivers and have them slow down in the West End neighborhood.

Council members now are considering lowering the speed limit citywide from 25 mph to 20 mph after finding issues with a 14 mph

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) - It doesn't speed limit. For one thing, a fedlook like Aspen will enact a 14 eral government manual on trafmph speed limit in one of its fic control devices says displayed speed limits must be in multiples of 5 mph.

> It also would cost more money to change the speed limit in one neighborhood instead of citywide, since extra signs with the different limits would have to be posted.

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The Hoxie school district was one of 10 in Kansas which received a total of \$130,000 through the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education program, sponsored by the Monsanto fund. The program, in its second year, provided grants to 39 states.

Hoyt said the elementary school in Hoxie is leasing 30 iPads for elementary school kids, and plans a science fair on Wednesday, May 1.

We really worked hard on this grant and we just did something to get a lot of nominations from the agricultural community," he said.

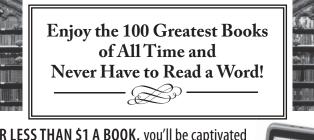
The fund says it hands out the grants to school districts based on need, merit and community support, taking nominations from farmers who want their district to win the grant.

About 125 area farmers nominated the district, Hoyt said. The district promoted its efforts at events and through local businesses, learning that it got the grant Aug. 27.

Other districts which won the grant last year included Scott County and Wamego.

Farmers have from now until Monday, April 15, to nominate their school for the grant for next year. For information, go to www.prweb. com/releases/2013/1/prweb10308518.htm.

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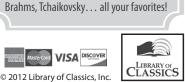


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The sixth grade team won two and lost three matches. Those that Morgan Ritter, Nick Brown, Dawcompeted were Nolan Ritter, Jacob Ritter, Paris Bailey, KayCee Miller, Dylan Spresser and Amanda Cheney.

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