

Pioneer Memorial Library Friends to receive award from association

Wow, National Library Week is finished. I always think it should be spring after that. It looks like we may actually get some spring-like weather this week.

We were pleased when we received a phone call from the Friends of the Kansas Library Association this week. The Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library were given the outstanding Friends group award in 2013, out of all of the Kansas Libraries Friends groups that have a population base of 5,000 to 10,000 citizens. We will announce when we schedule the receiving of the award in later columns.

We are adding a number of nonfiction items, including some books that highlight women, their struggles and accomplishments. The first is "The Spark: A Mother's Story of Nurturing Genius," by Kristine Barnett.

Jake Barnett's parents were struggling with their son, age 2 and diagnosed as autistic. They were told he would not be able to function as a normal child; he had difficulty focusing and often was found moving from changing light formations, examining differing cloth fibers, playing with soft objects. He soon began to withdraw more from the world.



Melany Wilks

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Kristine, told by specialists and even her own husband to just place Jake in special education programs, said no. She had a daycare in her home and decided to prepare Jake for kindergarten. She began choosing what to focus on – instead of the dead-end trail of what Jake could not do, she began to find what he could do, what he was interested in, and what kept his attention. As he grew older she made sure he participated in sports and outdoor activities. By the time he was 9 years old it was discovered that his IQ was greater than Einstein's and might someday be considered for a Nobel Prize in astrophysics. This is their story. Let it encourage and amaze you.

A second book is "Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead," by Sheryl Sandberg. The author is the chief operating officer of Facebook and ranked on *Fortune's* list of 50 Most Powerful Women in Business and as

one of *Time's* 100 Most Influential People in the World. She talks about sitting at the table just like men would, taking the initiative to negotiate terms more boldly and not believing you can have it all. These are just a few of the topics that will challenge and help women when considering their careers, family and lifetime aspirations.

The next book is "The Lost Daughter," by Mary Williams.

Williams grew up in the poor part of Oakland, Calif. Her father was often in jail; her sister had turned to prostitution while her mother was trying to raise five children alone. At 13, Mary attended the Lauren Springs Children's Camp in southern California for the first time. Over several years she developed a relationship with camp counselors and Jane Fonda.

After she was assaulted back home, Mary shared with Fonda and the counselors and Jane Fonda and her husband at the time, Tom Hayden, asked her to live with their family. Now, the world was at Mary's fingertips. She had mentoring and care, plus opportunities to learn, serve and travel the world.

When she decided it was time to return to her home in Oakland,

she went through a process of connecting with others in her family over time as she adjusted to the changed viewpoint she had.

Other nonfiction items added are: "The Sleepwalkers: How Europe Went to War in 1914," by Christopher Clark; and "Skinny: Denise Austin's Fat Blast Diet," by Denise Austin.

We are also adding junior fiction items: "The Statistical Probability of Love At First Sight," by Jennifer Smith; "The Power of Six," by Pittacus Lore (in the *I Am Number Four* series); "Clockwork Princess," by Cassandra Clare (book three of *The Infernal Devices*); "Once: An Eve Novel," and "Rise," both Anna Carey novels; "The Rising," by Kelley Armstrong; "Light," by Michael Grant (a *Gone Novel*); "Cross My Heart, Hope To Die," by Sara Shepard; "Fyre," by Angie Sage (Septimus Heap book 7); and "The Tapestry: The Fiend and the Forge," by Henry Neff.

We are still on spring hours until just after Memorial Day: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

See you in the library!

Deaths

Ivan Joseph Sramek

Ivan Joseph Sramek, 71, Rawlins County, died Monday, April 22, 2013, at the Hays Medical Center.

He was born Oct. 20, 1941, in Stratton, Neb., to Edward and Lucille (Prochazka) Sramek. He attended grade school at the Queen of Driftwood School in Rawlins County and graduated from the Abbey in Cañon City, Colo., in 1960.

In 1967, he began farming northwest of Atwood, where he would live and work the rest of his life.

On Oct. 24, 1970, he married Mary Millan in Norton. She pre-

ceded him in death on Aug. 20, 2008.

Survivors include six children, Christopher Ivan, Jolene Mary, Carey Joseph, Aaron Edward, Joseph Matthew and Jennifer Ann; and 14 grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 26, 2013, at the St. John's Catholic Church in Beard-ley, with Father Nich Parker officiating and burial at the church's cemetery.

The family suggests memorials in his name in care of the Williams Funeral Home, 109 N. Second St., Atwood, Kan., 67730.

Colby-based bank names new leader

Randy Wilson, a 1978 graduate of Decatur Community High School, has been named chief executive officer and president of Farm Credit of Western Kansas in Colby.

Vice Chairman Jim Wasson reported during the annual meeting in Colby on April 2 that the board had hired Mr. Wilson, who had been senior vice president. He replaces Larry Maxwell, who will retire June 30. Three hundred member-customers were present for the meeting.

"They had excellent internal candidates for the position," Mr. Wasson said, "but opened it up to outside candidates as well. They reviewed 10 qualified individuals and were very happy to select Randy."

Mr. Wilson started with Farm Credit in 1982 after graduating from Fort Hays State University and has worked at the Colby loan agency for over 30 years. His parents are Roger and Angie Wilson of Oberlin. He and his wife Lisa have two sons, Christian and Ga-

brielle. Mr. Maxwell started with Farm Credit 1973 and became president in 1978. In 2001, the Northwest Kansas Production Credit Association and Federal Land Bank merged into the Farm Credit of Western Kansas and Mr. Maxwell was named president. The agency serves the nine northwest counties in Kansas.

During the president's report, Mr. Maxwell noted that the association has grown to \$308 million in agricultural loans, has once again had an excellent year and will pay out a \$2.5 million cash patronage to member borrowers.

"This is a return of approximately 20 percent of the interest you paid here at the association," he said, adding that the association has paid a total of over \$20 million in cash patronage since the merger in 2001.

Brent Phillips of Selden, Tony Horinek of Colby and David Saxon of Weskan were re-elected to three-year terms on the association's board.

Member scholarship goes to Decatur High student

Farm Credit of Northwest Kansas awarded its annual scholarship to Ryan May, a senior at Decatur Community High School, and son of Roger and Susan May of Oberlin.

Throughout high school, Ryan has been involved in music, drama, FFA, various clubs, as well as participating in football, basketball and track.

He is a member of the National Honor Society and has been active in 4-H, American Legion Boys' State, the Kansas City Global

Conference and service organizations in Decatur County. He helps with all aspects on the family farm.

The association awards the scholarship each year to a high school senior who is the son or daughter of a member.

Corrections

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Passengers ejected when car rolls over

Two passengers were thrown out when a Goodland man apparently lost control of his car Sunday afternoon north of Goodland and it rolled in a ditch, but none suffered a reportable injury.

A Kansas Highway Patrol report said Robert A. Simoneau, 20, was driving south on K-27 and "swerving all over the roadway." He was two miles north of Goodland about 1:30 p.m. when he lost control of the car.

Two of his three passengers were ejected when the 2004

Hyundai Tiburon went into the west ditch, rolled 2 1/2 times and came to rest facing south. Gian L. Clavell-Lopez, 19, Goodland, had his seatbelt on and stayed in the car, the patrol said, but Ericka L. Sutherland, 23, Bethune, Colo., and Eduardo Palma-Chimal, 27, Goodland, who were not buckled in, were thrown from the vehicle. Sutherland suffered a "possible injury," the patrol said, but Palma-Chimal was OK. Simoneau, who was not wearing a seat belt, stayed in the car and was also OK.

Avoid lines for driver's license

The school year may be winding down, but business is gearing up at driver-licensing offices statewide.

From May to September, Kansas Department of Revenue licensing offices will issue learner's permits and restricted licenses to about 35,000 novice drivers. That can mean long lines and frustration for parents and teens going through the process.

"While we can't eliminate all the lines, simply avoiding our busiest times and days can cut down the wait time and reduce frustration when getting a driver's license or permit," Kansas Driver License Field Services Manager Robin Harris said.

Here are some tips to help make the process go a little bit quicker and smoother:

- Avoid the driver's license offices Tuesday and Friday, those are typically the busiest times, although early in the morning is your best option

- Try to visit between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday and Thursday

- If you need to simply renew or replace a driver's license or ID card, visit an office in a smaller neighboring city or county where the lines are typically shorter

- If you are applying for a driver's education permit, be sure to have the right documents includ-

ing the pink permit form, birth certificate and proof of a Social Security number.

- The large driver's license offices – such as Mission, Olathe, Topeka, Wichita, Lawrence and Andover – are open 7 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

For a list of driver's license stations throughout the state go to www.ksrevenue.org/dmvstations.html.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Saturday

4:10 p.m. – Caller reported vehicles speeding on W. Third. Not found.

5:09 p.m. – Caller reported possible sexual assault. Report filed.

6:18 p.m. – Welfare check.

6:46 p.m. – Caller reported dorm room broken into

8:18 p.m. – Caller reported gas skip. No report; company contacted and diesel was paid for.

9:30 p.m. – Caller reported erratic driver eastbound on College Dr. Not found.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Friday

9:02 a.m. – Brought inmate from Sherman County Sheriff's Office to Law Enforcement Cen-

Insurance agent earns Master Farm certificate

Dennis Tubbs of Kansas Insurance Inc., formerly Thomas County Insurance Agency, has achieved the "On Your Side" Master Farm Certification designation from Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Co.



Dennis Tubbs

Master farm certified agents have an in-depth understanding of farming operations, provide detailed risk assessments, educate their farm clients about exposures, match coverages to meet farmers' needs and provide professional service, said Tubbs.

"We're excited Dennis Tubbs has become master certified," said Travis Oliver, president of Kansas Insurance. "We have made a commitment to help protect farmers and ranchers in our area with the highest levels of professionalism and service."

"Master certification tells our area farmers that we'll keep

investing in training to be sure we're positioned to help protect them now and into the future."

The certification is intended to help farmers and ranchers recognize agents who have made a commitment to understanding the complex risks faced by their industry.

"Nationwide Agribusiness developed this certification program to provide

additional education and resources to insurance agents who have made a commitment to protecting farms and ranches," said Jerry Hillard, assistant vice president for farm sales.

Only agents who successfully complete training win the designation, Tubbs said, and agents must uphold education and service commitments to retain certification.

ter. 10:15 a.m. – Took inmate to doctor's appointment.

10:40 a.m. – Criminal deprivation of property, criminal restraint, driving while suspended: Oakley Police advised they received a call about a subject who took keys from another at Camp Inn. Report filed.

11:33 a.m. – Served arrest warrant on David James Gernert.

12:20 p.m. – Booked James Arnold Sroufe.

2:37 p.m. – Provided conceal

carry information to subject.

2:48 p.m. – Caller reported unruly niece in Brewster.

3:45 p.m. – Released David James Gernert.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.99
Corn (bushel)	\$6.44
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.96
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.14

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