COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Monday, June 30 >

• Morrill Public Library Happenings: Toddler Storytime at 10:30 a.m. and Knitting Club at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, July 1 >

• Morrill Public Library Happenings: Kids Krafts at 10 a.m. for elementary school aged children in the large meeting room; K-State and Extension will teach STEAM and Gardening for elementary and older students in the large meeting room from lla.m. to noon; No Hunger Summer free lunches for kids age 18 and younger in the large meeting room from 12-1 p.m.; Teen Tuesday - crafts for middle school age and older in the

large meeting room from 1-2 p.m.; Quilters at 2 p.m. in large meeting room.

• Craig Foster from the Kansas Commission on Veteran Affairs will be available 1-3 p.m. in the Homer White American Legion Post, 813 Oregon St., in Hiawatha. As Regional Representative, Foster comes to the area so Veterans, their families or survivors can learn about VA services and benefits and file paperwork, locally. No appointment is necessary.

Wednesday, July 2 >

• Coffee With Friends at 9:30 a.m. at Vintage Park, 400 Kansas Ave., Hiawatha.

• Morrill Public Library Happenings: Summer

Library Program Color the Rainbow ticket event: Life-size Candyland game from 10 a.m to 3 p.m. in the children's library.

• New Beginnings Weight Loss Group meets in the basement of Presbyterian Church at 7th and Kickapoo on Wednesdays at 3:30-4:30 p.m. for weight in, meeting 4:30-5:30 p.m. Come through alley door on south side. For questions, call 785-294-0923.

• Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska is hosting its Free Community Movie Night at 401 North Arch Street in Reserve. The movie to be shown that night is Disney's 2002 animated movie "Lilo & Stitch." The public is encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and blankets. Complimentary popcorn, snow cones, cotton candy and much more will be offered!

Thursday, July 3 >

• Preschool Storytime at 10:30 a.m. at the Morrill Public Library.

Friday, July 4 >

• The Robinson Community is preparing for the upcoming Fourth of July festivities with the traditional activities for the whole family. The day will start out with a walk/run at 7 a.m. (Registration at 6 a.m.). A pancake breakfast sponsored by the 4th of July Committee and Robinson Lions Club

will run from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Registration for the Car/Tractor show will begin at 10:30 a.m., and judging will be at 1:45 p.m. Registration for the Derby car races will begin at 10:30 a.m., and the races will start at 1 p.m. The traditional parade will be at 4 or 4:30 p.m., depending on the length of the Derby car races. Robinson Lions Club homemade ice cream and cake social will begin at 5:30 p.m., running until approximately 9 p.m. The fireworks display will follow. The Lickety Split Band will entertain with a street dance following the fireworks, playing from 10 p.m. until midnight. Sunday, July 6 >

• The Billups Gallery and

Art Center will be opening at 114 State Street. The gallery will house the works of Elizabeth J. (Betty) Billups who resides near Priest River, ID. The location just south of the ballpark is owned by Teton Sunrise, LLC and will serve as not only a gallery with Betty's works on display, but it will also be a hub from which her works can travel to various exhibits in the Midwest. Billups is planning to come to Kansas for that event and help host the grand opening of the gallery on Sunday afternoon, July 6, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. where her paintings can be viewed. The public is invited to come and meet the artist.

Miss D's Honeybees gives a bee-tiful presentation at Morrill Public Library

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The Dvorak family of Miss D's Honeybees gave a presentation about honeybees at Morrill Public Library on the morning of Wednesday, June 25.

The presentation included information about honeybees and their life cycle, including a fact that 2 - 2.5 million beehives are used to help pollinate almonds and that pollination--where bees go out and gather pollen--help plants grow.

In the first part of the presentation, Jason Dvorak explained female bees collect the honey and also feed the bee larvae and that the queen of the bee hive lays eggs. What do the males do? They just eat honey and move from hive to hive and mate with the queen, which are the biggest bees in a hive. But eventually, the males are kicked out during the winter to meet their cold end.

Jason Dvorak also mentioned varroa mites that were a threat to bees because they inject viruses into them to cause deformations and paralysis. He mentioned while there are programs involved in producing genetically



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Pictured L to R: Nancy Dvorak Brooklyn Dvorak Jason Dvorak and Bailey Dvorak

engineered bees that clean off the mites, these small critters will never truly go away. He also mentioned different insecticides used to kill the mites, such as Amitraz (which, unfortunately, mites were developing a resistance to). Oxalic acid has also been found to be highly effective against mites.

Bee stings and how to treat them were also discussed during the presentation. When someone is stung by a bee, the stinger stays in the skin and pumps venom. Brooklyn Dvorak mentioned that tweezers were not a good idea as using them would pump more venom into the body. Using a credit card to remove the

stinger works better but is still tricky to get out due the stinger's barbs being stuck in the skin.

Nancy Dvorak mentioned that baking soda and icing the stinger were described as effective in getting the stingers out. Benadryl was also recommended, especially for people who are allergic





Jason Dvorak shows kids the small bee hive at the end of the event.

to bee stings as bee allergies could be dangerous, as allergies could go far to swell one's throat

wax can be used to create bags that would effectively seal food and keep it fresh for days.

Before the end of the presentation, kids played the roles of bees and gathered cheese puffs from pictures of flowers, to simulate bees collecting pollen. Kids were also advised not to go out and play with bees, especially without protective gear. Bees were mentioned to recognize scents of people and would hang out with certain people without bee stings involved.

Miss D's Honeybees was founded by Jocelyn Dvorak, as the business start up being Public Library's based on a Future Farmers of Facebook page.



The Dvoraks demonstrated the many different uses of beeswax, including using a sculpture made of the wax that could be lit up as a luminary figure.

activity being a life-sized Giant Candyland event taking place on Wednesday, July 2.

Readers can find out more about Miss D's Honeybees by visiting www.missdshoneybees. com and visiting its Facebook page. Readers can also find out more about the summer library program by visiting https//hiawathalibrary.org or visiting the Morrill Public Library Facebook page.

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and lips. She even mentioned

shut. Brooklyn Dvorak talked about the benefits of bee wax, from being used to make lotions, lip balm, cocoa butter and shea but-

ter to help moisturize the skin





Kids gather around Nancy Dvorak before spreading out for the pollination

America project in Hiawatha. This presentation was one of the events taking place during the Color Our World summer library program, with the next

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