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BRIEFLY

Protecting yourself

Women's Connection in partnership with Stouffer Ministries will host a light brunch for women at 9:30 a.m. Friday at Scottsbluff Country Club. For part one of a three-part series "Protecting Yourself," Nancy Fastow from the Police Department will speak on "Self-Defense." Jill Bryan of Lingle, Wyo., will also share her personal story. For brunch and complimentary nursery reservations, call Tammy at (308) 436-9336. Attendees are asked to arrive by 9:20 a.m. for the 9:30 a.m. brunch. The cost is \$5.50, payable at the door.

Exhibit at EWC

TORRINGTON, Wyo. — The Eastern Wyoming College Art Department plans a Stephanie Wilde exhibit in the lobby of the EWC Fine Arts Auditorium March 4-April 4.

Wilde, an Idaho artist, has been featured in shows in Connecticut, Idaho, Montana, Utah, California, and England. The exhibit will feature the bodies of work titled "Plague, Death's Harvest," and "AIDS Deems The Body Slim." Wilde dedicated 23 years to the investigation of the social impact caused by the AIDS epidemic. For more information, contact EWC Art Instructor Karl Brake at (307) 532-8291 or karl.brake@ewc.wyo.edu.

Historical society applications

The Sunflower Historical Society is offering two scholarships for students this year. The first is a scholarship presented by the Society for any relative of a person who attended Sunflower High School from 1918 through 1976. The applicant may be a senior or college student planning to earn a degree. The second scholarship is the Jan Hanson scholarship. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to an applicant studying animal care, management, preservation, treatment, research or viewing of wildlife by the public. Each scholarship is valued at \$500 for one year. Information may be obtained at high school counselors offices, or by calling James E. Hanson, (308) 623-2141 or by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to 40245 Swedell Road, Mitchell, NE 68357.

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Whistle Stop fire



A small shed burned to the ground behind the Whistle Stop Cafe in Scottsbluff early Saturday afternoon. Scottsbluff Fire Chief Dana Miller said the shed burned quickly and no damage was caused to the restaurant or other nearby structures.

Bible Baptist Church offers new class

The Bible Baptist Church in Scottsbluff will begin a new class Sunday, March 11 for adults during their Bible School hour.

Classes on "How to understand your Bible" will be held at 9:15 a.m. Sundays and will teach methods of Bible interpretation. The class will answer questions like "Why do we worship on Sunday and not Saturday?" and "What do we do with the foot regulations in the Old Testament?" and "Is there a difference between Old Testament Israel and New Testament Church?" Instructors will be Pastor Mike Clement and Steve Woolsey.

The class is a part of the Bible Baptist Institute of Biblical Ministries, which is a ministry of the church. The class will include textbooks and a study guide. There is no cost for the class or the study guides. Textbooks can be purchased from the church for

those who want them.

For more information call the church office at 635-1507. The church is located on the corner of 21st and Avenue C.

River of Life to offer study group on Bevere book

The River of Life Church will host a study group beginning Wednesday at the church, which is at 1806 Ninth Ave. in Scottsbluff. The group will meet Wednesdays for 12 weeks at 6:30 p.m. and discuss the book "Driven by Eternity: Making Your Life Count Today and Forever." Everyone is also invited to share a meal at 6 before the group meets. For more information call the church at (308) 635-7124.

The Sunday of Orthodoxy in Great Lent

Assumption Orthodox Church in Bayard continues the tradition of the

Natural Resources Youth Club to meet Tuesday

The newly formed Natural Resources Youth Club will conduct its second meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the North Platte NRD education room, 100547 Airport Road in Scottsbluff. This month's meeting will focus on birds and wildlife.

Club organizer Kay Grote said she was pleased with the interest the first meeting generated in February.

"Eighteen young people attended with their parents or grandparents, along with some folks just interested in helping, so we had about 43 people here," Grote said. "Everyone seemed excited to come back."

The focus of the club is to provide fun, hands-on learning opportunities for youth in a variety of natural resources such as soil, water, tree planting, wildlife, birding, entomology, as well as outdoor recreation, conservation, and citizenship skills. The club is open to all Scotts Bluff County youth ages 8 and older, their parents, guardians and other interested adults.

The club also provides local resource specialists an opportunity to share their expertise in a broad range of environmental education and activities. Volunteer adults are welcome to get involved.

This month's guest presenters will be Jeff Randall with the Scotts Bluff National Monument, who recently conducted the 10th annual Great Backyard Bird Count in the park, Alice Krenitz with the local Audubon Society, and Brad McKinney with the Fish and Wildlife Service. Information will also be provided to youth about how they can begin a variety of projects related to birds and wildlife. The meeting should last approximately 90 minutes.

For more information about the Natural Resources Youth Club, contact Grote at (308) 632-2749 or (308) 247-2786.

RELIGION BRIEFS

procession of icons carried by members of the church. As the choir chants the traditional hymn celebrating the reinstating of the icons to their rightful place in worship, the priest and those carrying icons stop at the north, west, south, and east sides of the church to offer prayers of thanksgiving for the actions of Empress Theodora, Emperor Michael, and those imprisoned and martyred for the sake of the holy icons.

The first Sunday of Great Lent for Eastern Orthodox Christians was Feb. 25.

Eastern Orthodox the second largest Christian Church in the world, also celebrates Orthodox Sunday on this day to remember Theodora, a Byzantine Empress who brought an end to more than 100 years of church persecution.



Fr. Elias Warren, from left, John Pappas, Nicholas Anest, Mary Newman, Cassie Lapasotes, George Karabas, Paul Pappas and Eleni Sakis pray at the start of Great Lent with icons.

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