

County library offers reading program, much more for kids

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CARLISLE Children, parents, young adults and seniors are invited to discover that "together is better" at the Nicholas County Library this summer.

A free, noncompetitive program called "Together is Better, Let's Read!" began June 14.

Children who participate will receive a free personal reading log to record the titles of books they read and books they want to share with friends and family.

In a continuing effort to raise funds to retire debt incurred during the construction of its building, Accutran, Inc. will raffie a beautiful, 1993 Dodge Dakota pickup truck over the next two months.

The vehicle, a white Dakota LX, comes equipped with a 4-speed automatic air and Magnon V6 engine. It is being provided by Deaton Brothers of Paris and can be seen at their showroom at 1010 Carson Drive just off the Paris Bypass Road.

Accutran, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that helps individuals with disabilities to become financially independent. As part of the agreement, Accutran must still raise the \$1,350,000 this year and \$100,000 per year for the next three to totally erase the existing debt.

Ashley White and Gene Chaves of AmeriCher are on hand to instruct members of the boys and girls variety and junior high cheering squads.

"During the past three days they learned everything from pyramids and gymnastics to new dances, warm-ups, stretching techniques and arm motions," Shelly Coldiron said.

Last year the cheering squads excelled in competition as well as cheering on Nicholas County teams at all athletic events.

"The boys variety cheerleaders won superior rating at the Cheerleaders of America Regionals and took runners up in the 31st district," Coldiron said.

The girls variety got a Kentucky Pep award at the Sweet 16 from the Kentucky Organization of Pep Sponsors.

Those who complete the program will receive a reading certificate.

"We think a program that brings together all ages in our community will help children discover the joys of reading at an early age and encourage them to read together," said Doris Anderson, Nicholas County librarian.

"Learning to enjoy reading as a child sets the stage for a lifetime of learning, enjoyment and success." This program was developed by the American Library Association.

Association with the support of McDonald's family restaurant.

On Monday, Ray Wilson, neighbor and volunteer, presented a special program at the library for children of all ages from noon until 1 p.m.

About 80 children attended the event and enjoyed the afternoon with the "Tales for the Family" program.

"We are really glad there are people who care about the library. We just want to let everyone know the library is the ideal place to take their children for summer fun," Anderson said.

Michelle Goodale, story teller, dresses on her back ground in the arts and as a children's librarian in order to present a program filled with music, games and art.

Goodale samples from her knowledge of global traditions including African myths concerning dreams and faith, Native American legends of courage and wit, Middle Eastern stories of magic and freedom, an Arabian ghost story and a Chinese Public Library.

"Michelle holds audiences of all ages in her hand with her soft, warm, magical form of storytelling," Hays said.

For more information on any library program visit the library or call 304-5266.

Invading Manchu tribes of the Great Wall, built before the time of Christ.

Wendall admitted she had a hard time understanding and accepting the history of Hong Kong.

"It's true there is no home here in Hong Kong and no nursing homes either because the people there take care of their families, including their elderly," Wendall said.

"You could really feel a sort of kinship with the people in front of a tank in silent demonstration."

"The many of those young people were killed and there was no memorial up where... nothing was left there except a little flower while in China and they had a T-shirt which referred to 'Tiananmen Square' and what happened... all our translator could make out is that it said 'We failed'."

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