COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Monday, May 19 >

• Morrill Public Library Happenings: Toddler Storytime at 10:30 a.m., Knitting Club at 6 p.m. and Evening Book Club at 6 p.m. in large meeting room.

Tuesday, May 20 >

• 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.

• Morrill Public Library Happenings: MPL Travel Club is back with the Cruise Planners from 12-1 p.m. in the large meeting room. This month's topic is US and European River Cruises. Public is welcome; Quilters Club meets at 2 p.m. in the large meeting room; After School is Cool - crafts and activities for elementary age 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21 >

• All day Summer Library Program kickoff at the Morrill Public Library. Stop by the library to register for our summer reading program - or pre-register at www.hiawathalibrary. beantack.org.

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

Thursday, May 22 >

• Morrill Public Library Happenings: Preschool Storytime at 10:30 a.m.; Creative Hour @ the Library at 2 p.m. with a second evening session at 5:30 p.m.

Morrill Public Library kicks off Summer Program May 21

SUBMITTED BY MORRILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Morrill Public Library is gearing up for its Summer Library Program "Color Our World."

The Summer Library Program kick-off day is all day on Wednesday, May 21. Sign up either in-person at the library, on the Beanstack app or at hiawathalibrary.beanstack.org to participate in the Summer Reading Challenge. Once on the site, pick the reading challenge that's just right for you! All ages are invited to participate.

Through Beanstack, patrons earn reading badges for every hour (or book for preschoolers) logged, along with additional activity badges. Activity badges are just for fun challenges like attending our special events or checking out our digital collections!

Completing any badge will earn two tickets that will be entered into the library's grand prize drawings. The reader can pick what prize they want a chance to win!

Along with the library's summer reading challenges through Beanstack, there are weekly events for youth and families!



IMAGE FROM MORRILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Young Anglers to Compete in the Kansas BASS Nation Youth State Championship



Max and Emmry hold up award plaques for qualifying for the tournament.

HIAWATHA WORLD

Max Loyd and Emmry Olson are Junior State Oualifiers for the BaitWRX Kansas State Fishing Championship Tournament on May 30 and 31. The tournament will be held at Mozingo Lake near Maryville, MO. Winners will advance to the Nationals later this season.

These young anglers, and also cousins, have been fishing lakes across the states of Kansas and Missouri since they were little tikes, but they have been fishing together as

a "competitive team" for the past two years. Max and Emmry belong to the Topeka Jr. Hawgs fishing

Max is the son of Kaysi and Bryce Loyd and attends leff West Middle School.

Emmry is the son of Dana and Kody Olson and attends leff West Elementary School. Proud grandparents of

the boys are Robin/Shawn Loyd, Dorrine/Max Olson, Doug Elliott, Angie/Scott Husted, and Michelle/Joe Witham (boat Captain).

Proud Greatgrandparents are Arlene State Fishing Tournament!



Max Loyd and Emmry Olson pose with their catches.

Malter, Emmy Pyle, Ruby Olson, Marie Jones, and Brenda Elliott.

Good Luck boys at the

Hiawatha Cheer Club earn division champions title



The 2024-2025 Hiawatha Cheer Club members. Pictured Front Row L to R: Addy Barber, Aubrey Barber, Addy Spare, Elizabeth Bloom, Landynn Patton, Molly Cheek, and Addie Meyer. Back Row, L to R: Hannah Simmer, Bryndlie Schulenberg, Khloe Wissler, Meredith Howard, Brooklyn Parker, Kinsley Johnson, Briley Hullman, and Raegan Kerl. Not pictured: Ashlynn Hasenohr





HIAWATHA WORLD

The Hiawatha Cheer Club recently concluded an outstanding season by earning the title of division champions at the U.S. Finals cheerleading competition held in Louisville, Kentucky. The prestigious event brought together top teams from across the nation to compete at the highest level.

The team qualified for the U.S. Finals after receiving a coveted "golden ticket" in December, awarded for their first-place finish at the America's Best Grand Nationals in Kansas City.

The Hiawatha Cheer Club is coached by Stacy Simmer, Jacquie Spihlman, Kendra Howard, Sheridan Van Der Merwe, and Emi Deters. The team is made up of sixteen athletes, all of whom demonstrated exceptional talent and commitment throughout the season.



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