

Gearing up for ‘Discover Tech’

It is so hard to not bubble over sometimes. The world is just so interesting and there are so many fascinating things to discover that whatever I'm learning and reading just erupts out of me. I love learning and then sharing what I am learning. I also tend to want to make everyone else want to learn and discover as much as I do, which isn't very reasonable, but then I guess we aren't always very reasonable people.

At the moment I'm researching and discovering lots of really cool science that I'll



work on sharing with anyone who will listen over the next six months as we begin to gear up for “Discover Tech,” the engineering exhibit coming January 2014.

Friday, Jan. 10, we are planning a wonderful party to open the exhibit and hope you will all make plans now to visit the exhibit sometime between Jan. 10 and March 14, 2014, and maybe many times.

We have spruced up our science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics collections in anticipation of the exhibit. We are also holding a monthly science contest for families with the September contest being to build a card tower using a standard deck of 52 cards. Take a picture of your highest or best card tower and submit to the library by Monday, Sept. 30. You can either bring in a print or email to dadams@arrowhead.lib.mn.us. Two families will be selected to win a free science kit. And be sure to look for the October contest.

We have purchased a variety of science kits for youth that can be checked out from the junior room. Most of the kits are building and engineering kits as they tend to be more re-useable than chemistry or biology kits. STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) are very important for everyone.

At least one estimate I've seen had as many as 90 percent of all future jobs will require some kind of STEAM training. And NPR did a story on Sept. 9 that predicts all 10 of the highest average earning careers will be in STEAM fields, with eight of the 10 in engineering fields, from petroleum to marine to mechanical engineering.

We are also adding a play time following storytime each week. The library has purchased a variety of toys for young children to begin their science education because play is one of the best ways for children to learn.

So come to storytime and stay to play. Storytime is Thursday mornings at 10:30 for 20 to 30 minutes and we'll then have 30 to 40 minutes of play time. We have large blocks and Duplos as well as a variety of other toys.

Our special purchases were made possible by the donation we received in 2006 to encourage exploration of the world and to make the library an attractive place for teens and children. We feel these activities and additions are a great way to do that. Thank you for his generosity, we are having fun.

PET OF THE WEEK

Hello, I am “Jenny.” I think there is a song about me — something about making a phone call if you are interested in me. Well, I strongly suggest you get on the phone and give the Holding Facility a call because I am one of the best cats you will ever meet. I have a sense of humor and I love to be the center of attention, but I also like to have “me time” with my human friends. Won't you consider adopting me?

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Shermoen earns prestigious Eagle Scout Award

Andrew C. Shermoen, of Wamego, Kan., a member of Boy Scout Troop 92, will receive his Eagle Scout Rank Award Sept. 28 at a Court of Honor conducted at First United Methodist Church, Wamego.

Shermoen is the son of Richard and Lori Shermoen, Wamego, and grandson of Richard and Nancy Shermoen, Topeka, Kan., the late Paula Eslick, Fredonia, Kan., and Russ and Shari Eslick, Whitney, Texas.

Friends, family and troop scouts and leaders will attend the celebration. Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program. Since the first Boy Scout earned

his Eagle award 100 years ago in 1912, the distinction has been earned by more than two million young men.

Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges and demonstrating ideals of service and leadership, including organizing and leading an extensive service project. Fewer than four percent of Boy Scouts nationwide attain this rank.

Shermoen earned 34 merit badges and served his troop in a variety of

leadership roles. He developed, planned, and gave leadership to an Eagle Scout project to benefit the Wamego High School Theatre Department. For his project, Shermoen chose to build shelving and storage units in the Theatre Department's scenery storage building for storing stage flats and scenery lumber. Shermoen most recently served as the Troop's Order of the Arrow Representative and has served as Treasurer and Vice Chief of the Dzie Hauk Tonga Lodge of the Order of the Arrow.

He has over 185 hours of service to the community and 100 nights of camping with his troop.

Shermoen graduated from Wamego High School in May. He was an honor roll student and participated in the school's High Voltage Honor Choir for four years, Concert Choir for four years, serving as Section Leader for two of those years, the Kansas Music Educators Association District Choir for four years, Forensics for two years, and eight theatrical productions.

Shermoen was a 2012 delegate to the American Legion Kansas Boys State where he served as Secretary of the Department of the Environment. He has just started his freshman year at Hutchinson Community College in Hutchinson, Kan.

LOOKING BACK

BLAST FROM THE PAST
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25 YEARS AGO

Garner Clance has accepted an interior design position with the Dayton-Hudson Corporation and is assigned to the home store in Edina.

Fred Wilson is the new state patrolman in the city of International Falls.

40 YEARS AGO

The International Falls State Bank's Board of Directors recently elected Keith Sutherland to the position of assistant cashier.

Jan Meneffee, 17, a senior at Falls High School, has been named semi-finalist in the 19th annual National Merit Scholarship program.

Mary Jo Hillstead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hillstead, 908 Third St., has received a bachelor of arts degree in English from the University of Minnesota..

50 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Cole, 1501 Third Ave. W., will be honored on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary at an open house in Ukrainian Hall on Sept. 22, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Himes and Bobbette of Ray were honored at a going-away party at Lyman Hall by their neighbors and a number of

out-of-town friends. They will be leaving with their household furniture the first of the week, for Coon River, where Mr. Himes is employed.

A boy was born today at La Verendrye Hospital, Fort Frances, to Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Etienne, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

A boy was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Custer, 709 1/2 Ninth St., 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

60 YEARS AGO

Orlando Nazarenus, formerly of Sleepy Eye, has joined Border Publishing Company staff as a Linotype operator.

A/C Kenneth Hultman, serving with the 3rd radio relay squadron, 8th communications group at Pope Air Force Base, Fort Bragg, N.C., has been chosen as September “Airman of the Month” by his squadron of 335 men.

Patti Jo Misner, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Misner, airman, second class, and Mrs. Misner, will be baptized Sunday at St. Columbian Catholic Church, Littlefork. Sponsors will be the baby's maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M.W. Huttemeier, 915 Ninth Ave.

Miss Mary Lou Hoselton and Miss June Williams left this morning for Minneapolis where they will be employed.

70 YEARS AGO

A son was born today at the Northern Minnesota Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rasmussen, Ninth Avenue.

Newly-elected class officers of the Falls High School are Helen Hnatiuk, president; Bill Phaklides, vice president; Mary Lou Ecklund, secretary; and Arthur Holmstrom, treasurer. Miss Esther Hendrickson and F.R. Sands are the advisers.

Celebrating his 77th birthday Sept. 16, Acting Sheriff Fred U. Day was guest of honor at a 6 o'clock dinner at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Day, Keyes Apartments.

Honoring the 75th birthday anniversary of William Currie, Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Bussman entertained Mr. Currie and his daughter, Lorna, at a birthday dinner at their home.

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