

Youth Education Board Report 1/17/2020

January's family day event "Weather: Past, Present, and Future" is set for this Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Hopefully the weather will remain cold and windy so that our special guest KOTA/KEVN TV weekend Meteorologist Ethan Emery can travel over safely for the morning and make it back for his evening forecast. He will talk a little about weather science, weather in as our region in years past including sharing video of the tornado that hit the area, and for one of our experiments we will make a tornado in a jar and discuss how they are formed. Ethan has planned a lot of "messy" fun" STEM science experiments and demonstrations. It should be a great morning! We currently have 40 of the 75 children's slots filled. Volunteers from the four high school and four from the county's juvenile probation program have signed on to help.

The final family day event will be February 15, 2020 and will be a STEM challenge event all about cars. (i.e. Design a car of the future. Create a car using only a paper plate, cardboard, paper straws and a balloon.) The program will also share a bit of history of the automobile nationally and share photos of early autos in Campbell county and some of the first citizens to own them.

The WWII day committee will be meeting at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2020. We will be discussing the technical needs for each of the stations so that Cam-Plex can begin to put together their set up plan. The committee will be able to get into the Wyoming Center at 6:30 a.m. on the morning of March 24, 2020. Penny still needs to confirm a caterer for the meals both days. The sixth-grade teachers have been sending in their reservation preferences for WWII day and the committee will determine time slots on Tuesday and Penny will send out that official schedule later that afternoon.

Word will be going out the 2nd week in February to try and find pioneer schoolmarms for the Spring session of Pioneer school. Dr. Shannon and the teachers of the "neighborhood" section of Stocktrail Elementary have added two days to the schedule. (The neighborhood school involves all the students who live in the area and attend school at Stocktrail but are not part of bilingual studies). The teachers plan to bring 3-6th grade students who never had the chance to attend pioneer school. They are going to teach their students and make use of our building and supplies. We have fit them in the afternoon of May 1 & 4, 2020, following the 3rd grade students from the other portion of their school.

Penny received word that Maggie the fiberglass milk cow is just about ready to make her travels to her new home at the Museum. Plans are being formulated for a "Cow Party" to celebrate her arrival, including inviting as special guests all the graduates of the Museum's pioneer school who have ever recited Gelett Burgess' "The Purple Cow" to come and join us.

Finally, Penny was able to get Matt Avery signed up as an artist in residence to spend the entire day on August 20 and 21, 2020, working on leather projects for people of all ages to come and watch him and ask any questions about his craft.