

# Library Open House April 4

## ■ Tours, Entertainment Planned

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Pacific Friends of the Library will host an Open House Thursday, April 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Pacific Library, 111 Lamar Parkway.

Barb Schweissguth, library adult programmer, said in addition to the Friends introducing community members to the new library, a special evening of entertainment is

planned.

Pacific High School graduate Melissa Fyr-Potter will sing Big Band music along with her quintet — Matt Sokeland, PSH music director, on the drums, Alan Lambert on the sax, Tim Garcia on the keyboard and Andy Sample on bass.

Friends of the Library will lead tours around the new 11,000-square-foot library that opened Sept. 20. Friends also will accept member-

ships.

The new facility is the sixth incarnation of a library in Pacific since the Twentieth Century Study Club created a public lending library here in 1937. The Pacific Library opened in a small building on St. Louis Street.

The library has occupied the Lille Thiebes home located on what is now D'Angelos Pizza parking

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# Autism Class To Host Special Ed Field Day

## ■ April 9 at Football Field

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Special education students from throughout the Meramec Valley R-III School District will attend a Special Education Field Day Tuesday, April 9, at Pacific High School football stadium.

PHS special education teacher Traci Dewert's autism class will host the event with assistance from MCJROTC cadets and Health Occupations students.

This is the second year of the field day created for special education students.

"We have done Special Olympics in the past and have not had much participation, so we came up with this idea so we could involve all of our self-contained students in something fun and get them moving and just celebrate themselves," Dewert said.

Activities will include carnival type games and athletics

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## McNamees of Little Ireland

Danny McNamee and his team accepts the trophy for the Little Ireland T-shirts waved from the McNamees

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### WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



Spot Showers  
High: 54°  
Low: 36°



Sunny  
High: 56°  
Low: 35°



Sunny  
High: 62°  
Low: 34°



Spot Showers  
High: 64°  
Low: 41°

## Manuel Wins Shamrock Quilt

Pam Manuel, second from right, held the winning ticket for the shamrock quilt that was raffled off during the St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Tri-County Senior Center March 16. Also pictured, from left, are Pauline Masson, Carol Johnson, who drew the ticket, Manuel and Bob Masson. The Massons donated the quilt, which raised \$1,600 to benefit the Historic First Baptist Church restoration project.

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lot, the first Pacific public school building on West Osage, where Clarkson Eye Care is now located, which is where it became part of the Scenic Regional library

system.

In 1969, the library was moved to 140 W. St. Louis, the site it occupied for 25 years. In 2004, the library moved across West St. Louis Street into the building at 119. The new building on

Lamar Parkway brings Pacific's library to a state-of-the-art book and technology center.

"We hope people will come to see what we have in Pacific," Schweissguth said, "and to hear Melissa sing."

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participation events.

The event coordinates with Autism Awareness Week, April 8-12, and World Autism Awareness Day.

World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) can trace its roots back to Nov. 1, 2007, when the U.N. first

requested that a day be established to raise awareness about autism.

In December that year, World Autism Awareness Day was established as a holiday on April 2 of every year.

"This year we want as many schools to help us

celebrate and promote Autism Awareness week as possible," a WAAD spokesperson said. "With one in every 100 people thought to have autism, joining us for Autism Awareness Week could help make a difference to the lives of thousands of families."

## Eagles Continue Push To Pay Off Lunch Debt