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Dec. 7, 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Preschool Program

The Cow Who Saved Christmas. Ruby has always dreamed of being one of Santa's reindeer. The problem is she's a cow. This Christmas McMazing Tales brings you the heartwarming, funny and original Christmas story about following your dreams, no matter how crazy they seem.

Dec. 11, 3 p.m. Ages 4 to 12

Mrs. Claus is Coming to Town. Visit the North Pole with Mrs. Claus. Dance around the Christmas tree singing Christmas carols. Write a letter to Santa and make reindeer food to sprinkle on your lawn on Christmas Eve.

Dec. 13, 7 p.m. Families

Holiday Magic. Get ready for the holiday season with some magic by magician Christopher Fair.

Dec. 17, 4 p.m. Elementary ages

Holiday Origami. The "Origami Lady" is back. Learn how to turn simple pieces of paper into holiday treasures.

Dec. 24 and Dec. 25 **Holiday.** Library is closed.

Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 **Holiday.** Library is closed.

Jan. 6, 7 p.m. Adults

Ann Cannon - Boys & Books: A Match Not Always Made in Heaven. Parents and educators alike will tell you that the love of reading (sadly) doesn't always come naturally to boys. Is there anything a concerned adult can do? Ann Cannon's experiences as a teacher of children's literature, a bookseller, a writer and a mother of five sons have convinced her that the answer is "yes." She'll discuss strategies and specific titles which have been successful with real live boys. This program is at the Whitmore library, 2197 Fort Union Blvd. This speaker is provided by the Utah Humanities Council.

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state meet, but has worked to get his times up to qualifying speeds this year, Thurman said.

"All four captains were voted on by the members of the team," Thurman said. "Masters and Nelson lead with their work ethic. Paulsen and Johnson lead by talking. They are great motivators."

While Thurman sees the girls team

able to challenge for a state title this year, he admits the boys team is in a "transition year."

"We don't have as many older boys this year, so our experience level is down," he said. "We are a younger team, and it is a challenge to get them up to the 5A level of other schools that swim all year long. But their attitude is awesome, and they will be good this year and keep on improving."

Ethiopian refugees welcomed by Draper residents

By Ashley Schulthies

Meeting someone new from a different country can be intimidating but for members of the Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church meeting new people is a time to give service and build friendships.

Recognizing the need to help immigrants and refugees coming to Utah, Catholic Community Services has a social program titled the Immigrant and Refugee Resettlement Program. The goal of this program is to help refugees and immigrants during their time of adaptation to the lifestyle and culture of the United States with the end goal being self-sufficiency.

This past year Catholic Community Services has asked local parishes to help with an extension of this program called Welcome the Stranger, where local parish members teach the family skills and help them feel connected to the community. Members of the Saint John the Baptist Church in Draper were the first in the valley to embrace this program. Currently, they are helping a family of 10 from Ethiopia.

Katherine Mahoney, team leader for the Welcoming the Stranger program, explained that her team is assigned a family to help for six months. Their first task is to welcome the family at the airport.

"We don't speak their language, and only the father and two oldest children know some English so communicating at first was hard," Mahoney said. "But the family could communicate to us from the

beginning their excitement to be here and how grateful they are for our assistance."

For six months members of the Welcoming the Stranger team visit the family at least twice a week and once during the weekend in their home. During visits they teach life skills such as turning on and off light switches, what different appliances are for, what food goes in the refrigerator and what can go in cupboards. Members teach the family how to ride the bus, where to dump garbage and how to keep a house clean.

"The family we are currently helping has lived in a refugee camp for the last 20 years," Mahoney said. "Most of the children were born in the camp and do not have the life skills that we take for granted. We get the opportunity to serve them and teach them how to live in the United States."

While the Welcoming the Stranger team helps take care of teaching families life skills and building friendship, Catholic Community Services helps provide apartments, furniture, food and English classes for families. They also help provide job skills and opportunities for working age members of families and make sure children get enrolled in school.

"The experiences we are having with this family are so rewarding," Mahoney said. "As I have gotten to know them and taught them, I have gotten so much more from them than I give. I always leave feeling great."

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13 win in the fifth game.

"It was pandemonium when we won the fifth game," Nellermoe said. "It was one of my proudest moments as a coach ever."

The state tournament began with a 3-0 defeat of Cedar in the first round, followed by a 3-0 victory over Richfield to set up the game with Desert Hills. Enloe and Long were named to the All-Tournament team at the state championships.

"They played as a unit and were the 'David versus Goliath' throughout," Nellermoe said.

The rest of the team included senior Hali Jansen; juniors Erin Fitzpatrick, Katherine McIntire, Lauren Lasrich and Megan Townsend; sophomore Brittny Niemi; and freshmen Cherise Tua and Annie Tice.

Nellermoe was assisted by Todd Holzhauer and Kristie Long and credits their expertise and relationship with the players as factors in Juan Diego's successful season.

"Nothing would have been accomplished well without amazing assistant coaches and parent volunteers," Nellermoe said. "A huge thank you [goes] to parents who stepped up."

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