ries, will be presented at 3 p.m. Monday at the South Branch of the Abilene Public Library, 1401 S. Danville Drive. Free admission.

Young Audiences summer series

As part of the Young Audiences of Abilene summer show series, storyteller and

served.

Senior fitness

Christa Ellis, of Hendrick Health Club, will present a senior fitness class at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Abilene Public Library, 202 Cedar St. Free admission.

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Nine Big Country youths qualified for 10 scholarships, ranging from $20,000 to $1,000. A Knox County senior, the only one from this area to receive multiple scholarships, received one of each.

That senior, Kathryn Cude, received one of several $20,000 scholarships awarded by the San Antonio Livestock Exposition and a $1,000

studies for a degree in physical therapy.

Three area seniors received $18,000 scholarships from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo: Matthew Lawrence, of Eastland County; Adam Multer, of Runnels County; and Sarah Wade, of Kent County.

Lawrence, of Rising Star, plans to attend Tarleton State University to study agriculture. Wade Schaefer, both of Runnels County.

Baxter Krug, of Comanche County, and London Jones, of Erath County, each will receive $3,000 scholarships — Krug from the McLean Estate and Jones from AgWorkers Insurance, TCAAA and the Davidson Family Foundation.

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Jones Keyes from Little Rock took **Gail Kaiser** and this reporter to eat at Miguel's. The next day at the recently renovated Old Sayles House by **Terry** and **Laura Browder**, MizCheevus joined some reunionites in visitation. Among them was **LeAnne Churchill Jennings** whose mother, **Dorothy Churchill**, was "everybody's best friend." Others: **Jan McCaleb Elliott**, **Faye Jean Hooker**, **Barbara Brookover Holloway-Davis**, **Kitty Thomas**, **Candi Justin Mattocks**, **Jane Haley-Reed**, **Donna McDonald**, **Joe McDonald**, et al. Other activities took place at Bootstrap 8 Ranch, hosted by **Gary Griffin** and **Kitty Thomas**. Judging by the photos, the warmer-than-normal weather did not slow down their enjoyment.

Mail usually brings good news ... There was the very formal invitation to join in the festivities at Abilene Country Club honoring **Chris** and **Liz Herrera** on their 60th wedding anniversary. This had an effect on Roy Helen whose memory took her to the realization she and **Bro Mingus** knew them way before 1956 — when Liz

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Library has resources to help plan Fourth of July parties

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Kids and celebrations go together, and what could be more exciting than celebrating our nation's independence with a festive family get-together?

It's a perfect occasion to make memories with your children and grandchildren and instill pride in our country at the same time.

If you haven't already, now is the time to start planning your party and you need go no further than the Kids' Page on the Abilene Public Library's website, www.abilenetx.com/apl. You'll discover inexpensive but festive kid-friendly crafts, decorations and recipes that will rival those of any red, white and blue celebration.

On the Kids' Page, look first at the Crafts & Activities link, where you'll find episodes of Crafty Creations, short videos about crafting for kids, hosted by Tremain, Alyssa or Jessica. In the Patriotic Crafts section, you'll discover a variety of fun activities perfect for your child. Decorate for the holiday with twirlers, fireworks pens, and stars and stripes stamp creations.

Under Resources for Parents & Teachers on the Kids' Page, go to the Family.com link and search for July 4. Click on "view all results." Scroll through a plethora of terrific ideas ... like Goofy and Donald's 4th of July coloring page and Minnie's Statue of Liberty paper craft, which will make a perfect centerpiece. There's even a Mickey and Friends 4th of July party invitation to download.

A celebration isn't complete without food and snacks, right? The Kids' Page can take care of that, too. Another great site listed under Resources for Parents & Teachers is the Idea Box, which contains several kid-friendly recipes. Start the day off right with yummy blueberry pancakes with strawberry sauce. Search July 4 on the Idea Box page, and you'll find this recipe and many more, including Patriotic Parfait, Celebration Cookies and Sweet Stars, made of strawberries, blueberries, and whipped cream. Yum yum.

If you want more great party planning ideas for any occasion, try "Great Parties on Small Budgets: Celebrations for Grown-ups and Kids of All Ages" by Diane Warner; "50 Fabulous Parties for Kids" by Linda Hetzer; or "101 Quick & Easy Party Ideas for Kids" by Linda Sadler.

These are just a few of the many party planning books at your library — and don't forget all of our wonderful cookbooks for backyard grilling, themed parties and more.

Independence Day is all about celebrating our country's freedom and making memories with family and friends. These are just a few ideas for your Fourth of July celebration. Please drop by any library location and let us help you have a "bang up" Fourth of July celebration to remember.

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