

# Family



Lacey Miller finished fifth in places for the Colby FFA dairy judging team

## FFA members judge at Hays

Colby FFA Chapter members went to Hays to compete in the Northwest District FFA Dairy Judging Contest, where they were split into groups to judge six classes of dairy cattle.

Here are the final standings: Greenhand division — Josh Cersovsky placed fourth and the team, Cersovsky, Doug Hurtt, Travis Fromholtz and Jessica Morton, placed second.

Senior division — Brandon Mazanec placed third in placings, third in reasons and first overall. Lacey Miller was fifth in placings. The team was Mazanec, Miller, Michelle Bremenkamp and Tiffany Hurtt.

Colby FFA also entered two solar cars. The teams had one hour to make a solar car work, using only two 12-volt batteries as power.

## Square dance, eating program scheduled

Ron Snyder will call for the Golden Buckle Square Dance Club this Saturday from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at the Colby Community Building. The second dance in December will be the New Year's Eve dance with John Orlovski, Jr. from Nebraska doing the calling. The New Year's Eve dance will be from 9 p.m. to midnight on Dec. 31. Visitors are always welcome.

A free public program on *Eating Disorders: Detection, Diagnosis and Current Treatment* will be presented from 9:15-10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10, in the Colby High School. It will precede

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a continuing education program on the same topic from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For information contact the Northwest Kansas Area Health Education Center, 217 E. 32nd, Hays; 785-628-6128.

The Gem Lions Club is sponsoring 'all you can eat' sausage and eggs, and pie from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Gem Community Building. A free will donation will be accepted. Net proceeds go to community betterment, sight conservation and

# New kitten livens up the Nelson household

There's a new addition to our family and he certainly livens things up. He was born July 25 in Culbertson, Neb., and is a purebred Persian cat. He would be registered if I wanted to pay \$60 to register him, which I don't. According to his papers, he is a blue eyed, long haired, male, Flame P. colored cat. Which means, he is white with orange ears, nose, feet and tail. We've named him Punkin.



Maxine Nelson  
Random Thoughts

My middle son, the plumber in North Platte, Neb., brought him to me on my birthday, Nov. 4, after I told him my other white cat, Chester, had disappeared. I said my other kids had all brought me a cat, why didn't he bring me one, too. I was just kidding, but here he came with this fuzzy little kitten not as big as my foot. I was shocked!

I really had planned to rescue a cat from the animal clinic. I had in mind something older, quieter, shorter-haired, and definitely less expensive, not this little beast. What if I step on him and squash him? What if he runs outside and gets run over by a car?

What if my husband suffocates on his hair? My husband has emphysema and asthma and is on oxygen.

The first thing I did, when my son left, was take the scissors to Punkin and get off some of that long hair. He just turned his head and looked at me like, "What are you doing? Are you out of your mind?" I have never seen such a look on the face of a cat! Or anyone else, for that matter.

That kitten is so lively. He just zips around until he is tired, and then he goes to sleep wherever he is.

I'm planning to make an indoor cat out of him. (He has other plans.) One of the first things he did was zip out the door when I was going to work. I couldn't chase him. My husband couldn't chase him, and he wanted to explore. I left. My husband said after about an hour-and-a-half Punkin was at the door wanting in.

When I came home, he wanted out again. I yelled "No!" at him and clipped him with my crutch. Guess he got the idea. He hasn't tried to go out

again. (No, he was not injured, just scared. He didn't cry, and he wasn't knocked unconscious, he just went backwards. It was better than going out and getting hit by a car.) Now, he just sits in the window and wishes he was outside. Poor thing! I wish he could go out, too.

Baby still gets to go outside. She is about 15 years old now and has outlived two other cats. We have to let her out the door, and fixed the cat door so she can let herself back in, but not go out through it. We have a 'see-through'

cat door, and Punkin likes to sit there and try to figure out how to get out when she comes in.

That kitten was my birthday present. But guess who is home with him all day and is bonding with him. My husband regales me every day when I come home with some new story of what Punkin has done. And they are good company for each other when I am gone.

Punkin is really smart. He and I were watching *Animal Planet* the other night, and they were teaching animals to do tricks. Punkin was sitting on a chair about three feet from a high stool. I patted the stool, and told Punkin to jump. He did, and I rewarded him with a treat. Then I told him to jump to the floor, and gave him another treat. Then he jumped back up on the chair, jumped onto the stool and wanted another treat. He would have kept on jumping all night, I think, but I got tired. The next day he repeated the trick for my husband. Bet he would jump through a hoop if I had one — the cat, not my husband....



Punkin

## Community Calendar

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Brown bag Al Anon (non-smoking), 775 E. College Drive, noon  
Pi Gamma, Peggy Frahm, 1:30 p.m.  
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 1980 W. 4th, 5-8 p.m.  
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Santa City open, Fike Park, 1-5 p.m.  
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 1980 W. 4th, 5-8 p.m.  
Golden Buckle Square Dance, Community Building, 8-10:30 p.m.  
Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

education. The club also recycles used eyeglasses and hearing aids. Everyone is welcome.

## Hospital

**CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER**  
Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001  
Admissions

Dawn Stasser and infant male, Le-vant  
J.D. Mahorney, Colby  
Tracy Langdon, Colby

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat	\$2.70
Corn	\$2.03
Milo	\$3.28
Soybeans	\$3.84

## Deaths

### Orma Clinkenbeard

Orma Clinkenbeard died today at Citizens Medical Center. Arrangements are pending with Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel.

### Audy Hopper

Audy Hopper of Gem, 85, died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001, at Citizens Medical Center, Colby. Arrangements are pending with Harrison Chapel, Colby.

### James L. Stephens

GRINNELL — James L. Stephens, 54, died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001, at his home at Grinnell. He was a farmer and

lifelong area resident.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Angelus, Father Roger Meitl, Oakley, officiating. Burial will be at St. Paul's Catholic Cemetery, Angelus. Visitation will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday at Harrison Chapel, Colby. Prayer vigil will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Angelus.

Memorial contributions may be made to an educational fund for their children and may be left at any Colby bank or Harrison chapel.

## Club News

### Northwest Kansas Transition Council

Kathy Cataldo introduced Bonnie Dible who is a parent support specialist with High Plains Mental Health at the Oct. 18 meeting. They indicated in their present expansion of services, High Plains Mental Health now also has the following personnel in our area: five families centered system of care case managers (for 6-18 year olds); five adult case managers; one child therapist; three adult therapists; four therapeutic preschools (for ages 1-5) High Plains Mental Health is starting a couple psycho-social groups for youth to help them deal with their anger. Jamie Woods, the child therapist, will be conducting these training sessions.

Some discussion was held as to how to help parents deal with the 'severely emotionally disturbed' or 'emotional disorder' label.

Marilyn Unger shared materials George Victor had given her regarding understanding the benefits received through the Medic-aid Medical Card and through the Social Security Administration.

Ideas were discussed for the next mini-grant offered through the State Transition Council. Jane Rogers is planning with Kathy Cataldo to bring Project STAY from Topeka to Colby on May 4, 2002 to give a workshop for parents/teachers of students or adults with challenging behaviors. Jane is also working with Judy Taylor to plan for a transition workshop for parents in September, 2002. We decided to help support these types of workshops and another transition day for students through the grant money. Judy Taylor will complete and send in the mini-grant application.

Jane has spoken to Mike Flesher, the attorney on staff at LINK in Hays, about guardianship issues. He described a complicated process to ensure the young adult is not denied their rights. She requested a list of attorneys in northwest Kansas who do guardianship. Mike was willing to do a presentation. Jane will also speak to Kansas Legal Services and Families Together about doing an inservice for attorneys on guardianship possibly with LINK.

Progress on the council's website was discussed. Kathy Howard, from Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center, has been asked to add/connect our information to the NKESC website.

### Xi Zeta Zeta

Xi Zeta Zeta met at the Comfort Inn on the evening of Nov. 18 to enjoy an evening of good food, friendship and Bunko. Following refreshments, the game began. After several hours of enjoyable competition, the two winners were Rich Epp and Jay Kimberly. Those taking home the low honors were Mike Smith and Larry Ryan. Door prizes were won by Brenda Kimberly and Linda Ryan.

Those couples attending were: Judy and Rich Epp, Relda and Tracy Galli, Brenda and Jay Kimberly, Anita and Royce Porter, Kathy and Bill Ryan, Linda and Larry Ryan, Mary and Mike Smith and Deanna and Wayne Sulzman.

On Dec. 3, nine members of Xi Zeta Zeta met at Made of Iron on the evening of Dec. 3 as Lana Johnson explained her art work to the group. Following the program, the group reconvened at the home of Kathy Ryan.

Ways and Means committee reported they only have one pie left to sell. Social committee reported the next meeting which will be on Dec. 10 will be a supper followed by our secret sister Christmas gift exchange. Service committee reported they had chosen four children from the Angel Tree and had purchased gifts. Membership committee is meeting to discuss rushing.

Linda passed on the Sunshine basket to Brenda which she had filled with many homemade goodies. Those members attending were: Anita Porter, Brenda Kimberly, Kathy Ryan, Lynette Luck, Relda Galli, Judy Epp, Linda Ryan, Mary Smith and Judy Taylor.

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**ad ran CFP on Fri 11/30**

**Hays Med. Ctr**  
**5X3 100% GDN Ask Bill**