

Family

Mental health center launching new program

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High Plains Mental Health

Helping children and families stay together. That is the goal of a new program at High Plains Mental Health Center. The Center was awarded a Child and Adolescent Mental Health Out-of-Home Crisis Stabilization Grant from SRS Division of Children's Mental Health Services to develop and implement a youth crisis and stabilization program aimed at keeping children in their communities. Homeward Bound Program will serve the 20 north-west Kansas county catchment area of High Plains Mental Health Center. Our belief is that children and families generally belong together and this program is aimed at providing children and families' additional options at times when parents may need increased assistance in managing their child's symptoms and behaviors. The program is setup to serve children with emotional and behavioral needs.

An integral part of the program is accessing resource homes for children. Resource parents will provide short-term (overnight to a few weeks) services in their home. Resource parents are considered professional caregivers that will provide a service to the child and his/her family. Their role is not designed to replace the family, instead it is to provide support and services to the child and family so as to facilitate the child's return to their family's home as quickly as possible. Participation in the program is voluntary and children will remain

in the custody of their parents. Resource parents will be utilized to provide respite care, attendant care and individual community support services the children need to assist them in returning to their homes.

Resource parents will become licensed foster parents, receive extensive training and have daily support from their High Plains Mental Center social worker while a child is placed in their home.

The child will also receive services from the mental health center such as therapy, case management, psycho social groups, and at the same time you and the family work together to facilitate a return to the child's home. Resource parents will be financially compensated for their work with the child and family.

Research indicates early intervention along with services reduce the need for more restrictive placements (e.g. hospitalization or SRS custody).

You can make a difference in a child's life by signing up to be a Resource Home. Resource parents must be at least 18 years of age, possess a high school education or GED, reside in the 20 county catchment area (20 NW Kansas Counties), pass a security/KBI check and complete mandatory training requirements (PSMAPP or Deciding Together) classes.

For more information regarding the program or becoming a resource home, please contact Audrey Harper Schoenberger, LMSW at 785-628-2871 or aschoen@hpmhc.com.



Mary Ann and Floyd Cousins, at their wedding, and now, below.



Couple celebrates 50 years

Floyd and Mary Ann Cousins celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Black Hawk, Colo. Well wishers may send cards to 119 Main Street, Arriba, Colo., 80804.

Floyd J. Cousins and Mary Ann D. Prokop were married June 19, 1956, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby.

The couple is retired just recently moved to Arriba, Colo. Mary Ann

enjoys embroidering, and sewing. Floyd spends his time attending farm auctions, restoring antique farm tractors, remodeling and wood projects.

They have two daughters, Nancy Stevens and husband Mark of Fort Lupton, Colo., and Betty DeBryune and husband Dan of Niwot, Colo. They also have four grandchildren, Jason, Calvin, Stephanie and Shana.

Church cleanup reveals a surprise

There are many treasures to be found in God's House — even on work days. United Methodists don't need much of an excuse to prepare and enjoy food shared together. Of course, that means working in the kitchen.

In the process of cleaning up after the laborers had lunch in Dunlap Hall on work day Saturday, one of the ladies was sorting lids, cottage cheese, cool whip, and whatever else kinds of containers people rid their kitchen of.

To relieve one's conscience of adding to the abundance of trash or just not being able to dispose of them, it's a warm fuzzy feeling to take it to the church to be used for carryout after a church dinner; thus the accumulation.

Amid the unmatched lids and containers was a sealed envelope with an unopened 34-cent stamp affixed. It was addressed to one of the more mature gentleman, who by chance stuck his head in the door requesting a cleaning tool soon after the mysterious envelope was found. 'Twas a good thing it was a get-well greeting card since it was his wife who found the letter.

The recipient didn't know what malady he'd recovered from at the time of the 34-cent stamp but the sender's prayer had been answered; for that he was mighty grateful. The mystery remains as to how the letter got mixed in with the disposable.

The whole countryside gathered in the spacious and lovely yard of Richard and Dianne Kvasnicka



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south of Winona Sunday afternoon. The children entertained themselves and the adult spectators on the water slide.

Grandmother, Dianne, had promised Cutter a big party after the numerous major surgeries he endured for an arterial venous malfunction had been completed. Cutter's mother, Angie, suggested combining it with Clint and Angie's daughter, Chalea's 4th birthday and the celebration of the dedication of baby, Caybrie. Caybrie was dedicated at the College Drive Assembly of God Church in Colby Sunday morning.

It was also a day before Clint and Angie Kvasnicka's wedding anniversary. Cashlyn helped her mother, Angie, with the invitations. Approximately 60 guests including Angie's family and family and friends from Larned, Oakley, Colby, Monument, Wallace, Winona and Russell Springs. Tables were laden with food and the host families served cake and ice cream to complete an enjoyable day of visiting.

Harley Herschberger was ecstatic days after the two-day Herschberger reunion held at the home of Melvin and Kathy Herschberger in Russell Springs.

90th Birthday

Willard Miller, Jr. and his wife Peggy, are requesting a card shower for Willard's mother, Elon Miller of Colby in honor of her 90th birthday.

She was born June 27, 1916, 10 miles north of Levant. She married Willard Miller, Sr. on May 1, 1937; he preceded her in death in August 2005.

Elon also has four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to her at 1020 Maize Road, Colby, Kan. 67701.



E. Miller

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They feasted on a hog roast and a carry-in dinner.

In addition to the hosts, Melvin and Kathy Herschberger and honored guests, Harley and Phyllis Herschberger, others who attended were Chad and Kathy Herschberger and family, Tann and Linda Herschberger and Alex, Linden and Maureen Herschberger and family, Kevin and Patty Herschberger, Michael and Andrea, Dale and Suzanne Herschberger and Crystal, Brian, Kourtney, and Levi Herschberger, Jason and Michele Herschberger and family, Bob Goffelt, Eldon and Almetha Mindenhall, Edith Tienhold, Margie Spires, Nancy Johnson, Ron and Willa Ruth, Wilda Weber, Dallas and Virginia Peoples, Gloria Peoples Randall, Kendal and Sharon Wright, Mary Wright, Donnie Wright, and Randy and Paulina Huffman.

Nine Triplains High School boys and Coach Penka joined the Brewster boys and their coach for football camp in Chadron, Neb. They left early Tuesday morning and will return Saturday. Triplains boys taking part are Clint Rogge, Clay Rogge, Sam Smith, Brett Gfeller, Bryant Plummer, Doug Hemken, Eric Grob, Lane Ochs, and Taylor Barrett.

Triplains High School cheerleader sponsor, Cindy Gfeller, accompanied Rachael Smith, Hanna Moorhous, Amberly Gfeller, and Jael Nichols to Lindsborg where they took part in cheerleader camp

at Bethany College. They left Monday and returned Thursday.

Grandmother Sammy Russell is proud to announce the arrival of a new grandson. His name is Braden Andrew. T

his is the first-born child of Herb and Annette Russell of Seattle, Wash. He was born in Seattle May 25, 2006, weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Sammy Russell and the late Herb Russell. Maternal grandparents are Bart and Florita Santos of Bremerton, Wash.

Sammy Russell is counting the days until she, Andrea Plummer, Bryant and Ethan will fly to Seattle to meet the new baby and visit with Herb and Florita and Nathan Plummer.

Harv Kahle and Roscoe Kahle went to Ransom for an early Father's Day get-together. They were guests of Jeff and Jana Kahle for dinner.

Harv Kahle has lots of respect for the Winona Fire Department after their quick response to an alarm sent in by Dustin Latham, their neighbor to the north. In the early morning hours Tina Latham was up preparing to feed the baby when she noticed something burning at the Kahle place. Dustin immediately went to the Kahle farm unaware of what was burning. The Winona fire department was summoned but the barn was a complete loss. There were no injuries nor loss of contents because the barn contained only a small amount of hay.

Community Calendar

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Heartland Share pick-up, Sacred Heart School gym, 10:30 a.m.
Thomas County Household Hazardous Waste Site collection, 190 W. Fourth St., 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Trojan Amateur Radio Club field day, Colby Municipal Airport, beginning at 1 p.m., ends 1 p.m. Sunday

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Trojan Amateur Radio Club Field Day, Colby Municipal Airport, continuing until 1 p.m.
Sunday Morning Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous, City Hall basement, 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

New Hopes Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall basement, 8 p.m.

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