

Family

Volunteers fill gap in Extension service

They seem to be everywhere! You'll nearly always find them lurking in and around some of the area's nicest gardens. You may find them prowling the flower beds that have been created in city parks all around northwest Kansas. Sometimes you'll find them gathered around newly planted trees in your hometown.



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

made it almost impossible for an agent to spend the time needed to satisfy a huge increase in requests for individual garden training.

And so, the Master Gardener Program was created in 1972 in the state of Washington. Since then it has spread to 48 states, and Master Gardeners have become a vital part of Extension's ability to provide up-to-date reliable knowledge so they can enjoy and protect the value of the growing things around their homes.

Master Gardeners receive an intensive seven to eight weeks of instruction in just about all facets of horticulture, everything from fertilizer to insect control. The schools are held at different locations each year as the Extension people strive to make it just a little more convenient for interested people to receive the training. I drove to Grinnell every Tuesday for seven weeks in February and March several years ago to get my credentials.

We must remember that Master Gardeners certainly are not the know-all, do-all representatives of gardening and other forms of horticulture. They are strictly volunteers, who have received some training from the Extension Service, who do what they can to make our communities more beautiful and to answer occasional questions from backyard gardeners like you.

If you see one prowling around the area where you live, shake their hand and thank them for volunteering. And if you would like to become a Master Gardener, call your county Extension office.

Babies

Aiden Scott Meyer



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Aiden Scott Meyer, son of Troy and Kary Jo Meyer of St. Francis, was born Aug. 11, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center.

He weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces, and measured 18.25 inches.

Sister Audrey Annette welcomed the baby home. Grandparents are Bud and Lounie Erskin and Dave and Charlene Meyer, all of St. Francis, and Marshall and Connie Squires of Goodland. Great-grandparents are Annette Erskin and Edwin Meyer of St. Francis and Bob and Zadine Elliott of Akron, Colo.

Bristol Kate Niblock



B. Niblock

Bristol Kate Niblock, daughter of Terry and Brandi Niblock of Brewster, was born Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 19 inches.

Brother Breck Niblock welcomed the baby home. Grandparents are Gary and Mary Moore of Bird City and the late Henry and Loretta Niblock.

Paxton Robert Neitzel



P. Neitzel

Paxton Robert Neitzel was born to Tim and Jill Neitzel of Goodland at 2:11 p.m. Saturday, June 13, 2009, at St. Luke's-Presbyterian Hospital in Denver. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 19 inches. He is their first child.

Grandparents are Rue and Marilyn Sowers of Goodland, and Karen Neitzel of St. Francis. Great-grandparents are Pat Nelson of Colby, Lon Sowers of Gem and Glenn Neitzel of St. Francis.

Miley Noelle Ohman



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Miley Noelle Ohman, daughter of Kayla Ohman and Matt Brooks of Goodland, was born Aug. 10, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center.

She weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 18 inches.

Grandparents are Melissa Johnson, Goodland, and Bill Blank, of Brighton, Colo. Great-grandparents are Norma and Robert Williams of Goodland.

Fake nurse charged for fraud

NORWALK, Conn. (AP) — A Connecticut woman who authorities say spent more than \$2,000 to stage a dinner honoring her as "Nurse of the Year" has been charged with pretending to be a nurse at a doctor's office.

Fifty-six-year-old Betty Lichtenstein of Norwalk was charged Aug. 6.

Prosecutors say Dr. Gerald Weiss believed Lichtenstein was

a registered nurse, especially after she was named the Connecticut Nursing Association's "Nurse of the Year" in 2008.

According to the arrest warrant, that association does not exist.

The state's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit began investigating after a patient complained about Lichtenstein.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$4.16
Corn (bushel)	\$2.73
Milo (hundredweight)	\$4.05
Soybeans (bushel)	\$9.79

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Eldie Griggs

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In loving memory of our
father & grandfather.

Shirley, Ronda, Scott
(Vickey), Jason and Daniel

Students win scholarships

Tanner Moss, a Golden Plains graduate, and Spencer Rose, graduate of Hoxie High, have been awarded \$500 scholarships from Neff Seeds, a sales agency for Pioneer Hi-Bred Seeds.

Moss, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Moss of Menlo, plans to attend Colby Community College.

Rose, son of Jackie Rose of Hoxie, plans to attend Garden City Community College.

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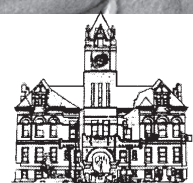
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