

Alumni kept town busy over weekend

Our small community buzzed with activity Labor Day Weekend with Golden Plains Alumni activities being held. Former classmates reminisced during the football game Friday evening while supporting their alma mater and Bulldog football.



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The holiday weekend guests of Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper were Cleda's son and wife, Robert and Marsha Moeder, from Carmel, Ind., and son Tim and family, Shelly, Taylor and Peyton Moeder from Shawnee. It was Cleda's 60th-year reunion and Robert's 40th.

Family guests at our home during the holiday weekend were children Jami Wark, Hays; Kristin Wark, Mission, and friend Johnny Pheatt, Lawrence; Rebecca and Chance Rains, Jaren and Braylon, Victoria; and Chad and Desiree Wark, Morgan, Hayden, and Dylan, Rexford. On Sunday, we all went to the Huss Third Family Reunion in Herndon.

Golden Plains High School and Middle School team sports have gotten off to a good start and the teams are looking forward to a successful season. Homecoming was last week and the Bulldogs defeated Western Plains on Friday.

The 2009-2010 Homecoming Queen is Jenna Bruggeman, a senior and daughter of Paul and Karla Bruggeman, Rexford. Homecoming King is Corey Shaw, a

senior and son of Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden. Current activities and events can be quickly accessed on the school's homepage, usd316.k12.ks.us/. Golden Plains Channel 658 is available on Rexford and Selden cable systems.

The Kid's Club at Rexford Community Church began on Wednesday after school for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. A snack is provided and food contributions would be appreciated.

September birthdays: John Ray Gould, Thursday, Sept. 10; Patty Purcell, Friday, Sept. 11; Joan Todd, Thursday, Sept. 17; Dick Sandord, Monday, Sept. 21; Delores Dible and Gary Delzeit, Tuesday, Sept. 22.

Red Barn happenings: First Bingo was held Saturday and Bingo will be held every second Saturday of the month throughout the school year for the 50-plus crowd. Prizes are fruits and candy.

Schedule: 2 to 5 p.m. Monday, Barnswallows. 10 a.m. Wednesday, Ladies Bible Study. 2 p.m. Thursday, Come on Down. 9:30 a.m. Friday, Koffe Klatch.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

4-H state fair projects offer take-home ideas

HUTCHINSON - A colorful stadium quilt, a garden planter fashioned to look like a mini-tractor pulling a wagon, a faux turquoise necklace made from everyday corn kernels, and bargain-priced prom dress drawing a creative "a-ha" reflect the variety of 4-H projects on display at the Kansas State Fair.

To be eligible to exhibit at the state fair, each project had to first earn a top award in its category at a county fair, said Justin Wiebers, a Kansas State University Research and Extension 4-H youth development specialist, and building coordinator for 4-H Centennial Hall at the Kansas State Fair.

"4-H exhibits are up nearly 10 percent this year," he said. "Fair visitors need not have any prior experience with 4-H to benefit from seeing the project exhibits."

"With more than 30 different 4-H projects available, 4-H members can choose to develop a personal interest, but also explore new ones. 4-H projects typically offer opportunities for self-expression within a project area, and ... visitors can take home ideas or the inspiration they need to complete a project or take on a new one."

The stadium quilt is, for example, the work of Walker Clawson, a member of the Town and Country 4-H Club in Meade County.

Clawson's grandmother and sister quilt, and, after watching his older sister learn how to use machine embroidery to embellish tote bags for friends, he decided that he'd like to learn, too.

Combining denim from jeans with embroidered squares featuring the school mascot - the Meade Buffalo - and adding a purple fleece backing seemed a practical choice for fall football games, he said.

While Clawson enjoys using the sewing machine, he also is enrolled in 4-H electric, wood-working and welding projects. He is a fourth grader and third-year 4-H member.

Samantha Dold, from Rice County, made a farm-theme garden planter as part of her 4-H woodworking project.

Dold, who is a freshman in high school and five-year 4-H member, had previously worked with her father, who enjoys woodworking, to make shelves for her room and small gifts.

The planter-project took about 20 hours to complete, said Dold, who added that she enjoys being

creative and making something that is both fun and useful.

Dold, who is a member of the Sterling Meadowlarks 4-H Club in Rice County, also is enrolled in 4-H foods, photography and meat goat projects.

A faux turquoise necklace earned the top award in the Visual Arts and Crafts project at the Ford County Fair this year and will be on display in 4-H Centennial Hall.

The necklace is the work of Dakota Derstein, an eighth grader and member of the Lucky Clovers 4-H Club.

Derstein, who credited her mother with first seeing the idea at a craft show, said that she hand-painted year-old dried corn kernels with a turquoise color with a metallic glaze. She then sprayed each kernel with an acrylic sealant and drilled holes before stringing the bead-like kernels.

The necklace is lightweight and so realistic that many have doubted that it truly isn't the real thing, she said.

The project took about nine hours to complete, said Derstein, who also is enrolled in 4-H clothing, shooting sports, home environment, foods and nutrition and leadership projects.

A prom dress might also seem an unlikely candidate for a 4-H project, yet the bargain-priced effort earned Katrina Curry, a senior in high school, the top award in Girls' Buymanship (Clothing Project) at the Cherokee County Fair.

Curry's basic black dress was purchased at a discount clearance for \$10, and then embellished with beads, fringe, and a leopard-fabric flower to tie in to a jungle theme chosen for the prom.

The cost to create the one-of-its-kind dress was \$57, said Curry, who said she'd earned a lot of compliments on her handiwork.

"The most expensive dress isn't necessarily the best," said Curry, who credited the 4-H Clothing Buymanship Project with helping her learn to make good decisions when choosing clothes and building a wardrobe.

Curry, an independent 4-H member, has been enrolled in numerous projects, including foods and nutrition, horse and beef in addition to the clothing project.

Projects will be on display in Centennial Hall during the fair through Sunday.

Alarm foils hot pepper heist

BENNINGTON, Vt. (AP) - A giant chili pepper on the roof of a Chili's restaurant in southern Vermont is such a hot property, police say, that four people tried to steal it.

Bennington police say the group ran 470 feet of extension cord across a four-lane road and through a Home Depot parking lot

to power an electric drill used to detach the logo sign.

Sgt. Camillo Grande says they also brought a hacksaw to help remove the pepper, valued at \$8,000.

An alarm went off at about 4:30 a.m., thwarting their plans to make their getaway in a sport-utility vehicle.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE
Thursday
7:28 a.m. - Two dogs at large at 1216 Court Place. One was turned over to Colby Animal clinic; unable to catch second.
8:17 a.m. - Assisted ambulance crew on call.
8:57 a.m. - Clerk at Bosselman's needed officer for man who was bleeding from head.

10:52 a.m. - Assisted ambulance crew on call.
11 a.m. - Knocking on door late at night in 300 block of W. Third.
12:21 p.m. - Assisted ambulance crew on call.
12:54 p.m. - Clerk at Dillon's called about pickup with flat tire south of fuel center. Will have it towed in morning if still there.
3:28 p.m. - Dog at large at 335

S. Garfield taken to Colby Animal Clinic.
4:23 p.m. - Driving while suspended found on traffic stop at 470 S. Range.
6:05 p.m. - 911 open line from Terrace Drive, no answer on call back. Child dialed.
7:14 p.m. - Anonymous call about barking dog at 1090 W. Fourth St. Not found with owner,

left message to call police department.
7:43 p.m. - Report of kids riding in trunk of car at Williams and Range. Pulled vehicle over at Fifth and Range. No children in trunk; spoke with occupants.
10:22 p.m. - Dog reported stolen from 1150 S. Franklin. Puppy found and returned.

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