

Family

Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H

The Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club met Monday, Oct. 12, with the Hutton and Bear families were hosts.

President Rose Bear called the meeting to order. Michael Schmidt led the club in the flag salute.

The roll call question was "What Halloween candy don't you eat?" Thirteen members and five guests were present.

Kasey Hoyt read the minutes, which were corrected and approved. The treasurer and reporter gave reports.

Kathy Baird read a thank-you note to the club from Beverly Kindler.

Rose Bear reminded members about officer's training at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 26.

Club Leader Dorothy Bear reported that the club received a purple seal and a community service award, along with a check for \$80, for the herdsmanship award earned during the fair.

Michelle Werth reported that the window committee had put up a display in the Brewster Senior Center. The theme for 4-H week is "Meet the Future." Werth encour-

aged the members to see it.

Dorothy Bear gave a report for the school program committee. Bear made arrangements with Mr. Staten, school superintendent, to have the program at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14. Stuart Schmidt said he would get ice cream treats to hand out during the program.

Installation of officers was held. New officers: president, Rose Bear; vice-president, Kasey Hoyt; secretary, Ben Baird; treasurer, Stefanie Eicher; reporter, Whitney Schultz; historians, Wyatt and Layton Werth, Austin Burkholder and Justin Schmidt; song leaders, Emeline Hutton and Weston Schmidt; parliamentarians, Justin Schmidt and Austin Burkholder; 4-H Council members, Ben Baird and Rose Bear.

Weston Schmidt demonstrated how to make Kool-Aid. Emeline Hutton gave a safety and health talk on all-terrain vehicle safety.

Brittany Burkholder had the club play "Ha-Ha."

The next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 9.

— Whitney Schultz

Get garden soil ready for new year

A few hours spent in your yard and garden right now will pay off in a big way next spring. It's time to put things to bed for the winter, and the time you spend will have a direct relationship to the kind of garden production you can expect to enjoy next season.

Indeed, autumn offers a wide range of gardening opportunities, including a few jobs that I have talked about the past few weeks. I honestly believe the most important task you can undertake right now is to spread a thick layer of leaves on the surface of your garden plot and then plow them in as deeply as you possibly can.

Your reward will be an extremely superior, soft, tillable, rich seedbed next spring. When you plow the plot next spring, you'll not find any of the leaves you plowed in — they will all have biodegraded into the soil, providing food for earthworms and giving the soil a bit of nourishment and lots of tilth.

Leaves aren't the only good soil additive right now, but certainly the one that will break down most quickly. A couple of inches of grass clippings, a layer of semi-rotten hay or straw or a couple of inches of horse, cattle or chicken manure, all plowed into the soil, will provide you with a head start to gardening success next spring.

If you have maintained a compost pile this year, now is the time to remove those materials, spread them on the surface of the garden and plow them deeply into the soil. The natural freezing and thawing of the soil during the months of December, January, February and March will assure you that all those materials will decay and give your soil sustenance for healthy growing things next season.



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

It's a simple process. As I point out in my book, Chapter 1, it's all about the soil, not the weeding process, not the proper addition of moisture, not the choice of seeds. It's the soil, plain and simple. All other practices considered, if your garden soil is in good shape, you will raise a crop.

I hope you will do what you can to prepare your soil for next year's plantings. It all begins now. I send out these admonishments today as I leave you for the season. Thank you all for your kind comments during the past 38 weeks.

Speaking of my book, I remind you that it seems to be a popular item when given as a gift. "The Gardener's Common Sense Guide to Vegetable Gardening in the Midwest" is available now at the Prairie Museum Gift Shop in Colby, Donna's Gift Shop in St. Francis, Ward Drug in Oberlin, the Craft Peddler in Brewster, in Goodland at Jacque's Hallmark, Elliott Furniture and Prairie Rose Floral, and Williams Floral and Garden in Burlington. Or just call me at (785) 899-3513.

And now go out there and plant a few tulip bulbs. Buy a large bulb of garlic — break loose the cloves individually, dig a three-inch deep furrow in the garden, plant the cloves about three inches apart, sprinkle in a little bone meal, cover with soil and tamp lightly. This will be your first "green" of the new season as the garlic begins to emerge in February.

Have a wonderful winter!

Snakes smuggled in stockings

OSLO (AP) — A man has been arrested in Norway trying to smuggle two dozen snakes and geckos into the country by hiding them under his clothes.

Customs agent Helge Breilid said Monday the 22-year-old Norwegian citizen was apprehended in the southern town of Kristiansand after getting off a ferry from Hirtshals, Denmark. He said the man had 14 royal pythons and 10 albino leopard geckos under his

clothes. Breilid said the nonvenomous snakes — the smallest species in the python family — were hidden in stockings duct-taped to the man's abdomen. The geckos were in boxes taped to his thighs. Customs officials found the reptiles, which are not endangered, Sunday during a search following the discovery of a tarantula in one of the man's bags.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Monday

10:28 p.m. — House broken into at 245 W. Sixth. No damage.
11:53 p.m. — Owner requested walk through of Twisters due to subject inside.

Tuesday

3:32 a.m. — Provided directions to motorist at Grant and Third.
6:11 a.m. — Vehicle parked in road at U.S. 24 and County Rd. 23. Owner had someone en route.
1:51 p.m. — Complaint against a tenant at Colby House.
3:59 p.m. — Children walking home from school attacked by sixth graders, cell phone taken.
4:40 p.m. — Three officers provided escort for an airplane to the airport.

Wednesday

3:32 a.m. — Checked on power plant employee because of phone problems.
11:05 a.m. — Calls about hit and run in 100 block N. Franklin.
11:50 a.m. — Leaving the scene of an accident/driving under the influence report filed on above incident.
11:38 p.m. — Walk through at Twisters.

Thursday

9:07 a.m. — Owner of Butch's Smokehouse reported trash littered from pickup parked in lot at Motel 6.
6:23 p.m. — Stray cat at 215 W. Seventh. Unable to catch.
7:16 p.m. — Report of receiving harassing text messages. Suspect was spoken to.
8:18 p.m. — Contacted KXXX with road closure information.
10:31 p.m. — Walk through at Colby Community College Student Union.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Monday

3 p.m. — Served arrest warrant on Christian Gurrola.
5:32 p.m. — Subject walked into house unannounced at 210 Illinois, Brewster. Report filed for disorderly conduct.

Tuesday

8:19 a.m. — Provided ride from Law Enforcement Center to Brewster.
9:01 a.m. — Pickup in ditch at U.S. 24 and County Rd. 23. All appeared OK; vehicle was checked on earlier, no one around.
10:01 a.m. — Power pole hit; line down on road in the 1500 block of County Rd. J. All OK; Midwest Energy said no report needed.
10:17 a.m. — Vehicle inspection for Colby Dodge.

1:12 p.m. — Rollover non-injury accident in the 400 block of Old U.S. 24 early Sunday morning.
4:40 p.m. — Three deputies escorted an airplane to the airport.

Wednesday

9:14 a.m. — Report filed on roll-over noninjury accident Sunday at 6 a.m. in 300 block of U.S. 24.
10:14 a.m. — Miguel Padilla arrested on warrant.
11:10 a.m. — Assisted Colby Police Department locating vehicle from hit and run.
11:17 a.m. — Removed debris from K-25 south of Colby.
7:01 p.m. — Narcotics violation found in traffic stop on I-70 mile 74.

Thursday

4:28 a.m. — 19-year-old thought missing from Rexford was in Colorado.
1 p.m. — Served arrest and detain warrant for Sherman County Sheriff's Office on R.J. Charles Phifer.

MOVIE PASSES
Watch for your name in the Wednesday movie listings for 2 free passes.
(Passes must be used within 7 days.)
Pick up your passes at your:
COLBY FREE PRESS

Thank You!
Thank you to all the friends, family members, and red hat ladies that helped make my 75th Birthday so special.
God Bless,
Fawna McFee

Vote Yes!
November 3rd
For A New Aquatic Center In Colby!
Provided by the Aquatic Center Work Group

The Family of Ralph Goossen
Requests a Card Shower to celebrate his **70th Birthday On November 3rd**
Send cards to:
719 Maple Street
Friend, NE 68359
With love from your family, Gloria, children Debra and Paul, Kimberly, Brian grandchildren Jared, David, Darren, Hannah, Rachael & Jacob

Rotary Club

The Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday, Oct. 20, at Colby Community College with 35 members and guests, including Kevin Botrell, Dave Rudy, Barry Blount, Sherrie Wiedeman and Jennifer Burr.

A monthly collection was taken for the Polio Plus challenge.

Blount presented the club with a banner from the Rotary Club in Alfreton, England.

President Jerry Arensdorf reported three hackberry trees have been planted at the baseball field.

Carolyn Armstrong had the program, which featured Wiedeman and Burr with a presentation on the new aquatics facility proposed for Colby.

The club meets at noon each Tuesday in the Student Union.

— Relda Galli

American Legion Auxiliary

The Colby American Legion Auxiliary met Oct. 12, at the post home. President Ruth Thiemer led the flag salute.

Three new members were welcomed by the president.

The unit voted to send one dollar for each member to 6th District for its projects. State and district newsletters were read.

Auxiliary members decided their project for the year would be to send care packages to veterans overseas.

Next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9.

— Margaret Chick

Public Notice

Unified School District No. 314
Thomas County, Kansas

RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved that:

The above-named school board shall be authorized to make an annual tax levy for a period not to exceed 5 years in an amount not to exceed 5 mills upon the taxable tangible property in the school district for the purpose of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, remodeling, additions to, furnishing and equipping of buildings necessary for school district purposes, including housing and boarding pupils enrolled in an area vocational school operated under the board, architectural expenses incidental thereto, the acquisition of building sites, the undertaking and maintenance of asbestos control projects, the acquisition of school buses and the acquisition of other equipment and for the purpose of paying a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued by cities under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto, for the financing of redevelopment projects upon property located within the school district. The tax levy authorized by this resolution may be made, unless a petition in opposition to the same, signed by not less than 10% of the qualified electors of the school district, is filed with the county election officer of the home county of the school district within 40 days after the last publication of this resolution. In the event a petition is filed, the county election officer shall submit the question of whether the tax levy shall be authorized to the electors in the school district at an election called for the purpose or at the next general election, as is specified by the board of education of the above school district.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the board of education of Unified School District No. 314, Thomas County, Kansas, on the 19th day of October, 2009.

(S) Daryl Ann Jorgensen
Clerk of the Board of Education,
USD #314

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OLD-FASHIONED Thanksgiving Annual Dinner...
Sunday, November 8th.
Serving: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Colby Sacred Heart Church Basement
Please join us for:
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