# Family

## Deaths

# Lulu L. Grady

Lulu L. Grady, 93, Colby, died Medical Center in Colby.

Services are pending with the Sunday, Aug. 1, 2010, at Citizens Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel,

# **High Plains Lions Club**

a chili-dog dinner with homemade cherry and apricot pies provided by Norm Whittaker.

Justin Burris called the meeting to order. The club sang happy birthday to Norm for his 69th birthday. The president then introduced his wife Kelli as a special guest to lead the program.

Kelli talked about the Caring Assessment for Rehabilitation Education Services. This is an organization that trains dogs for people who need physical assistance. The organization has placed about a thousand dogs in the last 16 years, she said. Kelli said she believes that the program would be a good 4-H project for boys and girls.

The club heard there will be no Colby Relay for Life this year due to lack of volunteers. A sign-

# Rotary Club

The Colby Rotary Club met at noon Tuesday, with 23 members and guests including Dr. Luke Tubbs and Brennan Ziegelmeier.

Ken Frahm led the program, featuring Postmaster Kenton Krehbiel discussing postal operations and the Colby post office.

Krehbiel has worked for the Postal Service since 1975. The post office here processes 830,000 pieces of mail a week, and is 70 percent automated. A worker can sort 1,000 pieces of mail an hour while the machine sorts 40,000.

The zip code system, established in 1963, was known as the Zone Improvement Plan. All international mail for the U.S. is processed in Chicago.

In 1881, John W. Irwin was Colby's first postmaster. The Colby office currently has 23 employees, with four city carriers who walk about 10 miles a day each. There are three rural carriers who take a census of wildlife several times a year to assist the Department of

Wildlife and Parks. A special commemorative cancellation has been approved for Thomas County's 125th Anniver-

sary on Saturday, Oct. 9. Nancy LePell won Roto-Lotto.

# Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

### The High Plains Lions Club met up sheet was passed around for Monday, July 12, at the Robert the Thomas County Fair conces-Burnett Student Union, following sion trailer. The State Fair needs volunteers Wednesday, Sept. 8, to Sunday, Sept. 19, to man the Li-

ons sight-screening trailer. The Colby High Homecoming football game will be Friday, Sept. 3. The Lions have their annual Candy Day at homecoming.

Francis Britton held three drawings before adjournment. Virgil Jones won a Lions belt buckle, Melda Moore won the money, and President Burris won two tickets to the Bluegrass Festival.

The next meeting was to be last Monday at the fairgrounds.

# Cantaloupe aroma scent of success

One of the crowning achievements of any northwest Kansas gardener to my way of thinking is the successful growing of a good cantaloupe.

There is just something about the aroma and flavor of a homegrown ripe cantaloupe that gives a gardener an indication it has been a good season. The nurturing of a good crop of cantaloupe from the planting of the seed to the day of harvest is not the easiest garden project, but perhaps the most satisfying to one who has successfully completed the task.

You can call them cantaloupes, or you can refer to them as muskmelons if you wish. Both names are correct. The name muskmelon refers to the "musky" aroma and taste of the melon. The moniker cantaloupe comes from the Castle of Cantalup, Italy, where they were first grown successfully in Europe



## Kay Melia

• The Gardener

several hundred years ago. Of one thing we can be sure: both names describe the wonderful sweet, musky, earthy, floral, spicy or berryish taste that is truly ambrosial, the nectar of the gods.

Several good gardeners tell me they just don't plant cantaloupe and generally give a couple of reasons. No. 1 is because they just don't have room in their small backyard garden plot for all those vines. And yes, cantaloupes tend to move around their planted area. Unlike newer developments in cucumbers, I haven't heard of the offering yet of a bush type, compact cantaloupe plant.

ers is the difficulty of coaxing the seeds to germinate. This can sometimes present a problem for one of two reasons: either planting too early in cool soils or by piling too much soil on top of the seed and literally smothering it.

Some of us have learned the hard way that planting before the soil temperature reaches 60 degrees just isn't a good idea. A reading of 65 degrees is even smarter, and that means that the cantaloupe seed should be one of the last crops to go into the ground in the spring. Not only does the seed need a warm birthplace, but the plants require warm temperatures to give you good growth and proper maturity in August and September.

Even harvesting a melon can be tricky. One indication of a cantaloupe's readiness is the absolutely

No. 2 given by many garden- wonderful aroma it gives off when ripe. An even better test is called "the slip" method. When you thing the melon is ready for plucking, pick it up carefully and give it a slight tug. If it is indeed ready, it will detach from the vine easily. If it doesn't, try it again tomorrow.

If you think the color of the melon indicates it is ready to harvest, be advised that different varieties show different colors at maturity, some still with a few green streaks in the good tan color.

Years ago, I heard the story from a gardener that when cantaloupes are ripe and the aroma begins to drift over the neighborhood, the possibility of theft is extremely high. A famous plant breeder sympathized with that assessment, but was not encouraging: "Finger blight," he said. "Very serious. No

## On the Beat

#### **COLBY POLICE Thursday**

1:59 a.m. - Sheriff's office requested assistance at the fairgrounds for an attempted burglary

3:42 a.m. - Intoxicated subject left the 100 block of E. Fifth in a vehicle. Not found.

9:29 a.m. - Stalled semi in the 600 block of W. Willow moved.

12:03 p.m. – Call about question on checkbook ownership between caller and ex. Spoke to reporting party; civil matter.

2:43 p.m. - Dog complaint at Second and Chickamauga. Spoke

4:38 p.m. – Vandalism to bike at Colby swimming pool.

4:50 p.m. – Disorderly conduct: Subject called 911 to report a problem with granddaughter. Report filed for domestic conflict and criminal damage to property.

5:04 p.m. - Vandalism to vehicle at 1155 Terrace Dr.

5:28 p.m. - Back windshield broken out of vehicle in the 100 block of E. Fifth. Damage was due to hail storm last week and owner has been driving it.

6:54 p.m. – Suspicious incident: 911 caller reported boyfriend wouldn't let her out of truck at Pilot station; five officers advised vehicle not found.

10:34 p.m. – 911 report of per-53. Hitchhiker was told to stay at around town. bottom of ramp.

11:26 p.m. - Ex-girlfriend harassing subject by phone. Officer spoke with subject; tried to make contact with ex-girlfriend but she hung up.

#### THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Thursday

1:59 a.m. – Attempted burglary: report filed on incident at the fair-

1:59 a.m. - Report filed for de-

## **Markets**

Quotes as of close of previous business day **Hi-Plains Co-op** 

Wheat (bushel) \$5.17 Corn (bushel) \$3.33 Milo (hundredweight) \$5.48 Soybeans (bushel) \$9.62 ployment of equipment.

8:46 a.m. – Two cows out at Franklin and Veterans Memorial Drive. Owner contacted.

9:06 a.m. – Transient reportedly seen Wednesday in Levant. Thursson on ground on I-70 east of exit day his dog was running loose

bound U.S. 83 at mile 169. Owner contacted. 4:10 p.m. – Accident on K-25 at 911 call

11 a.m. - Cow out on north-

mile 203. Citations issued. 5:20 p.m. - Civil standby re- I-70 east of exit 53.

quested in Brewster. Standby done at 6:28 p.m.; other party wouldn't arrested on warrant.

answer door.

6:54 p.m. - Assisted police in looking for vehicle in reference to

10:34 p.m. - Subject laying on

11:44 p.m. – Paxton E. Bohnert

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#### Wednesday Evening August 4, 2010 Family Nightline | Jimmy Kimmel Live KBSL/CBS Big Brother Late Show Letterman Late Law & Order: SVU KSNK/NBC Minute to Win It America's Got Talen Tonight Show w/Leno Late KSAS/FOX So You Think Cable Channels A & E Dog Dog Bounty Hunter Assassins Undisputed Monsters Inside Me Confession Top Chef Top Chef Top Chef Extreme Makeove Your Chance to Dance Cannonball Run Larry King Live Anderson Cooper 360 Rick's List Larry King Live South Pk Tosh.0 Chappelle Futurama | South Pl Tosh.0 South Pk Air Jaws II Ultimate Air Jaws Ultimate Air Jaws Air Jaws II Wizards Jonas L.A Jonas L.A Deck Hannah Hannah E! News Kimora: Fab Lane Holly's W Holly's W E! News Special Chelsea Chelsea MLB Baseball Baseball Tonight SportsCenter Baseball NFL Live Basebal SportsNation Funniest Home Videos The 700 Club Step Up Whose? Food Network Star 24 Hour Rest. Battle Snakes on a Plane Prof. Crashers First Property Income

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