

Family

County's birthday tops week's activities

Be sure to attend the 125th Birthday Celebration of Thomas County at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Colby Community Building.

The Prairie Museum of Art and History is accepting quilts with a Thomas County connection for the quilt show from Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 31.

If you have not gotten a flu shot, the Thomas County Health Department will be at the Red Barn at 1:45 p.m. next Monday.

Happy birthday to Maryann Juenemann, who celebrates Saturday.

Also on Saturday, at 7 p.m., will be the second bingo of the season at the Red Barn. All are welcome, but children who attend should be



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• Rexford Correspondent

old enough to play the game.

Golden Plains activities for the Bulldogs: Tuesday at 4 p.m., high school volleyball with Northern Valley at Rexford; Thursday at 4 and 5:30, middle school volleyball and football with Grinnell/Wheatland at Grinnell; Friday at 7 p.m., high school football with Triplains/Brewster at Brewster; Saturday 8:30 a.m., high school volleyball tournament at Hill City.



Hali and Collin Bielser

Colby High grad wed in Council Grove rite

Collin Bielser and Hali Baker married May 22, 2010, at the Council Grove United Methodist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Dave and Cheerie Baker of Council Grove. The groom is the son of Roy and Shelli Bielser of Colby.

Troy Bielser served his brother as best man, while Elizabeth Baker served her sister as maid of honor.

Ushers were Shane Carter and the bride's cousins Adrian and Adam Vogel.

Hannah Heideman, Jody Buller and Vanessa Steere were personal attendants to the bride.

Flower girls were Ally and

Kylie Heiland. Ring bearer was Cody Heiland. Kendra Price served as guest book attendant.

The groom is working as a transportation intern for the Mid-America Regional Council in Kansas City, Mo., and a management intern for Douglas County while he pursues a Master of Public Administration degree at the University of Kansas. He is a 2004 graduate of Colby High School.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of Council Grove High School and a 2009 KU graduate. She is a sales administrator at Uhlig LLC in Overland Park.

After a honeymoon to Talum, Mexico, the couple is living in Overland Park.

Top lawn costs, but you can't eat it

From what I can see and hear, a high percentage of homeowners work hard to have a nice lawn in their front yard and even in most of the backyard.

Most homeowners believe strongly that a presentable lawn is more important than growing a vegetable garden on their premises. Can you imagine that? And despite the fact that a gorgeous dark green healthy lawn can cost big bucks, some people will spend whatever it takes to make sure people take notice of their effort.

Property valuation may be at work here. If the yard is presentable, the property is worth more. You certainly can't knock that idea.

But for some, the appearance of the lawn borders on religion; no matter what it costs, no matter how much water it takes to make it beautiful, no matter how much time it takes, it will border on perfection.

For those who absolutely must have the most beautiful lawn in town, there are now new mountains to climb. To be a true turf master, you absolutely, positively must learn how to "stripe" your lawn. That's right; if you wish to maintain your neighborhood reputation in the front yard, you must learn the art of striping.

Actually, striping is nothing more than mowing in a way that lays down alternate artistic colored impressions or bands in your lawn. Surely, you have noticed some of the unusual patterns on some of the major league baseball fields



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• The Gardener

you see on television or perhaps the artwork involved on some of the lush fairways of the beautiful professional golf courses.

You can do it at home, but not with your present equipment. There are now available mowers that are designed for home striping. Several years ago the Simplicity Manufacturing Co. in Wisconsin came out with a line of residential mowers that allow homeowners to create the beautiful lawn designs like those seen at professional ballparks.

The machine is equipped with rollers that bend the grass as you mow, creating a series of stripes. As sunlight reflects off the grass, the angles of the grass blades are either lighter or darker than those mowed next to it. You can do diamonds, checkerboards, bulls eyes or even logos.

The machines are not cheap. The Legacy lawn tractor from Simplicity is priced well over \$10,000. With the mower, you also get a "how to" booklet called "Striping for Dummies." For more information, log on to www.simplicity.com.

If you don't mind me saying so, you can buy a lot of tomato plants and zucchini seeds for \$10,000, even if they are seldom grown in stripes.

Babies

Cash Alan Eberle

Cash Alan Eberle, son of Scott and Kristin Eberle of Oakley, was born Friday, Sept 17, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 19 inches.

Brothers Rex and Gage welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Rick and Kathy Vaughn of Colby and Melvin and Gail Eberle of Oakley.



Cash Eberle

Levi Jack Kane



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Levi Jack Kane, son of Ty and Amy Kane of Wichita, was born Sunday, Aug. 15, 2010, at Via Christi Hospital St. Joseph Campus in Wichita. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Big sister Avery welcomed him home.

Grandparents are Mitch and Monica Kane of Colby, Jacque Watts of Olathe and Lee and Janelle Cooper of Hoxie. Great-grandparents are Zella and the late Hal Kane of Salina, and David and the late Shirley Cooper and Vic and Ardith Karnes of Hoxie. Great-grandmother is Ina Miller of Hoxie.

Alivia Mae Bowers

Alivia Mae Bowers, daughter of Adam and Andrea Bowers, was born Sept 20, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 4 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 17 1/2 inches.

Alexander and Alexis welcomed their sister home. Grandparents are Sherrie Miller and the late Kurt Miller and Dr. Russell and Stephanie Bowers, all of Colby.



Alivia Bowers

Maggie Lee Zerr

Maggie Lee Zerr, daughter of Austin and Heather Zerr of Russell Springs, was born Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 19 3/4 inches.

Brothers Chad and Nicholas

welcomed their sister home.

Grandparents are Ken and Martha Brewer of Colby and Carol Rider and Jerry Zerr of Ulysses. Great-grandparents are Joe and Norma Damall of Russell Springs and Alice Rider of Ulysses.

Horses get an indoor gym

BAIROIL, Wyo. (AP) — Humans aren't the only ones who can use an indoor place to exercise during Wyoming's harsh winters.

The town of Bairoil has an 80-by-120-foot barn where people can give their horses a workout in bad weather.

The *Rawlins Daily Times* reports the barn has no heat or seating, but it does have electric lights

so it can be used after dark.

The town government operates the barn. Town Clerk Barb Miles explains it this way: "We don't have a lot of protection from wind and snow from any direction."

Residents who pay a fee get an access code. They can get in 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Fees are \$35 a month for individuals, \$100 for commercial use.

High Plains Lions Club

Jory, Jacob and Lynette Koon and Ed Cross were guests of the High Plains Lions Club on Monday, Sept 27.

Jory presented a program on his collection of Kansas insects he has acquired over the past several years as a 4-H project. His mother is his project leader.

He explained to the club how he collected, mounted and displayed the insects. He had two cases, including one with Kansas' largest butterflies. He told the group he was supposed to present his display to the governor, but was unable to attend the ceremony.

Ed Cross, chief executive officer of the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association, spoke to the club on present and future world energy demands. He said President Nixon had launched a program in 1973 calling for America to be self sufficient in energy, but

it was never realized.

He said today energy issues center on supply and demand, and that consumption of energy worldwide is expected to increase by 80 percent in the next 20 years.

He told the club more than 6,000 products are made from oil, and that Kansas ranks eighth in the nation for oil. He said most of the oil and gas wells in Kansas are being drilled by independent oil companies and Kansas produces around 108,000 barrels a day.

The world demands about 86 million barrels a day, and predictions are that in 2030 the demand

will increase to 116 million barrels a day, he said.

Caroleta Herl, Roger Hale, Elmer Lawver, Diane Fritz, Larry Koon, Virgil Jones, Melda Moore, Chris Burrus and Byron Fritz received perfect attendance pins for the year. Hale received a special Beacon of Hope pin for his participation in all of the club's activities.

Thank-you notes were read from Relay for Life and the Community Foundation. Sheryl Brenn

reported on the zone meeting and Melinda Morton reported on the Thomas County Amusement Association.

Larry Brenn won the drawing. Lawver will have the program for the meeting next Monday.

— Roger Hale

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Tuesday were first, Sarah Jane Barrett; second, Jean Snyder; third, Larry Barrett; fourth, Mary Kersenbrock; fifth, Gail Vacca; sixth, Mary Molstad; seventh, Barb Ulmer.

Markets

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

Wheat (bushel)	\$5.49
Corn (bushel)	\$4.06
Milo (hundredweight)	\$6.78
Soybeans (bushel)	\$9.37

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