

Holiday workshop at library tonight

Harvest of Holidays will mark its ninth annual appearance from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. tonight at the Pioneer Memorial Library. The event will be filled with fun and inspiration to make the holiday season the best ever, say family and consumer sciences Extension agents Diann Gerstner of Thomas County and Melinda Daily of Wallace County. The pair will be presenting

"Tips and Treasures to Tantalize the Taste Buds" and "Definitive Dips and More." The "more" will include making a scarf out of some of the new and different yarns on the market today. Cost to cover the cost of supplies for the scarves and the food will be \$10. Call the Extension office at (785) 460-4582 to reserve a spot.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE
Monday
 9:15 a.m. - Parked pickup not moved for months and a grain truck parked making it hard to enter driveway in the 500 block of W. Plum. Both vehicles legally parked.
 10:07 a.m. - Funeral block for Harrison's Chapel to Sacred Heart Catholic Church.
 11:13 a.m. - Funeral block for Harrison's Chapel from Sacred Heart Church to Sacred Heart Cemetery.
 1:37 p.m. - Juvenile in pickup cut subject off while they were in parking lot at Sonic. Spoke to reporting party; will contact juvenile later.
 2:32 p.m. - Report of pickup parked on street for about a year; has expired tag at 1280 E. Ninth. Tow notice posted; owner contacted.
 4:30 p.m. - Criminal damage to property report filed.
 11:31 p.m. - Security check at Meadow Lake.
Tuesday
 12:09 a.m. - Request to speak to officer about ex-girlfriend after argument, spoke with both parties.
 1:53 p.m. - Three dogs in the 200 block of E. Walnut headed west toward Franklin Avenue. Unable to locate.
 7 p.m. - Subject refusing to leave motel. No one found.
 7:09 p.m. - Three dogs at large at 700 S. Franklin turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.
 9:19 p.m. - Caller needed to talk with officer. Will have report filed on domestic.
 10:08 p.m. - Suspicious subject outside emergency room in parking lot not found.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF
Friday
 3:08 p.m. - Served arrest warrant on Greta Musil.
 4:48 p.m. - Trailer stolen and left damaged along roadway at 2376 County Rd. K.
 9:09 p.m. - Narcotic violation and possession report filed on Samuel Alexander Knutson and Steven Allen Gorden.
Saturday
 9:04 a.m. - Caller reported two men hunting on his land without permission in the 2100 block of County Rd. 23. Subjects told to leave, which they did.
 10:35 p.m. - Caller reported subjects calling him at 1115 Co. Rd. R repeatedly after repeated requests to stop. Spoke to both parties.
Sunday
 1:57 a.m. - Juvenile had not come home in Levant. At 4:51 juvenile located in the 1200 block of County Rd. R and taken home.
 10:05 a.m. - Assisted Colby Police on battery call.
 4:11 p.m. - Assisted Colby Police on domestic battery call.
Monday
 10:07 a.m. - Assisted Colby Police with funeral block.
 11:13 a.m. - Assisted Colby Police with funeral block.
 12:37 p.m. - Subject reported neighbor put a mobile home partly of her property in Rexford. Spoke to reporting party, civil matter.
 1:50 p.m. - Subject came to station to report lost shotgun at County Rds. 37 and C. Report filed.
 6:01 p.m. - Caller needed welfare check. Spoke with subject.
 10:30 p.m. - Report filed on minor in possession incident at 11:55 p.m. Oct. 30.

Veterans honored at Rexford school program

By Judy Rogers
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Golden Plains High School students held a Veteran's Day program Thursday to honor area veterans at the high school in Rexford.

The program, directed by Linda Garrett, started with a welcome by Superintendent Mary Ellen Welshon. The Rexford Girl Scout troop posted the colors with adult leader Lyn Cheney leading Morgan Ritter, Tayler Petersen, Caitlin Spresser, MiKayla Lobato, Jessica Koerperich, and Gabrielle Schiltz.

Kami Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance and Caitlin Spresser sang the national anthem. Lea Juenemann presented a slide show she prepared and Joseph Koerperich and Rebecca Bange explained the history of Veteran's Day and Memorial Day and the Vietnam and World War II memorials.

Maddy Walz introduced veterans Gary Hibbs, Paul Nieman, Gary Cheney, Helen Carman, Ellis Walker, Richard Pauls, Don Okeson, William Dible, John Ray Gould, Cleo Duffey, Lawrence Juenemann, Raymond Bange, Dan Wachendorfer, Dennis Allison and Dale Deaver. Guests discussed their experi-



KALYN WEBER/Golden Plains High School
 Vietnam War veteran Gary Hibbs spoke of his experiences during the Veterans Day program at Golden Plains High School gymnasium in Rexford last Thursday.

ences in the military. Joseph Koerperich introduced Dick Pauls from Selden, who described his World War II service, including

the time he served in the Philippines.

Dawson Spresser introduced Deaver, from Levant, another World War II veteran. He spoke of his family's patriotism, as four of his brothers served their country. Miller introduced her grandfather, Okeson, of Weskan, who shared his experience in the army reserve in Vietnam.

Cole Ziegelmeier and Walz introduced Nieman, their grandfather, who served during the Vietnam War. They read a short story his granddaughter, Morgan Walz, had written about his experience. Morgan Ritter introduced Hibbs, from Rexford, who also served in Vietnam during a three-year military career.

Each of the speakers emphasized that the students and all Americans enjoy their lifestyles and freedoms because of the sacrifices of servicemen and women like them.

Many audience members were moved by the veterans' experiences and reminded of family members who had served and sacrificed for their country.

Following the speakers, Deaver led the audience in singing "God Bless America" and the Girl Scouts retired the colors. People thanked the veterans as they enjoyed refreshments provided by the students.

Strange deer bagged by Mississippi 11-year-old

By Bobby Cleveland
 The Clarion-Ledger

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) - Landowners and hunters in Lincoln County have spent the last five years talking about an odd-antlered creature roaming the countryside.

Many swore there was an elk living near Brookhaven, but its body was too red for an elk, and, at about 450 pounds, it was too big to be a native white-tailed deer.

There were "trail cam" photos of the darned thing, too, supporting the often-discussed tale. "It became a pretty big mystery around here," said state Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith of Brookhaven. "Well, it's not any more. My 11-year-old daughter, Anna-Michael, took care of that ... on opening day of the youth gun season."

Anna-Michael and her dad, Michael Smith, were checking cattle on the family farm when they came to a gate leading to a field full of bulls.

"When I looked out there, I saw the big red

buck standing out in a shallow pond," Michael Smith said. "We'd been told to shoot it if we saw it, so I told Anna to grab her gun. The wind was right, so we started stalking it."

"We got to within 150 yards and she nailed it."

They took photos and biologists immediately identified it as a red deer, a species not native to North America but imported as livestock. Its body is bigger than native deer and its antlers may look more like elk than deer. There are several red deer farms in Mississippi, and escapes have been reported.

Reports of the odd deer have circulated for years, but few actual daytime sightings have been confirmed.

Michael Smith had seen it before.

"I knew it was around because I saw it two weeks earlier while I was planting wheat," he said. "My brother was out there and he called me and told me it was chasing cows."

"I guess he was in rut and that's why he was running those cows. He'd pick one out and then chase it. He was still in rut when we shot

him, because he stunk. There's no mistaking that odor. Now, what he was doing in that field with all those bulls that day ... don't ask me that."

Trail cams in the woods near the field had been capturing images of the buck for two weeks. Sen. Hyde-Smith had done her homework.

"I had been in contact with wildlife and agricultural officials and they had identified it as a red deer buck, which is considered livestock in Mississippi," she said. "People farm them and there have been a few of them around this area."

Two escapes of red deer have been reported in the Lincoln County area, wildlife officials said - one within the last year and another in 2005 when Hurricane Katrina blew down a fence around a pen.

"We have no way to be sure which it is, but I'm almost sure it is from Katrina because it had a noticeable limp and injury in a front leg that people have been talking about around here for years," Michael Smith said.

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