

Women reminded: schedule checkups

Cervical cancer once was the No. 1 cancer killer of women, but during the past 50 years, the number of new cases and deaths in the United States has declined 75 percent, largely because of the widely available and reliable Pap test.

Women should have their first screening Pap smear at age 21, or within three years of becoming sexually active if younger.

"The good news is cervical cancer is no longer a leading cause of death for women in the United States," said Dr. Jason Eberhart-Phillips, state health officer. "Pap tests decrease a woman's risk of developing cervical cancer by detecting precancerous cells which ... are highly treatable."

Although the number of cases has declined, an estimated 4,210 women died from cervical cancer in the U.S. last year. In Kansas women, cervical cancer accounts for approximately 2 percent of all cancer, with an average of 107 new cases diagnosed each year. About 33 Kansas women die of cervical cancer every year.

"More African American and Hispanic women get cervical cancer and are diagnosed at later stages of the disease than women of other races or ethnicities, possibly because of decreased access to Pap testing or follow-up treatment," Eberhart-Phillips said. "It is important for women of all

races and ethnicities to seek early detection and treatment."

In Kansas, African American women die of cervical cancer at a rate twice that of white women, state figures show.

The majority of cases are caused by human papilloma virus, a common sexually-transmitted infection. Although women generally are infected in their teens, 20s or 30s, the disease can take up to 20 years to develop. A vaccine against strains that cause about 70 percent of cervical cancer is available.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends vaccination for girls at age 11 or 12 years, or on a catch-up basis for females aged 13 to 26, to help prevent cervical cancer later in life. Parents are encouraged to talk with their daughter's physician for more information.

The department promotes cervical cancer screening for all women. The Early Detection Works program provides breast and cervical cancer screening for uninsured women 40 to 64 who meet income guidelines through contracting providers across the state. For information, go to www.preventionworkskansas.org/edw.html or call (877) 277-1368. For information about Kansas cancer resources and information, visit www.cancerkansas.org.

Dancing in winter



JUDY ROGERS/Golden Plains High School
Golden Plains High School Snoball Queen Randi Cressler and King Devinn Ritter enjoyed the Royalty Dance at the Snoball, sponsored by the student council, on Friday. Ritter is the son of Robert and Laura Ritter of Selden; Cressler is the daughter of Ross Cressler and Sheri Ewers of Hoxie.

Middle school announces honors

Here is the Colby Middle School Honor Roll for the second quarter. To make the Orange & Black Club, students needed a 3.0 (B) grade average. For the Academic Club, they had to have all A's, with no more than one B. Top Academic students are the girl and boy in each grade with the highest average.

Sixth Grade

Top Academic – Courtney Van Eaton, Alex Vap.

Orange & Black Club – Abigail Beitz, Cassie Berndt, Dylan Blackhart, Tyler Bradley, Brittany Carney, Tate Carney, Dalton Colgan, Trae Comer, Amelia Culver, Travis Finley, Michaela Giebler, Madysyn Haggard, Ariadne Hernandez-Soto, Ethan Jay, Jonathan Ludwick, Morgan Morris, Jordan O'Malley, Grace Oard, Ashli Pruett, Tanner Reed, Devin Rogers, Ashlyn Sager, Tyler Schritter, Jonah Thompson, Alexis Valles, Donte Whitfield, Gabrielle Williams, Parker Wright, Alex Zimmerman.

Academic Club – Brittany Alexander, Makenna Bogart, Rex Branum, Christian Calliham, Brooks Curry, Lauren Dempewolf, Alexis Dennis, Mark Faber, Bailey Foss, Tayber Harenza, Taylen Hubbell, August Huffles, Brandon Johnson, Hannah Johnston, Elizabeth Koel, Keegan Lopez, Brendon Morris, Audrey Puckett, Isabel Rosales, Laura Schroeder, Alexa Sims, Callie Siruta, Courtney VanEaton, Alex Vap, Madison Wiens.

Seventh Grade

Top Academic – Allison Friesen, Brady Holzmeister.

Orange & Black Club – Chase Cersovsky, Chandler Comfort, Lucas Coulter, Connor Edmundson, Tanner Elias, Cheyann Fortin, Kori Guy, Austin Hart, Tan-

ner Lee, Ben Matchell, Brittney Menges, Ricky Nelson, Tyler Oren, Brennon Overton, Kalea Robert, Ami Ronvelia, Isaac Schweitzer, Brady Slinger, Lara Stephens, Sydney Stephens, Brenly Terrell, Taylor Thummel, Andrew Voss, Emma Wang.

Academic Club – Bryce Arberger, Andrea Browne, Rachel Browne, Jenna Crampton, Alli Franz, Allison Friesen, Colyn Gugelman, Brady Holzmeister, Miranda Kern, Kylee Martin, Holly Mayfield, Brielle McKee, Paige McNinch, Carter Morrison, Evan Olson, Kylie Ritter, Desi Schippers, Julie Schroeder, Gabby Wilson, Alex Young, Elissa Zerr.

Eighth Grade

Top Academic – Bridget Bickner, Eric Schuette.

Orange & Black Club – Matthew Barnum, Natasha Besser, Kally Binder, Tyler Bond, Dylan Dumler, Bailey Ellegood, Melissa Emmot, Aaron Faber, Liz Foster, Jennilee Gray, Desmond Guy, Skyler Hatfield, Phillip Hillis, Gage James, Logan Jones, Megan Lees, Taylor Lemman, Cheyenne Liestner, Samantha Lindberg, Caleb Mazanec, Sterling Miller, Alexandra O'Neal, Austin Schissler, Brett Schroeder, Alyssa Shubert, Brittany Silsbee, Zach Young.

Academic Club – Robbie Alexander, Brooklyn Bange, Bridget Bickner, David Browne, Cayla Carter, Chase Eggert, Danielle Foster, Shaile Giebler, Josh Matchell, Erika Moore, Keegan Morgan, Connor Mountford, Cheyenne Ortner, Phoebe Pfeifer, Courtney Reilly, Darby Sager, Morgan Sanguinetti, Hailey Schindler, Eric Schuette, Mason Slinger, Kelly Sloan, Hannah Strange, Rachel Urban, Cheyenne Weis, Olivia Wetter, Jay Ziegelmeier.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Friday

8:45 a.m. – Cheyenne County requested officer contact subject in reference to accident earlier. Made contact.

9:39 a.m. – Report filed on camera recovered Thursday.

4:50 p.m. – Assisted ambulance crew.

Saturday

12:29 a.m. – Bar check at Twist-er's.

1:40 a.m. – Possible drunk driver northbound in the 400 block N. Range. All OK; provided escort back to I-70.

2:15 a.m. – Security check at 115 W. Willow.

2:30 a.m. – Assisted ambulance crew on call.

8:33 a.m. – Parking complaint at post office, 535 N. Court. Had announcements made at Community Building for owners to move vehicles. Notice to appear issued to one.

9:14 a.m. – Caller reported subject driving on a suspended license, now parked in front of 165 Fike Park Road. No one in vehicle; will check later.

10:07 a.m. – Vehicle parked in fire lane at 115 W. Willow. Spoke to owner, vehicle moved.

4:01 p.m. – Caller reported sub-

ject driving on suspended license leaving Community Building. Subject was not driving; all OK.

5:24 p.m. – Assisted ambulance crew.

8:30 p.m. – Juvenile complaint: request for welfare check. Spoke with subject; everything OK.

9:50 p.m. – Call to 911 reported domestic battery in progress. Report filed.

Sunday

12:39 a.m. – Barking dog complaint in the 1800 block of S. Range. Owner is out of town; spoke to reporting party; all OK.

2:36 a.m. – Caller reported possible drunk driver driving around block and occasionally yelling in the vicinity of Third and Copeland. Not found.

3:07 a.m. – Security check at 115 W. Willow.

4:59 a.m. – Caller wanted officer to go get subject out of a house that she might not be able to leave at this time. Provided welfare check; all OK.

10:34 a.m. – Walk through at Walmart.

11:45 a.m. – Report of dog left in vehicle. Vehicle located, will check back; contact made at 1:38 p.m.

12:27 p.m. – Subject brought phone to station in reference to

call at 4:59 a.m. Delivered item to her.

1:08 p.m. – Accident at Orscheln's.

1:21 p.m. – Narcotics violation report filed.

2:15 p.m. – Stalled vehicle at I-70 and K-25. Helped push vehicle off road.

7:37 p.m. – Noninjury hit-and-run accident: Officer flagged down at Love's with report of collision at Pine and Cedar.

8:50 p.m. – Security check at Walmart.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Friday

8:55 a.m. – Caller reported neglected dog. Owner spoken to, was going to take dog to the vet.

1:38 p.m. – Assisted motorist at Sherman and Fourth.

4:40 p.m. – Assisted Rexford Fire Department at County Rd. 36 in Rexford.

5:12 p.m. – Jose Louis Gutierrez arrested on warrant.

10:09 p.m. – Caller reported stray dog on property bothering owner's animals. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.

Saturday

2:13 a.m. – Subject came to station wanting restraining order against ex-boyfriend who keeps

calling and texting her. Spoke to subjects; all OK.

7:30 p.m. – Sheridan County called with report of erratic driver, no vehicle description, westbound on U.S. 24 about eight miles from Thomas County. Unable to locate

9:50 p.m. – Assisted Colby Police.

10:29 p.m. – Caller reported subject being disorderly in Rexford. Report filed.

Sunday

12:33 a.m. – Provided ride from Law Enforcement Center to Rexford.

1:47 p.m. – Report of rollover on U.S. 83 by the dairy. Vehicle at Breton, report filed.

3:47 p.m. – Five-vehicle injury accident reported on westbound I-70 at mile 62. Turned over to Highway Patrol.

4:04 p.m. – Six 911 calls reported accident at westbound I-70 mile 59.

4:17 p.m. – Vehicle slide off on eastbound I-70 at mile 57 1/2. No report.

8:32 p.m. – Subject found small purse on north K-25 about mile 204. Unable to identify owner.

11:43 p.m. – United Parcel Service truck in the median at mile 37 on I-70. Report filed for noninjury accident.

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

• Eric Levi Pitcher, 25, Colby, Jan. 2, driving under the influence, Thomas County Sheriff, released Jan. 5 on bond.

• Brian Jeffery Perry, 27, Colorado Springs, Colo., Jan. 3, driving with license suspended or revoked, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on notice to appear.

• Sarah Caroline Mills, 31, Ashville, N.C., Jan. 4, sale/distribution of certain hallucinogenic

drugs, no drug tax stamp, Kansas Highway Patrol, released Jan. 5 on recognizance.

• Mark Beringer, 54, Colby, Jan. 5, protective custody, Thomas County Sheriff's Office/Colby Police Department, released same day.

• Christopher Alan Hansen, 21, Colby, Jan. 5, probation violation, Colby Police/Thomas County Court Services, released Jan. 7 on time served.

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