

Family

Babies

Wyncee Grace Brott

Wyncee Grace Brott, daughter of Nolan and Lacey Brott of Brewster, was born Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 7 pounds and measured 20 inches.

Brothers Raynce, 3, and Dryce, 15 months, welcomed her home.

Grandparents are Bill and Peggy Miller, Colby; Larry and Connie Brott, Hayes Center, Neb.; Dave and Mary Gibbens, Palisade, Neb.; and Elon Miller, Colby.

Brecklyn Effie Dixon

Brecklyn Effie Dixon, daughter of Lyle and Alisha Dixon of Atwood, was born Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at Hays Medical Center. She weighed 9 pounds, 1/2 ounce and measured 22 inches.

Brothers Brennan, 10; Braxton, 5; and Beckett, 2, welcomed her home.

Grandparents are Mike and Sharon Shirley of Colby and the late Donald and LaVay Dixon of Atwood. Great-grandfather is Leslie "Bud" Johnson of Colby.



Brecklyn D.

Waylon Marshall Fulton



Waylon F.

Waylon Marshall Fulton, son of Darrin and Nicole (Ortego) Fulton of Bonner Springs, was born Dec. 16, 2010, at St. Luke's South Hospital in Overland Park. He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Grandparents are Marshall and Tammy Fulton of Winona and Jerry Ortego and the late Joan Ortego of Bonner Springs.

Great-grandparents are Dorothy Francis and the late Gerald Francis of Colby and Marcelino and the late Jesse Ortego of Kansas City, the late Vernon "Chuck" and Gladys Fulton and the late Alma and Ewell Hunter.

Gage William Stephens

Gage William Stephens, son of John Stephens and Ariel Coon of Colby, was born Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 18 inches.

Grandparents are Denny and Darlene Coon of Colby and Dan and Rita Stephens of St. Francis.



Gage S.

Kadince Lee Lopez



Kadince L.

Kadince Lee Lopez, daughter of Alexandra and Michael Lopez of Burlington, Colo., was born Saturday, March 19, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Grandparents are Rosalee Lopez, Burlington; Justo Lopez, Aberdeen, S.D.; and Shea and Lana Mireles of Burlington.

Ryker Dean Meadows

Ryker Dean Meadows, son of Benjamin and Cami Meadows of Colby, was born Monday, March 7, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 19 3/4 inches.

He joins sister Sayde Paje and brother Tage Donavin at home,

and has a sister Tia who lives in California.

Grandparents are Jessie Behrens of Colby, Brenda and Don Jones of Desert Hot Springs, Calif., and Rob and Betty Maurer of Indio, Calif.

Lettuce offers intriguing options

Very soon now, human beings of all shapes and sizes will emerge from hibernation and begin the six- or seven-month process of growing some of their own fresh food.

This group of Homo sapiens call themselves gardeners and take great joy in the practice of family food production. My guess is that many of these creatures will take hoe in hand as early as next week to begin this project, and I'll be among 'em.

Weather and soil temperature permitting, there are indeed certain vegetables that will thrive in your garden when planted early.

Peas, onions, radishes and lettuce all prefer a soil temperature as cool as 40 degrees. They also detest the 90 degree heat of early summer, so the earlier they can be planted, the longer the harvest.

Garden lettuce continues to intrigue me. I never tire of planting two or three of the many, many different varieties of lettuce. The varying colors and textures are just sensational among the other early spring plantings.

Never mind that garden lettuce offers very little taste, although occasionally, the name given to certain varieties conjures up imaginative ideas of how those leaves should taste.

Like Buttercrunch lettuce for example. Buttercrunch doesn't taste like butter, nor is it crunchy. But it has been a favorite in my garden and salad bowl for years. Who could resist planting a few seeds of the old Austrian romaine called Flashy Trout's Back that gives the visual impression that someone has accidentally "dripped" red paint on it's dark green leaves. No, it does not have a fishy flavor.

And then there is a lettuce variety called Drunken Woman Frizzy Headed that is a butterhead type



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that offers no explanation of how it got its name. Thank goodness! Some of the loose leaf types carry very descriptive names such as Green Deer Tongue, Merlot, Mascara, Pom Pom, and Midnight Ruffles.

There's literally dozens of other names of lettuces in all four of the garden lettuce types, which, in addition to leaf lettuce, include the crisp head, the loose head and the romaine. All offer their own growing habit, texture, and unique appearance.

However, taste varies very little from one to the other. If you want lots of taste in your fresh salad bowl, plant some of the mescluns which include arugula, chicory, radicchio, or purslane.

The big news this year in the lettuce patch is that a few of the seed companies have begun to "pellet" their lettuce seed.

Pelleting is the process of forming a clay biodegradable case around a seed, or seeds, allowing you to grasp the pellet and place it in the soil at reasonable intervals, rather than dropping too many tiny seeds in one spot. Burpee, J.W. Jung, and Territorial Seed are among others offering pelleted lettuce seed for the first time this year. I'm anxious to see the result.

I intend to plant those lettuce pellets, a couple of rows of peas, and a packet of spinach late next week, providing the soil temperature is 40 degrees or above, and not too wet.

Potatoes? Not yet. We'll discuss that subject next week.

Deaths

Leona Marjorie Rosebrough

Leona Marjorie Rosebrough, 85, formerly of Colby, died Thursday, March 17, 2011, at Maple Tree Terrace in Carthage, Mo.

She was born May 14, 1925, to Joseph Leon and Hazel Fern (Coleman) Claar in Jerome, Idaho, and spent most of her childhood in Rexford.

On April 18, 1944, she married Orville Richard Rosebrough. They lived in Colby from 1949 to 1983, when they retired to Sarcoxie, Mo.

She was a homemaker, helped her husband operate a Phillips 66 Station in Colby and worked for Duckwalls for many years.

She was a life member of the Sons and Daughters of the Sod

House Pioneers and a member of the Elm Road Church of Christ in Carthage. She enjoyed knitting, fishing and camping.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband of 55 years in 1999, a son, Donald Edward Rosebrough; a sister, Ellen Berry; and a brother-in-law, Vernon Berry.

Survivors include a son, Orville Richard (Angela) Rosebrough Jr., Topeka; a daughter-in-law, Sandy Rosebrough; six grandsons; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were to be Friday, March 18, 2011, at the Sarcoxie cemetery.

Arrangements were made by the Housh-Goodwin Funeral Home, Sarcoxie.

Help junior class at school carnival Friday

The Golden Plains Junior Class Annual Carnival will be from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday at the high school.

There will be lots of activities for children and adults to enjoy - bingo, cake-walk, football toss, golf, balloon darts, face painting, fish and duck ponds are just a few of the many booths to play and earn prizes. The proceeds are used to fund Prom 2011, planned for Saturday, April 16, for Golden Plains.

Thanks in advance to the public for their participation. Donations received from local businesses to help support the carnival are greatly appreciated.

There will be a free family movie, "Touching Wild Horses," at 3 p.m. Sunday in The Hall, 230 Main St.

Tuesday and Wednesday, The Northwest Kansas Travel Council held a retreat at Shepherd's Staff for representatives from at least seven counties. The council had its monthly meeting and saw all of



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the facilities.

There was a barn full - thirty - of bingo players at the Red Barn's March bingo evening on the 12th. Participants ranged in age from five to 55 and older; all seemed to enjoy the two hours of winning fruit or candy bars.

It was spring break for lots of schools during the past week and Taylor Moeder and friend, Paige, from Shawnee were guests of Taylor's grandmother, Cleda Moeder, from Saturday to Wednesday. On Tuesday, Peyton Moeder and friend, Cora, came for dinner and spent the night. All left on Wednesday.

Until next time, make your week a memory.

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.

Markets

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

Wheat (bushel)	\$7.10
Corn (bushel)	\$6.12
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.55
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.32

Program to focus on sleep

Sleep disorders is the topic for this week's *Doctors on Call* on Smoky Hills Public Television.

Dr. Ted Daughety of the sleep clinic, and Dr. Anwarul Siddiqui of the neurology department at Salina Regional Health Center will answer call-in questions in the hour-long program at 7 p.m. Tuesday. A repeat is scheduled for

3:30 p.m. Sunday.

This week's program will feature a video segment on the sleep clinic and Sleep Disorders Center.

For information, go to www.smokyhillstv.org.

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Colby High School, Brewster High School, Golden Plains High School and Heartland Christian School

Senior Parents & Homeschoolers Hurry in!!

Deadline is April 15, 2011!!!

The Colby Free Press is now planning the Senior Graduation Tab and will be giving parents a chance to put a baby picture in along with a short message from the family for a small fee.

We will automatically feature your student's picture and information, but this will be your chance to put in a baby picture to show how much your senior has really changed over the years!

Call Andrea or Kathryn, at 462-3963 for more information or stop by the office at 155 W. Fifth in Colby.

HEATH STEPHENS

Love You Heath!

I plan to attend College for Pre-Optometry or Engineering.

Parents: Leo and Shawn Stephens

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