

Family

Deaths

Fern Laurain Bennett

Fern Laurain Bennett, 85, Derby, mother of Linda L. Jones, Colby, died Monday, May 23, 2011, at the Derby Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 27, 2011, at the First United Methodist Church in Wa-

Keeny, with the Rev. Glenn Krebs officiating and burial in the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery. The family suggests memorials the church or to Walk-a-Thon for Wealth, in care of Schmitt Funeral Home, 336 N. 12th, WaKeeny, Kan., 67672.

Benny Lean Brown

Benny Lean Brown, 71, Haxtun, Colo., formerly of Goodland, died Saturday, May 21, 2011, at his home.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 28, 2011, at

the Haxtun City Park. No visitation. Cremation. Gerk Funeral Home, 242 N. Logan Ave., Haxtun, Colo., is in charge of arrangements.

Colby Rotary Club

The Colby Rotary Club met on Tuesday at Colby Community College with 24 members and guests Dustin Sullivan and Kinley Ziegelmeier.

President Nick Wells reported the club was awarded the District Governor's Citation and the Presidential Citation at the annual District Convention.

Cindy Cersovsky announced an Ann and Andy event is being planned for Tuesday, June 21.

Members signed birthday cards to be sent to Dr. LaDonna Regier

in Ghana, West Africa. Paul Steele, Thomas County commissioner, had the program featuring a review of the 2011 Thomas County budget, tax base and a comparison of Kansas farm land values. Steele also reviewed economic development projects and answered questions.

Steve Ziegelmeier won Roto-Lotto.

Colby Rotary meets weekly on Tuesday in Room 106 of the Student Union at the college.

- Relda Galli

Rexford middle school gives out student awards

By Judy Rogers
Golden Plains High School

Golden Plains Middle School held their annual awards ceremony on May 10, and promoted 13 eighth graders to high school.

Music instructor Janell Antholz recognized students in band and vocal groups and those who attended the band clinics and competed in the music contest and announced their competition ratings.

Coach Travis Betz recognized the middle school football team, thanking supporters. He spoke of 2010 as a tale of two seasons. They went 4-0 in September but went 1-2 in October to finish the season 5-2 overall. He presented the team with their third place Freedom League medals.

Travis Smith recognized the girls basketball team members and thanked his assistant, Parker Christensen, and all who helped for the home games. He summarized the season, saying most of the sixth grade girls were new to basketball were working and playing hard for the team. The A-team girls, seventh and eighth graders,

were mostly first-timers playing against girls with previous experience.

Joe Lobato, boys basketball coach, thanked Russ Aumiller and Travis Betz for helping along with student coach Tate Preston. He said the eighth grade boys were good leaders in practice and on the court and that even though the A-team boys had a tough season, they worked hard in practice and in the games. The B-team boys did not get to play many games, but did get their first win in the league tournament.

Track Coach Russ Aumiller remarked that most of the middle school students were out for track - 23 girls and 16 boys. They got off to a slow start due to weather cancellations. They were to finish their season on Friday, May 13, at the Freedom League meet.

Ashley Arnberger said the volleyball girls got off to a rocky start at Weskan before deciding to turn their season around winning 5 games in a row and ending the season 5-7.

Lisa Stoll, cheerleading coach, said the girls did a good job and had fun this season.

Foster parents honored in May

This May, salute the compassionate people and every day heroes who make a difference in the life of a child by serving as foster parents. National Foster Care Month honors the men and women who nurture the needs of children and teens who have been abused or neglected. Through foster care, more than 400,000 American children and youth will get a second chance for a safe, happy life.

Many communities are seeking more everyday heroes to open their homes, welcome foster children, and help them realize their full potential.

Adults 21 years of age or older and from all demographics are encouraged to become foster care parents.

Potential foster parents are required to attend training, be open to working with home visits, and fulfill other requirements before

a child, or children, can be placed in their home. Foster care parents can be married or single.

Saint Francis provides comprehensive foster care management, placement services, resources, staff support, and will facilitate respite care.

If you are interested in helping a child through foster care, please call (866) 999-1599 or visit www.st-francis.org.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge scores for Tuesday were first, Mary Molstad; second, Thelma Shalz; third, Lyle Worthy; and fourth, Margaret Denneer.

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.

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Summer brings children's book time

It finally feels like summer! Today the sun is shining and the temperature may get into the low 70s. It also feels like summer because we have begun signups for the summer reading Novel Destinations Reading Game.

This year's theme is "One World, Many Stories." We also debuted the four new Early Literacy Station computers purchased through a grant by the Pete Henry Foundation. Many parents and children tried them and enjoyed them. From today onwards, there will be two available in the children's room and two in the basement. These computers are especially for children 2 years to 10 years old.

We have added numerous children's books in preparation for the Summer Reading theme. One is "Wabi Sabi," by Mark Reibstein, art by Ed Young. Wabi Sabi is a cat living in Japan. She wants to find out what her name means.

The second picture book is "The Golden Sandal: A Middle Eastern Cinderella Story," by Rebecca Hickox and illustrated by Will Hillenbrand. This Cinderella Story has Maha, a Middle Eastern young lady, living with an evil stepmother. The fish, grand henna, is the one who helps Maha work through difficulties.

A third book is "The Peace Bell," by Margi Preus and illustrated by Hideo Takahashi. A young American girl visits Japan. She and her friend Yuko, are spending time with her grandmother, who tells of the traditional ringing of the peace bell each New Year's Eve. The ringing is to bring in peace and harmony for the next year. When Japan is at war, the citizens take this bell and throw it on the trash heap. The grandmother explains the story to the girls.

This Memorial Day weekend, remember to turn in the names of soldiers you know who would like to receive paperback books from The Friends of the Pioneer Memorial Library. Some churches may have these announcements in their bulletin. We have lots of really good paperbacks that soldiers would be interested in, so please allow us to bless the soldier you know.

A few books for older readers



Melany Wilks
•Library Links

than preschool and elementary age are also being added. The first is a science fiction book, "Shadow Raiders" by Margaret Weis and Robert Krammes. This is Book 1 of the *Dragon Brigade*. Try a new series by these authors.

A second fiction item is "A Drop of the Hard Stuff," by Lawrence Block. This is in the *Matthew Scudder* series. Matthew Scudder is re-entering life as a private eye. Having worked a high stress job with the New York Police Department, he has been working to overcome alcoholism through Alcoholics Anonymous. A childhood friend has been murdered and he is intent on solving the mystery.

A non-fiction book is "Max On Life: Answers and Insights to Your Most Important Questions," by Max Lucado. He shares insights on issues many struggle with. It's set up like a devotional and a subject can be read each day. It is divided into chapter themes but each chapter is also subdivided.

A third book is the biography "My Lucky Life In and Out of Show Business: A Memoir," by Dick Van Dyke. It is divided into four sections. I found it amazing that close to the beginning he quotes his father, "Honestly, son we worried about you. We didn't think you'd amount to anything." Well, fathers and mothers, sometimes our children do worry us, but there is also such potential within we must help them dream and find their future.

Now, if your child just wants to come to the summer reading activities without participating in the bingo "Novel Destinations" game please come and get the times and days for each age group at the library, or check our website at colbylibrary.com. The first day of Summer Reading begins Tuesday, June 7. Also, remember to come and get your new patron library card. See you in the library!

New program looks at ag

Smoky Hills Public Television's new *Real Ag* program looks at non-traditional meats at 7:30 p.m. tonight with a repeat at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

The program focuses on meats not commonly found on the dinner table such as ostrich and bison and whether they are more expensive or healthier.

Real Ag is a program geared

towards consumers and those in agri-business, with pertinent information about food and the agriculture industry.

The program's host is Kyle Bauer, general manager and program director of KFRM.

For information, visit www.smokyhillstv.org.

Babies

Jesse Sterling Higerd



Jesse Higerd

Jesse Sterling Higerd, son of Jonathan and Nathalie Higerd of Gem, was born Wednesday, April 18, 2011, at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Sisters Veronica and Yvette and brother Wyatt welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Robert and Diane Staats of Garden City and Larry and Kathy Higerd of Gem.

Aiden Douglas Wolf



Aiden Wolf

Aiden Douglas Wolf, son of Brian and Jennifer Wolf of Olathe, was born Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at St. Luke's South Hospital in Overland Park. He weighed 6 pounds 6 ounces and measured 19 inches.

Grandparents are Ralph and Kim Wolf of Colby and Ron and Janet Regehr of Inman. Great-grandparents are Gary and Marilyn Reed, Jo Wolf and the late Sam Wolf, all of Colby. Aiden's great uncle is Pat Wolf, also of Colby.

Golden Plains students develop leadership skills

By Haydyn Best
Golden Plains High School

This year four Golden Plains sophomores were selected to participate in the Thomas County Leadership Program - Angela Ritter, Morgan Walz, Andrew Luna, and Jose Bermudez. The leadership program didn't teach them only leadership skills with group activities; it brought together kids of similar ages, helped the community, and benefited the students and the schools.

The students had several all-day training sessions throughout the school year.

They then had to work with others from different schools on projects that built leadership skills. After learning these valuable leadership skills they went out and put them to use. They helped their community by buying books for their schools or painting a needed area.

The Golden Plains students chose to repaint the football field bleachers, which they will be completing over the summer.

Morgan Walz said she had a great time. "I had to get out of my comfort zone and talk in front of large groups and present what I had made."

Tech school graduates 158

Northwest Kansas Technical College held its annual commencement on Friday, May 20, 2011 at the Max Jones Field House in Goodland.

The Class of 2011 was the largest at Northwest Tech in years with 158 graduating students from all over the nation.

Mark Smith from Wallace County was the speaker. He served on the college's board for 30 years and was chairman of the board for 10 years. He farms and ranches in Wallace County and Greeley County and owns and operates the Pleasant Valley Ranch in Sharon Springs. He is a member and past president of the Kansas Live Stock Association and serves on the executive committee of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Graduates from Thomas County are:

Brewster: computer graphics, Aleisha Rena Bremerkamp, Associate; diesel technology, Ethan

A. Kammer, Associate; Jance Lucas McKee, Associate; welding, Jonathan Jason Staten, Associate; welding - pipe and plate, Wyatt L. Werth, Completion Certificate.

Colby: cosmetology, Whitney Ritter, Instructor Hours; automotive technology, Roy C. Williams, Associate; computer graphics, Zachary A. Cardwell, Tech Certificate; cosmetology, Tyler S. Lowe, Associate; communications technology, Collin M. Duntz, Associate; diesel technology, Chance Cranston, Associate, Hannah E. Pyle, Associate; respiratory therapy, Kevin Earle Johnson, Associate.

Oakley: collision repair, Kyle J. Sander, Tech Certificate; cosmetology, Amber DawnAnn Beougher, Associate.

Rexford: collision repair, Torry Lynn Roehl, Associate; carpentry, Kelton Jones, Tech Certificate; diesel technology, Kyle Spresser, Associate.

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will be CLOSED Monday, May 30, to observe Memorial Day. We will reopen for normal business hours Tuesday, May. 31.

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Thank You The Dr. Max E. Pickerill family appreciates your prayers, love, support, cards, flowers, calls, and food items during our time of sorrow. We also extend personal thanks to the Colby Medical and Surgical Center including Dr. Victor Hildyard, nurses and staff for exceeding our dad's health needs. In addition, our worries were lessened by Pastor Mardock, United Methodist Church, Colby Care, Logan County Hospital, Logan County Manor, Colby Community College colleagues, and friends. God bless everyone who touched our beloved dad's life!

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