### Deaths

### **Dorothy Stephens**

2011, at the Prairie Senior Living 462-2331. Complex in Colby.

### **Colby Rotary Club**

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday at Colby Community College with 33 members and guests Wayne Bossert, Tracey Galli and Kellan Ziegelmeier.

Lon Frahm was host to the meeting's program which featured Wayne Bossert, director of the Groundwater Management District. He gave an overview of Gov. Sam Brownback's Ogallala Aquifer summit last Thursday in Colby.

Bossert said the meeting discussed the future of the aquifer and how to extend its life, which runs underground in parts of eight states. He noted that 97.7 percent of every gallon pumped out of the aquifer goes to irrigation and the depletion of it would be a major

economic issue for western Kansas.

Bossert explained that water rights are considered property rights and Brownback thinks current water rights are outdated and need to be rewritten. Bossert is hopeful that suggestions from the summit will result in improved legislation everyone can live with those on the Friends of the Library to ultimately extend the life of the aquifer.

Marla Crumrine won Roto-Lotto.

The next meeting will be Tuesday at the city recreation ball fields for a barbecue lunch.

Colby Rotary meets each Tuesday in room 106 of the college's student union.

– Relda Galli

## Don't despair yet, tomatoes aren't done

Tomatoes are a warm-season plant that's averse to summer

When daytime temperatures rise above 95 degrees, the plant's ripening fruits turn orange, not red. If those hot days combine with nighttime temperatures above 75 degrees F., the plant's fruit set is

"Neither reaction is permanent. If you can just keep that plant alive, it'll produce normally again when the weather's cooler," said Ward Upham, K-State Research and Extension horticulturist.

To avoid heat's "orange" effect, gardeners can harvest when existing fruits first start to ripen from green.

"They'll finish ripening off the vine," Upham said. "And, if you keep them in temperatures of 75 to 85 degrees, their red pigment will form just as it should. You'll get normal-looking, deep-red to-

"If you don't want to go to the trouble, though, don't worry. Or-

red ones. Gardeners can't force tomato plants to set fruit in hot weather. Heat not only leads to abnormal growth in the flowers' reproductive organs but also interferes with pollen's viability, he said. Wind and/or dry weather simply make

the responses worse. "It takes about three weeks for flowers to try to develop fruit before you can see something's wrong. At that point, fruit should be within a week of reaching full size and starting to change color," Upham said.

"Heat-set" tomatoes are now on the market under such variety names as Florida 91, Sun Leaper, and Sun Master, he said. Often, however, they can handle just 2 to 3 degrees more heat before they also develop fruit-set problems.

# From fair parade to book sale, Dorothy Stephens, 80, Colby, died today, Thursday, July 28, Arrangements are pending with Harrison Chapel in Colby, (785) gardens to meetings, library's busy

The Friends of the Pioneer Memorial Library and library staff had lots of fun putting together our float for the fair parade.

We have such talented people on our board that ideas and inspiration just oozes out of them. A member of the Friends of the Library Board wrote the chant and the title of our float, "Your Library Card. Your Ticket To Fun!" If you want to be part of other such events please be sure and contact Board at www.colbylibrary.com/ webpages/FriendsoftheLibrary. htm

This week we are also getting ready for our annual Blow-Out Book Sale. It will begin Saturday and end Saturday, Aug. 6. We have lots of books. Books on gardening, cooking, crafts, sewing, building, literature classics, paperbacks galore, nonfiction and fiction hardbacks, children books, DVDs VHSs, and even audio books on tapes and CDs. Prices are lowered throughout the week. However, remember the early bird gets the worm.

Speaking of worms – I was out learning how to water the community garden area the Thomas County Coalition has out at the K-State Extension site behind the football field. Did you know you can have your own plot of ground to grow vegetables for no cost?

All you need to do is contact the coalition representative and sign p for it at (785) 460-8177. All



and the hoses to water your area.

The coalition asks you give 10 percent of your produce toward a donation to the Genesis Food Bank. Also – if you just want to sign up for watering the coalition's plotted area on a specific time and day, you get to take some of the produce.

Last year the community garden produced over 1000 pounds of produce and gave over 500 pounds of fresh produce to the Genesis Food Bank.

Another thing I saw this morning while at the Extension Center were the beautiful flowers and bushes. I am told that soon they will give a seminar on the items they have grown and the viability of certain plants in the area at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, for their annual Horticulture Day.

Since I'm on the theme of gardening, let me tell you about some great new garden books on our new book shelf. The first is "The Week-by-Week Vegetable Gardener's Handbook: Make the Most of Your Growing Season," by Ron Kujawski and Jennifer Kujawski. This book takes you from starting plants inside before

winter. It shows detailed drawings ral-looking spaces on your propgood bugs to leave in your garden. The Kujawskis are father and daughter, discussing everything from ways to become a gardener for the first time to adding value to experienced gardeners.

Another book is "Homegrown Harvest: A Season-by-Season Guide to a Sustainable Kitchen Garden," by the American Horticultural Society and Rita Pelczar. This book is divided up by seasons. In each season they give the gardener specific types of vegetables, lentils, fruits and other produce to plant. Photographs are brilliant and crisp. Quick, easy charts for each different plant also provide reference to sowing, planting and harvesting. A glossary and detailed index is also included.

Another great reference gardening book is "The Vegetable Gardener's Bible," (10th Anniversary Edition) by Edward C. Smith.

Three new books that discuss container gardening or gardening in a small space are: "Sugar Snaps and Strawberries: Simple Solutions for Creating Your Own Small-Space Edible Garden," by Andrea Bellamy and Jackie Connelly; "Continuous Container Gardens: Swap In the Plants of the Season to Create Fresh Designs Year-Round," by Sara Begg and Roanne Robbins; "All New Square Foot Gardening," by Mel Bartholomew.

We also have new gardening

of plants, harmful insects and the erty. The first is "Prairie-Style Gardens: Capturing the Essence of the American Prairie Wherever You Live," by Lynn M. Steiner. This book is not for the gardener who wants their garden to looking perfectly groomed with no hint of overgrowth. What I saw in this is that native plants are used to create a sense of ground cover that is both beautiful and rich in color. Two other new items we have are: "Perennials for Midwestern Gardens: Proven Plants for the Heartland," by Anthony W. Kahtz; and "Prairie Lands Gardener's Guide," by Cathy Wilkinson Barash.

I had a customer come in and appreciate the air-conditioning in the library. Remember, the airconditioning is for the comfort of our patrons. Come get out of the heat, enjoy reading a magazine, newspaper, use our computers, or your personal computer, iPod. or MP3, e-reader or book in the cool.

At 3 p.m. next Thursday, the library will be host to Kansas Advocates for Better Care. They will be presenting on long-term care and ways to be an advocate for those in your family who are elderly.

If you have not gotten your new library card, drop by and let us update your account.

Our summer schedule is 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 9 to 8 p.m. Thursday, 9 to 5 p.m. Friday, 9 to 4 p.m. Saturday, and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. See you in the library!

### **Bridge Club**

• Have a plan with your child care provider to call if your child does not arrive when expected.

· Keep keys and remote entry key fobs out of children's reach.

child goes missing.

hyperthermia deaths, please call 0351 or visit www.ggweather.

### Corrections

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Tuesday were Sarah Jane Barrett, first; Gail Vacca, second; Alvin Koenig, third; Kevan Taylor, fourth; Dave Ulmer, fifth; and Jean Snyder, sixth.

### Lar misses cat

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) -The driver is OK, the cat's fine and the insurance claim will be interesting.

Metro Nashville Police say a car ran off a city street early Monday and overturned, ending up on the front steps of a home.

The man who was driving told police he swerved to avoid hitting a cat in the road, according to WKRN-TV.

It's believed the cat belongs to The Colby Free Press wants to the owner of the home where the Police say the driver won't be charged.

"Fortunately, going from flower to ripened fruit generally takes no more than 45 days. So, if gardeners can keep the plants alive now, they should have plenty of time to harvest more tomatoes before first

### ange tomatoes are just as edible as frost," Upham said. Check canner's pressure gauge

Gardeners who borrow a pres- should also be examined for wear, vehicle" says Cherie Sage, state canner from a friend or find cracks and flexibility. a bargain at a garage sale are cautioned about using a pressure canner without testing the gauge and seal, a K-State Research and Extension food scientist said. "Pressure canning gauges should be checked annually for accuracy so as not to jeopardize the food safety of home canned foods," said Karen Blakeslee, K-State Research and Extension sealing. food scientist. A gauge that is one pound off can cause a 10 percent decrease in sterilizing value. When two pounds off, there is a offices throughout the state and 30 percent decrease.

increase awareness and urge parents and caregivers to never leave children alone in a vehicle. With the goal of having no more children die from heat stroke when

they are forgotten in cars, Safe Kids reminds parents and caregivers to always check for sleeping children before leaving a vehicle. Between 1998 and 2010, 496

children died from heat stroke because they were left unattended in vehicles that became too hot for them to survive. Forty-nine of those occurred in 2010. "A child's core body temperature rises 3 to 5 times faster than an adult's and unattended children have no way of protecting themselves in a hot

death and serious, permanent injury in a hot car. Drivers must keep car doors locked and keys out of reach from young children.

Safe Kids Kansas urges all adults who transport children to take the following steps:

• Call 911 if they see a child unattended in a vehicle.

• Never leave children alone in a car – even for 1 minute. • Set your cell phone or Black-

berry reminder to be sure you drop your child off at daycare.

• Set your computer "Outlook" program to ask you, "Did you nlyca. drop off at daycare today?"

• Place a cell phone, PDA, purse, briefcase, gym bag or whatever is to be carried from the car n the floor in front of the child in

the child.

• Lock all vehicles at all times.

• Check cars and trunks first if a

For information on preventing Safe Kids Kansas at (785) 296com/heat and www.safekids.org/

# you have to provide are the plants the last frost to preparing items for books that discuss creating natu-

### Hot weather, vehicles can be deadly Safe Kids Kansas is working to minutes for a child to be at risk of a back seat. This forces the adult to open the back door and observe

K-State Research and Exten-

sion offices typically have the equipment or know of a source for checking pressure canning gauges, she said.

Check canning jars at garage sales, auctions or second hand stores carefully before buying. Jars should be free of cracks and chips and the rim intact for proper

Information about home food preservation is available at K-State Research and Extension online at www.ksre.ksu.edu and Blakeslee also said rubber seals www.rrc.ksu.edu.

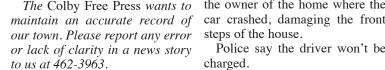
director for the organization.

More than 50 percent of the children who died from heat stroke were forgotten by a caring adult who became distracted when they left the vehicle. Thirty percent of kids who died from hyperthermia were left unattended by an adult or gained entry into an unlocked vehicle and became trapped and overcome by heat. It takes only

### Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day **Hi-Plains Co-op** Wheat (bushel) \$7.13 Corn (bushel) \$7.06 Milo (hundredweight) \$11.89 Soybeans (bushel) \$12.65

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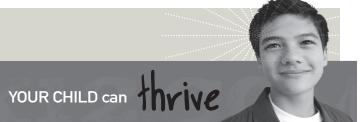
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