

Lions Club

The High Plains Lions members met last Monday at the Thomas County Fairgrounds to prepare their concession trailer. The Whitaker supply trailer was put in place, cleaned and loaded with coolers from Colby Pepsi and the preparation tent was set up behind the trailer. Food, water and other drinks were loaded into the ice chest to start cooling down.

The Lions were to sell popcorn, funnel cakes, cotton candy, soda and water beginning Tuesday night.

President Melinda Morton called the meeting to order with the flag salute. Larry and Sheryl Brenn introduced their guest, grandson Blake Warren of Wamego.

Roger Hale read the minutes of the last meeting and Larry Brenn gave the treasurer's report.

There was no old business. In new business, cleaning of the U.S. 24 ditch was briefly discussed.

The treasurer gave statements for dues to each member. They remain at \$60.

Vice District Governor Sheryl Brenn reported on the Lion Great Plains Leadership Institute July 22 to 24 at Crete, Neb. Ten topics related to Lions International were discussed. She said that topics like motivation, leadership development, delegating and team building were especially helpful for her.

Participants at the conference were asked to share information they had learned with their fellow club members and were urged to request additional donations to Lions International for financial aid for others. She said that Lions International has provided much more financial aid around the world this year due to an increase in disasters.

Club members reported volunteer service hours for the month: Norman Whittaker, six hours; Melinda Moore, nine hours; Larry Brenn, 15 hours; Roger Hale, three hours; and Sheryl Brenn, one hour.

The state council meeting will be Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 12 and 13, in Great Bend. The district cabinet meeting will be Saturday, Aug. 20, in Dighton.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. next Monday at the Student Union at Colby Community College.

- Roger Hale

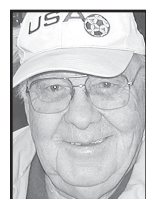
Go forth with confidence; take on canning season boldly

Last week, I was not reticent, timid or apprehensive, nor was I fearful about reminding all gardeners that it was time to dislodge the pressure cooker and the boiling water canner from their winter hiding place, and go to work.

I know that many of you have already done that, and have begun the canning process as many of our favorite summer vegetables reach maturity.

The green beans are abundantly producing now, the sweet corn is mature, the beets are awaiting placement into those wonderful Mason jars, and soon the mighty tomato will favor us with untold goodness. Incidentally, I picked my first tomato this year on Wednesday, just a few days later than last summer. It was a Northern Exposure, and the taste was WOW!

Indeed, the season for preserving the goodies from the summer garden has arrived right on schedule and many of us will keep extremely busy as we put the cookers through their paces. We do this, of course, because we thoroughly



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

enjoy our garden production, in a preserved form, during the winter months.

Preserving the bounty from our garden is the natural extension of gardening, and if you have been hesitant to get involved then this might be the year to join the ever-increasing crowd. For about \$50, you can begin to can the excess from your garden, and enjoy it for the next several months. A dozen jars, a boiling water canner, and the Bible of the canning process called a Ball Blue Book, will have you heading down the road to extended gardening enjoyment.

I fear that there are still many gardeners who do not trust the safety of the home canning procedure. I would suggest that it's not so much the fear of canning as it is the confidence of learning the proper procedures. Believe me

when I say that the process is safe. There is plenty of help out there if you need it, and the Blue Book offers step-by-step guidelines to make the job easy. You can do it, and in fact should do it, in order to extend your gardening experience. Yes, there are rigid, but not impossible, requirements to follow. Controlling microorganisms, enzymes, oxygen and moisture loss ensures a high quality, flavorful product.

Pickling a few cucumbers might be a good way to start your preservation operation. Five or six pounds of small fruit will produce roughly eight pints of delicious dill pickles. Or maybe a few jars of bread and butter pickles would be welcome among family members, and there are dozens of sweet pickle possibilities out there, as you search for a family favorite.

And now if you'll excuse me, I'd better begin moving those jars of freshly canned dill pickles to a safer place, somewhere away from the wandering eyes of visiting guests and grandchildren.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Thursday

12:46 a.m. - Caller reported cones moved into middle of the roadway on College and Franklin. Moved cones.

1:24 a.m. - Walk-through at Twisters.

1:33 a.m. - Walk-through at B-Hive.

2 a.m. - Report filed for domestic incident.

6:20 a.m. - Unlocked building at Fike Park.

10:33 a.m. - Collision at Fourth and Country Club.

11:58 a.m. - Subject came to Law Enforcement Center requesting information on vehicle muffler requirements. Information provided.

1:03 p.m. - Criminal damage to vehicle on Wednesday.

2:42 p.m. - Caller reported subjects posting harassing comments on Facebook. Civil matter.

7:41 p.m. - Walk through at the fairgrounds.

8:13 p.m. - 911 hangup, verbal argument reported.

11 p.m. - Locked restrooms at Fike Park.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Thursday

3:17 a.m. - Booked Jade Bliss

3:32 a.m. - Released Bliss.

10:33 a.m. - Released Brandon Joseph Boutte.

10:39 a.m. - Grant Jennings arrested on warrant.

11:09 a.m. - Released Jennings.

2:10 p.m. - Malea A. Stefan arrested on warrant.

2:32 p.m. - Booked Stefan.

4:10 p.m. - Released Stefan.

5:07 p.m. - Caller reported stalled semi at U.S. 24 and U.S. 83.

6:47 p.m. - Assisted motorist at 1522 County Rd. 2.

Clarification

In the story "Hundreds brave heat to watch fair parade" on Page 1 of the Wednesday, July 27, edition of the Colby Free Press, the list of fair winners excluded a name. The Tumbleweed Tumblers and Nicole's School of dance had a combined entry, which won second in the youth category. This

was an error in information given to the Free Press.

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Birthday reception to honor 90th Saturday

Nadine Kammer will be honored for her 90th birthday with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Brewster Methodist Church, 202 Nebraska Avenue.

A school teacher for 38 years, she taught at Quinter, Goodland and Brewster schools.

She was born Aug. 22, 1921, on a farm near Brewster, the daughter of Lloyd and Lina Kan., 67732. Mallory.

She was married to Harold Kammer of Brewster and is the mother of Lou Brown of Prescott, Ariz., Chuck Kammer of Silver City, N.M., and Kenneth Kammer of Brewster. She has eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



N. Kammer

Those unable to attend may send cards to Box 25, Brewster, Kan., 67732.

Judge blocks law defunding Planned Parenthood chapter

By Roxana Hegeman Associated Press

WICHITA (AP) - A federal judge today blocked implementation of a new Kansas law that would strip federal family planning funding from the state's Planned Parenthood chapter, dealing Republican lawmakers their second major legal setback to their recent moves against abortion providers.

U.S. District Judge J. Thomas Marten ordered the state to immediately resume funding for Planned Parenthood, agreeing with

Planned Parenthood that without the injunction the group would suffer irreparable harm while its challenge to the law works its way through the courts.

Planned Parenthood said it would be forced to close its clinic in Hays unless the court immediately prohibited the state from stripping it of \$330,000 in federal Title X annual funding. It contended that its 5,700 patients would also face higher costs and have less access to services and longer wait or travel times for appointments.

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