

# Program offers holiday ideas

The annual event "Harvest of Holidays" is coming soon. Mark your calendars for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the 4-H Building. Please make reservations by noon Monday, Nov. 14, to the Thomas County Extension office, 460-4582. We have an answering machine so you can leave a message after business hours - "I plan to attend Harvest of Holidays," with your name and phone number. Cost is \$10 to cover costs of the event - you even end up with a silk scarf to take home.

Harvest of Holidays provides festive inspirations for a great holiday season. We, the family and consumer science extension agents in the northwest area, have been bringing this fun and festive program to you for over 10 years. Many years have focused on foods for the holidays. This year as always we will have some fun and fabulous foods for you to munch on while watching the programs. But the programs will focus on other topics.

First, Amy Lorenzen, Golden Plains District agent in Oakley, will give you tips and ideas on how to grow your own pumpkins, gourds and Indian corn for fall decorations. Then she will share ideas on how to make a variety of home decorations using these items to adorn your home for the fall holidays.

Since the holidays can be a time of stress and tension, Jen Shoenfeld, Golden Plains District agent in Gove, will take you on "A walk in the country," an introduction to guided imagery. Help ease the stresses of life in as little as 15 minutes. This is a relaxation technique you can



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### • Knowledge for Life

use at home or anytime stress starts to build. The holidays bring all the family together and that can often bring a wide mix of personalities together.

Imagine your family members. Do you notice some are organized and conscientious, others distracted and looking for adventure; some seem sensitive and involved with their family, friends, and community, while others are more private and independent in nature?

We all have our own style, preference, and ways of operating. Understanding these different personalities, although they may not be your way of doing things, can lead to harmony. Melinda Daily, Sunflower District agent, will present "What is your True Color?"

"True Colors" uses colors to identify four distinct perspectives and personalities. It is a simple method for understanding behavior and what makes people tick. Discover more about yourself and how these concepts can help you understand different personalities which can foster successful relationships at home and at work.

I get to be the grand finale and the hands-

on project. I will be presenting "Sassy Silk Scarves." Silk scarves are very popular and can brighten up a dull outfit or be a great conversation piece. You will be dyeing your own designer silk scarf using the baggie method and be amazed at how easy and fun it is.

Or if you like to be more creative, try one or more of the other dyeing methods I will demonstrate - the zebra stripe or star burst. We will use instant dyes for a fast and fuss-free creation. Go home with your own unique 14"x72" silk scarf. Use it for a Christmas gift or keep it for yourself.

If you can't make it on the 15th, we will repeat this program at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 21, at the Oakley courthouse basement and at 7 p.m. (Central Time) Tuesday Nov. 22, at the Community Activities Building in Sharon Springs. Make reservations for Oakley at (785) 671-3245 by noon Friday, Nov. 18. Make reservations for Sharon Springs at (785) 852-4285 by noon Monday, Nov. 21.

Mark your calendar, call in your reservations, bring your \$10 and join us for a relaxing and fun evening of fabulous food, decorating ideas, relaxation techniques, understanding personalities and dying your own silk scarf. What a deal!

See ya there.

*Diann Gerstner is the family and consumer sciences agent for the Thomas County Extension office.*

# Travel meetings lead up to holiday season

The Tourism Conference was a wonderful, intense experience in Lawrence. Gov. Sam Brownback was our breakfast speaker the opening day and Secretary Robin Jennisson of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism addressed the group as well. New marketing, public relations and strategies were shared by the state office director Becky Blake and her staff. Sessions covered many tourism-related topics. All in all it was very informative and of course, fun.

The Travel Industry Association of Kansas board meeting and annual meeting, I-70 meeting and Tour Kansas (motorcoach marketing coalition) all met during the conference. I was again elected secretary of I-70. The Tour Kansas Showcase will be in Colorado next August. We are helping with the planning for that event. We will be hosts for Travel Council in November.

Kansas Leadership Center is holding their annual summit in Wichita Nov. 13 to 15. Leadership Thomas County Board members Sherry McDonald and Denise Stupka and co-directors Cindy Black and myself will be attending. The summit objectives are that participants will be better prepared and equipped to exercise effective leadership and will see their programs as a catalyst to increase civic engagement in their communities.

Our main activity for November is putting up Santa City. This will be a fun one with the theme being "Visions of Sugar Plums." Santa City will open the day after Thanksgiving and will be open Saturday and Sunday. Hours are 1



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### • On the Road Again!

to 5 p.m. for all three days. There will be several new decorations for this winter wonderland. Plan now for the Christmas Light Parade which will be at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, in downtown Colby.

There are several special events during November. The Diplomats Ladies Luncheon will be Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the 4-H building. This will be great, with the theme of "Colby's Got Talent...Or Not." Come out and see some of Colby's movers and shakers portraying singers and groups from the past.

Saturday, Thomas County Hospice will hold another special event, "City of Lights," at City Limits Convention Center. Enjoy dinner and the auction.

The second weekend of November will be exciting. The Ambassador Classic will be Thursday through Saturday with 12 teams competing at the Colby Community Building. Colby Community

College is planning Homecoming/Family weekend to go along with it.

Friday's activities include an open house at the college farm from 4 to 6 p.m. followed by a free barbecue. Tours will be given of the equestrian facility, agriculture and vet facilities. That is also the opening day of pheasant season. It should be a very busy weekend in Colby.

Prairie Museum of Art and History is having a Writers' Roundup and Holiday Happening from 1:30 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19. Regional authors will be on hand to sign books and artist Bonnie Stasser will give a short talk about her art work. A reception will also be held for her.

The museum will have *Food for Thought* at noon on Thursday, Nov. 17. The speaker will be Eunice Petramala on "The Settlement of a Native American Perspective."

Colby High School students will be presenting their musical at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11 and 12, at the high school.

Pioneer Memorial Library is

holding their Trivial Pursuit team competition at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Sporting events include the Fifth Annual Turkey Trot 5K hosted by the Colby Rec Department. The predicted-time race will start at 5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Community Building. Sunday, Nov. 13, the college will hold the High School All Star Volleyball Game at 4 p.m. at the Community Building.

The college's Men's Basketball Western Sprinkler Classic Tournament will be at 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Community Building.

November brings holidays. Veteran's Day is Friday, Nov. 11, and Thanksgiving is Thursday, Nov. 24. Enjoy the holiday with family and friends and if you are traveling, please do so safely.

The Convention and Tourism Committee wishes each and every one of you a very happy Thanksgiving.

*Leilani Thomas is director of the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau, a long-time civic volunteer and a passionate observer of the tourism industry.*

## Deaths

### Glen Ausmus

Donald Glen Ausmus, 86, a retired farmer and automotive mechanic from Winona, died Monday, Oct. 24, 2011, at the Logan County Manor in Oakley.

He was born May 30, 1925, in Ingalls, the son of Fred and Anna (Hadley) Ausmus. After graduating from Garden City High School, he joined the Army and served honorably during World War II.

While stationed at Fort Dietrich in Frederick, Md., he met Dorothy Ruth Kefauver. They married there on Feb. 15, 1948. They lived in Colorado Springs, Colo., and Arvada, Colo. In 2006, he moved back to Winona.

He sang baritone in church choirs in Colorado Springs and Winona for many years. He also loved to dance, joining friends in Winona to travel to Friday night

dances in Scott City. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife in 2000, and very recently by a brother, Alfred Ausmus.

Survivors include two daughters, Harriet (Richard) Ortiz, Snohomish, Wash.; and Evelyn Dalby, Oceanside, Calif.; two brothers, Richard (Laura) Ausmus, Colorado Springs; and Roger (Marge) Ausmus, Winona; three sisters, Dorothy Peitz, Garden City; Norma Straub, Colorado Springs; and Beth Lamb-Duff, Winona; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, at the Shrine of Remembrance Mausoleum in Colorado Springs.

The family suggests memorials to Logan County Manor, 615 Price Ave., Oakley, Kan., 67748.



Glen Ausmus

## On the Beat

### COLBY POLICE Last Wednesday

1:21 a.m. - Caller reported juvenile gone. Located subject, everything OK.

2:09 a.m. - Extra patrol.

6:13 a.m. - Report filed for a wallet found at Love's.

8:06 a.m. - Caller reported he received a threat. Report filed.

8:56 a.m. - Caller reported subject called and harassed her.

1:57 p.m. - Concern over welfare of dogs. Spoke to owner.

2:39 p.m. - Helped ambulance crew on call.

### Thursday

1:18 a.m. - Report filed for criminal damage to property.

2 a.m. - Report filed for obstruction.

4:11 a.m. - Helped ambulance crew.

4:18 a.m. - Warrant: searched residence. Report filed.

## 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.*

8:33 a.m. - Clerk reported tire slashed on U-Haul. No report; tire was flat and subject drove on it damaging the wheel.

9:07 p.m. - Caller reported theft. Spoke to owner; no report filed.

### THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Last Wednesday

12:25 a.m. - Assisted motorist at U.S. 83 mile 182.

8:35 a.m. - Transported inmate from Norton County Sheriff's Office to courthouse then back.

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## HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, November 5th, 10:00 ~ 4:00**  
**Sunday, November 6th, 1:00 ~ 4:00**

## Dorothy Stephens

Dorothy Barbara (Aschenbrenner) Stephens died July 28, 2011 at Prairie Senior Living Center, Colby. She was born April 28, 1931 in Ellis, Kan., the eighth of ten children to Phillip and Rosa (Schuster) Aschenbrenner. Dorothy attended Colby schools and graduated from Colby High School in 1949. On February 7, 1950, Dorothy married Joseph Bernard Stephens at Sacred Heart Church, Colby.

Their first home was in Menlo where they farmed; in 1959 they moved to Colby. Joe began building homes and started a construction company, Stephens Construction, in 1969. Dorothy did the bookkeeping for the corporation for many years in addition to raising their family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Joseph, a granddaughter, Christin Kaye Stephens, and a great-grandson, Matthew James Scott. She is survived by her sons, Chris (Judy), of Manhattan, Curt (Jackie), of Colby, and Gary (Brenda), of Manhattan; daughters, Connie (Bruce) Sloan, of Azle, Texas, Carol (Jerry) Behrends, of Topeka, Patty (Ken) Horinek, of Atwood, Pam (Tim) McKee, of Colby, Gina Bullock, of Wichita, and Ashley (Joe) Steinlage, of Cary, N.C.; brother, Dr. Richard Aschenbrenner, Topeka; 35 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy enjoyed sewing, cooking, bowling and attending sporting and school events of her children and grandchildren. Dorothy was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She served as an Eucharistic minister, and was involved in parish organizations including the Daughters of Isabella, St. Jude's Circle and Altar Society. Dorothy volunteered for the Emergency Pregnancy Service and as a Pink Lady at Citizen's Medical Center. She was a member of a singing group and enjoyed all kinds of dancing.

Her children and grandchildren will remember her for her strong faith, warm hospitality, and zest for life. Sundays were always family days, filled with games, food and laughter. Family and friends recall her open-door policy; Dorothy always welcomed others into her home with an open heart.

In 2007, when she could no longer care for herself, she moved to the Catholic Care Memory Center in Wichita; where her brother, Father Ralph Aschenbrenner, was also residing. Dorothy returned to Colby in December of 2010.

A vigil and rosary were held on July 31 at Harrison's Chapel. The funeral mass was held on August 1 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Father Anthony Stephens, great nephew, of Auburn, Kentucky and Father Dana Clark were co-celebrants. Pallbearers were grandsons Joseph Hurrig, Kansas City, MO, Chase Stephens, Manhattan, Tucker Reuber, Germany, Spencer McKee, Owasso, OK, Preston Stephens, Manhattan, Corbin Stephens, Colby, Cole Bullock, Wichita, and Nicholas Steinlage, Cary, NC. Altar servers were grandchildren Parker McKee, Carson McKee and Sydney Stephens, all of Colby. Music was provided by Ken and Kevin Lang.

Burial followed at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

## Markets

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

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Wheat (bushel)       | \$6.50  |
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**Dinner Tickets \$50 (includes concert)**  
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**Drawing Tickets \$10**

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