

Babies

Jax Richard Harlow

Jax Richard Harlow, son of Brandon Harlow and Tabettha Hoehner of Grinnell, was born Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 19 3/4 inches.

Grandparents of the baby are Jeff and Juli Harlow of East Grand Forks, Minn., and Cary and Donna Hoehner of Oberlin.



Jax Harlow

Brynlee Raelynn Kahle



Brynlee Raelynn Kahle, daughter of Evan and Kristy Kahle of Colby, was born Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Grandparents of the baby are Kurt and Pam Kahle of Monument, Richard and DeAnn Boldridge of Atchison and William Mason of Houston, Texas.

Dillon Joe Thornburg

Dillon Joe Thornburg, son of Brad and Amy Thornburg of Olathe, was born Friday, Sept. 30, 2011. He weighed 8 pounds, 11 1/2 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Dillon was welcomed home by his older siblings John James Thornburg, 12, Megan Lynn Burris, 9, and Hannah Kathleen Thornburg, 3.

Grandparents of the baby are Audie and Bonnie Thornburg of Eureka, Cindy Kean of Benicia, Calif., James Eastep and Jeanne Kline of Colby, Marsha Eastep of Atwood and the late Lynn Madden Eastep.

Great-grandparents are Marilyn Thornburg of Hudson, Rob and Barbara Foy of Benicia, Billie Standridge of Amarillo, Texas, and the late Bob and Peggy Madden.



Dillon T.

Time running short for 2011 tax moves

The Internal Revenue Service is reminding everyone that planning now may save time and money next year.

Charitable Contributions. To deduct any charitable cash donation or a written communication from the charity documenting the name of the charity and the date and amount of the contribution. Donations charged to a credit card by Dec. 31 are deductible for 2011 even when the bill is paid in 2012. Non-cash contributions must be in at least good used condition to be deductible and require a receipt from the organization.

Retirement Accounts. This year, you can contribute up to \$5,000 in a Traditional Individual Retirement Account, up to \$11,500 in a Simple Individual Retirement Account and up to \$16,500 to a 401(k) employer plan. If you're 50 or older, those numbers increase for the "catch-up" provision. The Saver's Credit for low- and mod-

erate-income workers can reduce your income tax dollar-for-dollar up to \$2,000 for workers who voluntarily contribute to these plans and similar workplace retirement programs.

Good Records. "If you do not have one place to keep all your tax records, now is a good time to start a system," said spokesman Michael Devine. "It can be as simple as a shoebox." The service says tax records should generally be kept for three years, but some documents, including records relating to a home purchase or sale, stock transactions, IRAs and business or rental property, should be kept longer.

Update your address. If you moved in 2011, don't forget to tell your employer so you'll receive your W-2 next year. File a change of address with the U.S. Postal Service and they will pass your new address on, or go to www.irs.gov and complete a change of address notice.

From giving thanks to giving gifts, Rexford is preparing for Christmas

This time of year is delightful – the transition from giving thanks to giving to others serves as a wonderful reminder of the reason for the Advent season.

It has been fun to watch various Rexford residents begin to decorate their homes for Christmas. In our home, two Christmas trees went up: one for me to decorate, and one for the children.

While one is a jumble of hand-made creations and one-of-a-kind ornaments and the other is a more "grown up" display of delicate collectibles, both are decorated with memories and the promise of more to come.

As for news, four members of the Dible family and seven Golden Plains students travelled to Denver on Friday to work in the Operation Christmas Child processing center. They were unsure of exactly how many boxes were processed in that one day, but it was well over 27,000.



Gwen Griffiths

• Rexford Correspondent

These boxes will travel to Mexico, Haiti and Africa to bring joy to children who would not otherwise get to celebrate Christmas.

Shepherd's Staff welcomed the last group of pheasant hunters for 2011. Eight men from the Joplin, Mo., area spent two days in the field fighting wind and birds that wanted to run instead of fly, and walked over twenty miles in that time. They are already planning their return for next year.

The family of Hulda Wark wishes to thank the many friends and relatives that were so

gracious during the difficult days following her passing. The words of encouragement, prayers, food, cards, memorials, flowers and plants were a kind reminder of what it is to live in a small town. They sincerely appreciate each of you.

The Golden Plains Elementary staff will hold a soup supper from 5 to 6:30 Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the Selden Community Center prior to the elementary Christmas program. All proceeds will go to the OWLs project.

Rexford residents, be watching your mailbox for a special invitation from Shepherd's Staff. We'd like to get to know you better, and will be holding a Christmas Open House on Saturday, Dec. 10.

And that's the news from Rexford.

I'd love to share your news in this column. Just leave a note in the jar by the door at the Red Barn, call 687-2076, or e-mail griffithsgang@gmail.com.

Two from Colby to receive degrees

Two students from Colby are among the 81 baccalaureate and graduate students of the Washburn University School of Nursing to participate in commencement ceremonies at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, in Lee Arena on the Washburn campus.

Julia Williams Jennings will receive a Master of Science in nursing degree, with a concentration in family nurse practitioner. She is the daughter of Calvin and

Diane Williams of Colby. She and her husband Joshua Jennings live in Salina.

Katelyn Marie Strange will receive a Bachelor of Science in nursing degree and also will be recognized during pinning ceremony at 3:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 16, at White Concert Hall. She has been a member of Student Nurses of Washburn. She is the daughter of Emily Strange of Colby.



J. Jennings



K. Strange

Corrections

In the Friday, Nov. 25, edition of the Colby Free Press, the wrong photo was used with "Oakley restaurateurs recognized by Kansas hospitality association" on Page 1. The photo was of Jeanna Roberts-Dehner, one of the founders of the College Drive Assembly of God Church, and her husband Colin. The correct photo is run to the right. This was an editing error.

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The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error



Dave and Sherri Nelson

or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday with 34 members and guests Michelle Spence, Ron and Kim Brier, Austin Brier, James and Shauna Elling, Lindsey Elling, Shawn and Cindy Reinert and Hayden Reinert.

Cindy Cersovsky had the program, which featured Hayden, Lindsey and Austin. These sixth grade Sacred Heart students presented information on the Junior National Youth Leadership Conference they attended in September in Washington, D.C.

The students were all nominated for the program by their fifth grade teacher and had to raise their own funds to pay for the trip. The focus

of the conference was leadership and each student shared how they used our country's history to study leadership.

During their week in D.C. the students toured the Capitol, several of the Smithsonian museums and many of the memorials. Each day the students applied the history they learned to the following leadership characteristics: respect, teamwork, goal setting, problem solving, character and communication.

Michelle Spence won Roto-Lotto.

Colby Rotary meets Tuesdays in Room 106 of the Student Union at Colby Community College.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$5.88
Corn (bushel)	\$5.75
Milo (hundredweight)	\$9.68
Soybeans (bushel)	\$9.76

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Tuesday were Lyle Worthy, first; Gail Vacca, second; Elaine Ptacek, third; Ken Ptacek, fourth; Katie Melvin, fifth; and Sarah Jane Barrett, sixth.

High Plains Lions Club Pancake Feed
Saturday, December 3, 2011
\$4.50 Donation ~ 7am - 2 pm
Colby Community Building
Bring your glasses & hearing aids to be recycled.
\$ goes toward community projects!

Fee on prepaid phones begins Jan. 1

Starting Jan. 1, Kansas will begin collecting a fee on the purchase of all prepaid wireless phones and phone cards due to a law passed during the 2011 legislative session.

The fee, which is 1.06 percent of the retail cost for the prepaid phone or calling cards, will be paid to the retailer at the time of purchase. Customers will not have

to file additional paperwork.

The fee applies to the purchase of cellular phones preloaded with a set dollar amount for minutes or units of air time, or sold with rebates for airtime; calling cards for cellular phones preloaded with a set dollar amount for minutes or units or air time, the recharging of a reusable cellular phone calling card or the recharging of a cellular

phone itself with additional minutes or units of air time.

The money will be deposited into the 911 State Fund and will help Kansas communities develop emergency dispatch centers, helping cover costs such as purchasing new equipment, upgrading existing systems or license and training fee.

The fund is managed by the Kansas 911 Coordinating Committee.

Retailers who are not familiar with the new fee and the filing requirements can get information at www.ksrevenue.org.

Colby student in honor group

Curt Fulwider of Colby was one of 52 Washburn University students recently inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi national honor society.

He is a senior majoring in English education. A graduate of Colby High, his parents are Gerald and Lamoreaux Fulwider.

Persons elected to membership include juniors in the top 7.5 percent of their class and seniors in

the top 10 percent of their class, along with outstanding graduate students, faculty, professional staff and alumni.

Phi Kappa Phi, founded in 1897, is the nation's oldest all-discipline honor society. The mission of the organization is to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.

Brendan Lewis Young

Brendan Lewis Young, 22, of Hays, passed away Monday, Nov. 21, 2011, at his home in Manhattan. He was born Sept. 20, 1989, in Hays to Jeff and Ann (Molz) Young. He was baptized in the First Presbyterian Church of Hays and he graduated from Hays High School in 2008.

Brendan was working as a graphic artist at GTM in Manhattan while attending Kansas State University studying graphic design. He was an artist, musician, athlete and honor student.

He is survived by his parents Jeff and Ann Young of Hays; a brother, Ethan Young of Los Angeles attending UCLA; a sister, Sarah Young of Hays attending FHSU and his maternal grandparents, Lewis and Agnes Molz of Deerfield.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Jeff and Gwen Young, and an uncle, Parker Young.

Visitation was to be Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011, with the family present from 4 to 7 p.m. at Brock's North Hill Chapel, 2509 Vine, Hays, KS 67601. Private family funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 28, 2011.

Memorials are suggested to the Brendan Young Memorial Fund to be designated at a later date. Condolences may be sent to the family by guest book at www.keithleyfuneralchapel.com or emailed to keithley@ruratel.net.

Colby Women's League
15th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH
Thursday, December 1, 2011
Come & Go— 10:00 am to 12:30 pm
At Meadow Lake Golf Course & Restaurant (Formerly Colby Country Club) Colby, Kansas
Plan to Attend & Invite A Friend!
Free Will Donations

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