

Young ranchers start academy class

Shea Baird of Levant, Wyatt Rundel, formerly of Colby, and Calder Keller of Oakley were among the 20 young cattlemen and women from across the state who met Feb. 15 and 16 in Topeka for the first installment of the 2012 Kansas Livestock Association Young Stockmen's Academy.

Vista from Merck Animal Health once again is working with the association as they gain an in-depth look into the livestock association and the beef industry. A series of four seminars will be held throughout the year in various locations in Kansas.

During the two-day session, attendees were exposed to advocacy training, the legislative process and services provided by the association.

As part of an interactive training session led by livestock association staff, White City rancher and beef advocate Debbie Lyons-Blythe and WIBW-Topeka farm broadcasters Kelly Lenz and Greg Akagi, the group was given an overview of the various media



Shea Baird



Wyatt Rundel



Calder Keller

outlets available to help tell the beef production story. Lyons-Blythe shared how she has implemented advocacy into her daily routine through the use of her blog, "Life on a Kansas Cattle Ranch;" on Facebook and Twitter.

In addition, academy members attended a Senate Natural Resources Committee meeting at the Capitol and participated in a financial planning seminar conducted by Kennedy and Coe LLC, that focused on debt management and planning for the future of the family business. Attendees also took part in the livestock

association's legislative meeting, where they and other members determined positions on individual bills under consideration by the Kansas Legislature.

The 2012 class includes Baird; Beau Beyer, Le Roy; Tyler Breeden, Quinter; Brett Brownback, Centerville; Brandi Buzard, Manhattan; Lance Cline, Onaga; Bo Downing, Longton; Keller; Tyler Leonhard, Manhattan; Leanne Litton, Beloit; Drew Obermeyer, Marysville; Kyra O'Brien, Hesper; Alycia Penewit, Satanta; Wyatt Rundel, Wichita;

Garrett Schultz, Manhattan; Nathan Simmons, Hesston; Sam States, Logan; Kiley Stinson, Allen; Andrea Stroberg, Manhattan; and Chelsea Townsend, Larned.

The second class will be in June. Members will have the opportunity to learn more about the agribusiness and retail beef industries. Information about the academy can be found at www.kla.org.

Brewster Marine aboard USS Enterprise

A Marine from Brewster was aboard as the Navy's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier departed on its final deployment Sunday with three Norfolk-based destroyers to follow Monday.

Lance Cpl. Spencer Holm was to join his squadron of F/A-18 Hornets. He is a member of the Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 251 Thunderbolts, stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C. Holm, who graduated from Brewster High School in 2010, is an electronics technician working on the fighter jets.

The Enterprise is part of a strike group which includes the guided-missile destroyers Porter, Nitze and James E. Williams, and the guided-missile cruiser Vicksburg, which deploys Friday from Florida.

While most of the 5,500 sailors and Marines composing the strike group are less than half the age of the Enterprise, Captain Bill Hamilton said, "The crew understands what's at stake and I think we'll do just fine."

The Carrier Strike Group is needed in the Strait of Hormuz to answer threats from Iran too close to the vital shipping lane, which connects Persian Gulf oil and trade centers with the world.

The seven-month deployment will be the Enterprise's 22nd and last. The "Big E," as it's known to its crew, is 1,100 feet long and 73,000 tons. It has four propulsion plants and eight nuclear reactors, the most for any ship ever built. It was commissioned in 1961, and its first mission was to track the flight of the Friendship 7, the Project Mercury space capsule in which John Glenn made the first American orbital space-flight.

Holm spent a month on the Enterprise in February, taking part in Exercise Bold Alligator, which gave the crew experience in battle-like situations with coalition forces from around the world. While he says he's excited to be a part of history, his family knows that the seven months at sea will be difficult. Holm's wife Mindi and 15-month-old daughter Brea will spend the time back in Kansas, close to family.

Spencer's parents are Shane and Bonnie Holm of Brewster. His grandparents are Joyce and Willis Crabtree, also of Brewster, and Barbara and the late Elmer Holm of Ness City. Holm has three siblings, Shanda Holm and Jeremy Holm of Dighton, and Tad Holm of Brewster.

'Backpack' school program gets a boost

A program for "at-risk" students in the Colby Public Schools has a few more dollars in this year's budget, thanks to a \$2,355 donation from the CHS-United Plains Ag Quinter elevator.

"How generous of CHS to think of our program when deciding where this could go," said Jo DeYoung, business manager for the district.

The donation will support the district's "Backpacks for Kids" program, which sends healthy

weekend snacks home for middle schoolers.

"There are children in our communities for whom Friday's school lunch may be their last meal until lunch on Monday," said DeYoung.

"It wasn't a tough decision to use these dollars to feed hungry kids," said Jeff Kahle, agronomy manager at CHS-Quinter. "CHS has a long history of supporting the communities where we live and work."

A team of United Plains Ag custom application operators won the money behind the donation. Each year, CHS brings together applicants from across its trade territory to sharpen their skills in a fun, competitive learning environment called an Applicator Rodeo. Teams of operators move through skills-based events, including driving courses that simulate field conditions. The most recent events incorporated a "Calcutta-style" auction where corporate sponsors

bid on the teams. Top teams then designate organizations to receive their winnings.

Two teams from Quinter took first and third among the more than 40 operators from seven CHS cooperatives.

CHS describes itself as the nation's leading cooperative owned by farmers, ranchers and local co-ops across the country. The diversified energy, grains and foods business is a Fortune 100 company.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Thursday

1:33 a.m. - Minor in consumption report filed.

9:07 a.m. - Subjects came to the Law Enforcement Center with domestic questions. Information provided.

10:07 a.m. - Funeral block for Kersenbrock Funeral Home.

11:12 a.m. - Caller reported dog at large in the Cherry and Lincoln area. A second call reported the owner had the dog; officer was canceled.

11:20 a.m. - 911 caller reported problems with elevator at City Hall.

3:42 p.m. - Caller reported neighbors parking in and around his driveway. Information provided.

Friday

5:15 a.m. - Caller reported subject harassing her by phone. Everything OK.

9 a.m. - Spoke to subject on the phone about suspicious activity in her neighborhood.

10:09 a.m. - Helped motorist at Oasis.

10:43 a.m. - Subject called 911 needing ambulance, couldn't speak English. Located her, turned over to Emergency Medical Services. Four officers involved in search.

11:10 a.m. - Caller reported hit and run collision.

11:43 a.m. - Vehicle parked on the wrong side of the road in the 1100 block of Golden Ave. Contacted vehicle owner to move it.

12:05 p.m. - Caller reported ac-

cident.

12:08 p.m. - Caller requested welfare check on dog. Dog OK.

1:07 p.m. - Lost trailer tag. Report filed, entered in National Crime Information Center.

2:15 p.m. - Deprivation of property: subject came to station wanting to speak to officer about vehicle. Spoke to subject, turned over to Sheriff's Office.

4:28 p.m. - Caller reported possible drunk driver. Everything OK, driver not intoxicated.

5:50 p.m. - Walk through at Colby Community Building.

6:33 p.m. - Subject called 911 to advise of domestic violence. Two officers and a deputy responded. Report filed.

Saturday

3:58 a.m. - Walk-through at

Community Building.

7:06 a.m. - Subject wanted officer to go with him to reclaim an item. All OK, subject got item back.

9:52 a.m. - Walk through at Colby Community Building for Gun and Coin Show.

10:54 a.m. - Walk through at 1605 S. Range.

11:38 a.m. - Caller reported pickup blocking alleyway so that reporting party could not get vehicle out. Spoke to subject, vehicle moved.

11:43 a.m. - Suspicious person: caller reported a man sitting in vehicle at West Side Park for 20 to 25 minutes; wants him checked out. All OK.

3:19 p.m. - Walk through at Colby Community Building for

Gun and Coin Show.

6:45 p.m. - Subject came to station to report child abuse occurring in another county. Report filed.

8:52 p.m. - Caller reported erratic driver on N. Franklin by Colby High School. Suspected vehicle investigated, spoke with driver.

9:53 p.m. - Accident at Love's Country Store.

10:12 p.m. - Caller advised of inappropriate photos being posted. No report.

Sunday

12:27 a.m. - Caller advised of an underage party. No report.

8:47 a.m. - Walk through for Gun and Coin Show at Colby Community Building.

4:12 p.m. - Provided assistance

to Highway Patrol.

4:13 p.m. - Walk through for Gun and Coin Show load up at Colby Community Building.

6:31 p.m. - Caller reported out of control juvenile. Service rendered.

Monday

9:05 a.m. - Clerk reported theft of fuel.

12:03 p.m. - Caller reported two dogs at large. One caught and turned over to Colby Animal Clinic; owner will be contacted about the one still loose.

12:07 p.m. - Caller wanted permission to leave semi parked in the 200 block of E. Second for 30 minutes. Spoke to subject.

2:06 p.m. - Walk through at Colby Grade School and Colby Middle School.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

To have your ad placed in the Business Directory call Sharon or Kathryn today at **785-462-3963**

NEW SYSTEM
PROFESSIONAL WINDOW CLEANING
(800) 611-6735
www.MyWindowCleaner.net
Serving Colby since 1992!
Commercial • Residential • Free Estimates

I make insurance simple.
FARM BUREAU FINANCIAL SERVICES
Auto | Home | Life | Business | College | Retirement
Securities & services offered through EquiTrust Marketing Services, LLC*, 5400 University Ave., West Des Moines, IA 50266, 877/860-2904. Member SIPC. Farm Bureau Property & Casualty Insurance Company**, Western Agricultural Insurance Company***, Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company**** West Des Moines, IA. *Affiliates **Company providers of Farm Bureau Financial Services © 2011 FBL Financial Group, Inc. M083-ML-BC (5-11)

Natural Health Care
Lifestyle modification to promote balance and neurological integrity for individuals of all ages from infancy throughout one's lifespan.
Acupuncture - Needles or Laser treatments for allergies, facial rejuvenation, weight release and a variety of health related conditions with gentle chiropractic care.
*Participating Medicare, BCBS of KS
Provider and accept insurance from most medical insurance companies*
DUFFEY CHIROPRACTIC CARE, INC.
Cynthia J. Duffey DC MS LPC
Doctor of Chiropractic
320 N. Lake Ave.
Colby, KS 67701
785-460-3224

Dr. Tom Barlow DENTIST
785-460-7538
Appointments Readily Available
505 H N. Franklin, Colby

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT
Mobile Home Lots for Rent
\$165 Month
(includes water, sewer & storage shed)
FREE Month with approved application
Friendly Acres Mobile Home Park
1150 S. Franklin, Colby
Call 785-462-6445

ROOFMASTERS
Serving Colby for over 30 YEARS!
425 East Hill, Colby, KS
785-462-6642
RESIDENTIAL: Heritage Shingles, Wood Shingles, IR Shingles, Stone Coated Steel, Metal Panels
COMMERCIAL: EPDM Rubber, White TPO Single Ply, Modified Systems, Built up Systems, Elastomeric Coating
Licensed, Bonded, Insured
FREE ESTIMATES
WHO YA GONNA CALL?

Meadow Lake Restaurant & Lounge
Monday Nights \$1 Draws
Saturday Nights Prime Rib
785-460-6443
1085 E Golf Club Rd. • Colby, KS

THOMAS County INSURANCE AGENCY
Serving NW Kansas for over 100 years.
Representing many companies to provide all your insurance needs:

- Home, Auto, Boat, Motorcycle, RV
- Farm and Crop Insurance
- Commercial Property, Automobiles
- General Liability, Workers Compensation
- Inland Marine, Builders Risk
- Auto Service Shops
- Body Shop and Collision Repair
- Contractors
- Restaurants
- Salons and Day Spas
- Strip Malls, Condominiums
- Churches, Schools, Day Care Centers

Dennis R. Tubbs/Agent
P.O. Box 506 • 490 N. Franklin
Ph: 785-462-3939 • Fax: 785-462-3752
dtubbs@thomascountyins.com • www.thomascountyins.com

Baalmann Mortuary
190 S. Franklin • P.O. Box 391 • Colby, KS 67701
(785)462-2331
"Family Serving Families"

- Funeral & Cremation Services
- Monuments & Prearrangements

All Harrison Chapel Prearrangements will be honored

High Plains RV Resort
Live at the resort in your RV Oakley/Colby!
Live in your RV at the #1 rated RV resort in Kansas.
\$495 monthly rent - includes water, sewer and electric.
Hot tub, clean restrooms, Propane available, clubhouse and laundry room.
We only have a few sites available for monthly guests, so call us now.
High Plains RV Resort • (785)672-3538 • www.HighPlainsCamping.com
We sell PROPANE PROPANE PROPANE!