

Babies

Zenni Ann Mead



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Zenni Ann Mead, daughter of Brett and Stephanie Mead of Colby, was born Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 19 inches.

Brother Hendrix welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Chris and Sherry Mead and Eugene Wieland, all of Colby.

Great-grandparents are Bill and Thelma Wieland of Colby.

Quinten Gabriel Stanfield

Quinten Gabriel Stanfield, son of Jessica and Dustin Stanfield of El Dorado, was born Monday, Feb. 27, 2012, at the Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital in El Dorado. He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Quinten is welcomed home by

brothers Kolton, Tayden and Keegan.

Grandparents are Chris and Kevin Stanfield of McKinley, Texas, and Laura and Kenny Withington of Colby. Great-grandmother is Bertilla Wilson of Colby.



Lincoln S.

Lincoln Michael Stewart

Lincoln Michael Stewart, son of Jay and Kelly Stewart of Colby, was born Thursday, March 1, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 20 1/4 inches.

Sister Imogen welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Barb and Rob Stewart of Clay Center and Mike and Laura Whittington of Camarillo, Calif.

Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club

The Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club met March 5 at the Brewster school cafeteria.

President Kasey Hoyt called the meeting to order. Brett Roulier led the flag salute.

Alicia Barrie, Dominic Nichols and Austin Burkholder led the club in singing "Head, Shoulder, Knees and Toes." Nineteen members answered the roll call by naming a food they would like to bring to a 4-H meeting. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Dara Roulier.

Communications were read by parent leader Michele Werth. A thank you note was received from the Thomas County Walking Trail Committee for the club's donation.

Parent leader Kathy Baird said each family should fill out a 4-H Family Survey on paper or online. She reminded members to read the Extension newsletter since there is a lot of information about upcoming events and deadlines.

Parliamentarian Kelly Palmgren reported on how to make a friendly amendment to a motion.

Emeline Hutton reported on the 4-H Council meeting, telling members the club is to submit suggestions for 4-H trophies. She added that the report of the last 4-H meeting was published in the *Colby Free Press* on March 2.

Ben Baird reported that the club will do a model meeting on the evening of Friday, March 9, at County Club Days. Everyone

should attend.

The club decided to buy candy and fill eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Brewster. It will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 6, at the Brewster School football field.

Motion passed to pay \$25 of the camp registration fee for any members attending a 4-H camp. A donation will also be given to member Layton Werth for his cross country running trip to Australia this summer.

For the program there was a project talk by Dara Roulier on her swine project, a project talk by Kelly Palmgren on knitting, a demonstration by Michael Schmidt on how to read an ear notch on swine and a demonstration by Westin Schmidt on how to play a recorder.

For music and other, Hutton showed her new puppy to the club.

Layton Werth shared ten rules for handling guns for safety and health.

Recreation was a game of tag, which was led by Hoyt.

Announcements were read by Hoyt, reminding everyone of the dates for county and regional club days. Vice President Michael Schmidt read the program for next month's meeting, which will be Monday, April 9. The 4-H Pledge was led by Justin Schmidt. Hosts were the Barrie and House families.

— Emeline Hutton

Speakers planned for Library Week

Mark your calendar for National Library Week, April 9 to 13. Each day we will have a special speaker and a nice lunch. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. and we begin serving at that time. Our speakers are:

• Monday, April 9, author Nancy Pickard speaks on her book, "The Scent of Rain and Lightning."

• Tuesday, April 10, author Roderrick Townley speaks on his book, "The Door in the Forest."

• Wednesday, April 11, author Wyatt Townley speaks on her book, "The Afterlives of Trees."

• Thursday, April 12, retired librarian and popular speaker JoAnne Sunderman will review the book "Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President," by Candice Millard.

• Friday, April 13, Friends' board member Ann Miner and children's librarian Judy Kleinsorge will present the joy of books by discussing such books as "Tolstoy and the Purple Chair: My Year of Magical Reading," by Nina Sankovitch and "My Reading Life" by Pat Conroy.

Then, at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, just after National Library Week, the library will be closing for a month for refurbishing.

Our last activity in the library for a month will be Story Time for Toddlers at 10:15 a.m. that day. After lunch, the library will close to all regular business of checking out items, holding and having meetings and other activities.

We will begin the task of moving items out of the general library area, tearing up carpet and getting ready for the dusty work of installing new carpet, tile and other necessary repairs and updates.

Fear not. We are allowing patrons to check out items for a month. A person may check out five new books or new best sellers, in the general area, large print, junior fiction and picture book section, five DVDs, five audiobooks and a large number of fiction and non-fiction items in the regular section of the library.

In honor of National Library Week, we will begin checking the large numbers of items out to people on Monday, April 9.

All items will need to be checked out no later than 11 a.m. on April 18. If you want to return items earlier than Friday, May 18, when we reopen, you can return them in our drop box or drop off slots in the back driveway.

We want everyone to have the materials they need for that time, so do not be shy about checking items out and taking them home. Remember, the more you check out the lighter our library shelves will be to move.

This week I want to tell you about some special DVDs being added to our collection.

The Secrest Fund, maintained and distributed through the Thomas County Community Foundation, gave the library a grant of \$1,362.64 to purchase classic and Academy Award-winning films in DVD format.

We are adding 32 to our collection this week alone. I still have 50 more or so to order.

The first DVD added, "Elizabeth: The Golden Age," is directed



Melany Wilks

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by Shekhar Kapur and stars Cate Blanchett and Geoffrey Rush. Queen Elizabeth I ruled around 1585.

Spain, which has just discovered the new world, was plotting to take over England's throne. Elizabeth was also being challenged by Mary Queen of Scots, who claimed to be the rightful heir of the throne. Sir Walter Raleigh held an important role in saving England and as a friend of the queen. I most loved the added features about the making of the movie. This detailed how important historical knowledge of architecture, period art, clothing and culture are to making such a special movie.

Another DVD we added was "Mao's Last Dancer," starring Bruce Greenwood and Joan Chen. This is about a young boy taken from a primitive village in China. Li Cunxin is chosen to be one of 40 students in all of China to learn ballet.

The movie shows the political operations of the regime in the 1970s through the 90s. It portrays the intense work required to grow, learn and stay at their advanced level of performance. Li immigrates to the U.S. to dance in the Houston Ballet. From there it tells the challenges and successes he experiences. It is a wonderful, moving movie.

A third movie is "Hugo," starring Asa Butterfield, Chloe Grace Moretz and Christopher Lee. Hugo is a little boy whose father repairs watches and other mechanical things.

His father dies leaving Hugo an orphan who lives in the walls of the train depot with his uncle. He takes on the responsibility of keeping the large clocks running in the depot.

Hugo has another mission; his father has left him an automaton that must be fixed. This mechanical man can write and move through the use of thousands of gears. Hugo believes if he fixes it, the device will write a message from his father.

Hugo is challenged by a shopkeeper to pay for the items he has stolen by fixing objects in his toy store. He finds out this man holds the key to fixing the automaton.

While telling this story, the film creatively outlines the history of silent films made by George Mili. It brings us inspiration to appreciate our talents and use them to create and dream for those in our world beyond the mundane areas of life.

Among other movies we are adding are: "A Beautiful Mind," "A Tale of Two Cities," "Amadeus," "Ann of Green Gables," "Camelot," "Casablanca," "Cats: The Musical," "Chariots of Fire," "Doctor Zhivago," "Exodus," "Florence Nightingale," "From Here to Eternity," "Gandhi," "Gigi," "Gone With The Wind," "How Green Was My Valley,"

Leprechaun to test crosswalks

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Police officers in a leprechaun costume will frolic on Las Vegas streets to test whether drivers yield to pedestrians.

University of Nevada-Las Vegas Safe Community Partnership chief Erin Breen says police will hand out tickets Tuesday to motorists who fail to stop for the green-clad

pedestrians crossing streets.

Fines can run \$190 and up.

Corrections

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Deaths

Rose Gumescheimer

Rose Gumescheimer, 94, mother of Marvia (Fred) Miller of Colby, died Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at the Rush County Nursing Home in LaCrosse.

She was born April 2, 1917, in Hastings, Neb., the daughter of Jacob and Eva K. (Brunz) Bruntz.

On Nov. 9, 1943, she married Rueben Gumescheimer in Bazine. A homemaker, she was a member of St. Paul's Congregational Church, Bazine, and the Jolly '17ers.

Preceding her in death were her husband, on July 18, 1991, a brother, Ed Bruntz, a daughter-in-law, Emiko Gumescheimer, and a granddaughter, Kristin Rathbun.

Survivors include a son, James Gumescheimer, Cimarron; a daughter, Lois (Kirk) Miller, LaCrosse; three brothers, Sam (Es-

ther) Bruntz and John (Eileen) Bruntz of Bazine, and Ruben (Betty Rae) Bruntz, Springtown, Texas; two sisters, Viola Daubert, Otis, and Dorothy (Harold) Schoenhals, Perryton, Texas; a step-sister, Dorothy Almqvist, LaCrosse; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 17, 2012, at the church, with burial in the Bazine Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at the Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City.

The family requests no flowers and suggests memorials to the church or to the nursing home, in care of the funeral home, 207 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Ness City, Kan., 67560.

Shakespeare Club

The Shakespeare Club met Feb. 24 at the home of Diann Gerstner.

Gerstner called the meeting to order with the collect and flag salute. Six members and one guest answered roll call by telling about a past or pending trip.

Verna Wiens gave the treasurer's report and said the bill for a paving stone at the Prairie Museum of Art and History had been paid. Sheila Frahm said the stone had been ordered.

There was a thank you card from Joyce Hansen expressing her delight for the celebration at the last meeting which recognized her 50-year membership in the club.

Following adjournment, Gerstner gave a program on understanding dyslexia. She said the

term dyslexia was developed in the late 1800s and is derived from the Greek root -dys, meaning difficult; and -lexicos, meaning pertaining to words. In short, it means difficult words.

To illustrate, she presented common myths about dyslexia, followed with data, examples and further information about the topic. Club members had questions and agreed they were better informed and had learned a great deal. Members received a handout for further reading.

The afternoon concluded with a pretzel crust dessert, cashews and mint M&M's.

— Sheila Frahm

Sophomore from Colby to be Wildcat counselor

Kimberly Gerstner, a sophomore in microbiology from Colby, has been selected as a Wildcat Warm-up counselor for a Kansas State University program that helps new students get a head start in their college careers.

The program, back for its ninth year, is offered in addition to the university's summer orientation and enrollment programs. New students spend three days and two

nights at K-State to establish connections with students, faculty and staff and learn success strategies and university traditions.

Wildcat Warm-up, aimed at keeping students in school, is supported by registration fees and community sponsors.

This year's program will be offered Fridays through Sundays, June 8 to 10 and June 15 to 17.

Chronic disease management topic of hospital workshop

If you live with a chronic health condition, or are close to someone with a chronic health condition, you don't want to miss the Chronic Disease Self-Management Workshop that will be offered by the staff of Citizens Medical Center beginning Monday, April 2.

Continuing for six consecutive weeks, this workshop will be offered from 5:30 to 8 p.m. every Monday, at the Citizens Medical Center Conference Room in Colby. Light meals will be served each week.

The workshop teaches ways to improve healthful behaviors such as exercise, pain management and communication; improve health status, such as fatigue, disability and social activities; and decrease days in the hospital.

The program was developed by Stanford University. Registration is required and the workshop is limited to 20 people.

For information or to register, contact Jeanene Brown in the education department at (785) 460-4850.

Colby student selected to work on cancer research

Logan Wark, a senior in biology from Colby, is one of 47 undergraduates given the chance to conduct cancer research projects in the Johnson Cancer Research Center at Kansas State University this semester.

The center's Cancer Research Award program promotes undergraduate participation in laboratory research and encourages students to consider careers in cancer research and medicine.

"We are enlisting a new generation of cancer researchers and medical workers, and helping train them to do scientific research," said Rob Denell, center director and a university distinguished professor of biology.

The award program, which is open to K-State undergraduate students interested in doing cancer-relevant research, provides \$1,000 awards to up to 50 students a year, and \$1,000 per student, for research expenses, to their faculty

mentors.

Students applied for the awards in the fall by co-writing research proposals with faculty mentors affiliated with the center. The winners conduct their research in the mentors' laboratories during the spring semester.

"These are outstanding students working closely with faculty on real research projects, and some will undoubtedly go on to be top scientists and physicians," Denell said.

The students were recognized March 2 at a banquet attended by their families, center supporters and university faculty and administrators.

The center also provides other undergraduate scholarships and support for graduate student and faculty research and training through private gifts. Information is available at www.cancer.k-state.edu or by calling (785) 532-6705.

Markets

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