

Rexford's summer swings into action

It's going to be a busy couple of weeks in Rexford, and hot, too! I guess summer is really here.

On the up side, that means the kids can run through the sprinklers and we're getting even closer to being able to harvest vegetables from our garden.

Shepherd's Staff had the pleasure of serving the families of Brittany Ritter and Neal Jeffrey during their wedding festivities this weekend. The couple was married in Leoville, and the rehearsal dinner was held at the Shepherd's Staff Main Center on Friday night.

The Gideons held their monthly meeting at Shepherd's Staff on Saturday night.

Vacation Bible School is going on all week at the Rexford Community Church. Children age 2 through sixth grade can come "mine" for the truth in God's Word while learning about the Old West and gold mining. The program begins at 9 a.m. each morning and ends at noon; attendees will participate in lessons, snacks, crafts and lots of fun. The week will culminate with a program on Friday evening, and all members of the community are invited.

Shepherd's Staff will be holding Creative Arts Camp next week. The camp begins on Sunday evening, and we have a good



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group registered. The kids learn stagecraft, drama, puppetry, sign language, visual arts and more. They conclude their week with a program at 7 p.m. Friday, June 15, in the Shepherd's Staff Hall. We would love for all members of the community to come and see what the kids have learned. There are many Rexford children coming, so come on out and support them.

Tom and Judy McCarty would like to invite the community to an open house to celebrate the McCarty Dairy's new yogurt plant. The open house will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, at the dairy, about four miles north of the Nine-Mile Corner on U.S. 83. Come and see all the changes.

Don't forget about the community garage sale coming up Saturday, June 23. Anyone who plans to participate needs to contact me by Wednesday, June 13.

That's the news from Rexford. If you have an event coming up, please contact me at 687-2076 or griffithsgang@gmail.com. Have a great week!

Babies

Jensynn Jolene Williams

Jensynn Jolene Williams, daughter of Jeff and Marcia Williams of Hoisington, was born Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at the Great Bend Regional Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Grandparents are Ron and Charlene Kaus and Scott and Donnie Williams, all of Colby.

Great-grandparents are A.J. and Marjorie Horinek, Atwood; Eugene and Helen Normandin, Damar; the late Frederick Kaus, Selden; Loretta and the late Erban Williams, Hanover; Ken and the late Lois Bieber, Colby; and the late Wayne and Kathy Woerpel.



Jensynn W.

Josephine Mariah Rose Bain

Josephine Mariah Rose Bain, daughter of Matthew and Shelby Bain of Colby, was born Monday, May 21, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and measured

19 3/4 inches.

She was welcomed home by her brothers Augustus and Isaac.

Grandparents are Mike and Cindy Moses of Colby and Craig and Carol Bain of Ness City.

Brasen James Fikan



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Brasen James Fikan, son of Brad and Shannon Fikan of Colby, was born Friday, May 4, 2012, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 20 inches.

He was welcomed home by his siblings, Taden, 6; Ella, 3; and Emery, 1.

Grandparents are Melinda Fikan, John and Karen Fikan and Lowell and Sue Harter, all of Colby.

He is the great-grandson of Darrell and Bertha Fikan of Colby, Robert and Gay Briggs of Montezuma and Art McKnight of Enid, Okla.

Cameron James Brooks

Cameron James Brooks, son of Brent and Kristin Brooks of Colby, was born Friday, May 18, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 8 pounds and measured 19 1/4 inches.

Brothers Dylan and Kellen welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Craig and Tammy Munk of Austin, Texas; Rocky and Kathy Mackley-Torres

of Oakley; and Dennis Brooks and Dave and Debbie Graham, all of Norton.

Great-grandparents are Doug and Sharon Mackley of Winona; and Don and Betty Brooks and Norine Bailey, all of Norton.

Cameron is the great, great-grandson of Norma Washburn of Scottsdale, Ariz.

LillieAnne and Liam Dennis

Michael Dennis and Cherri Headley of Colby welcomed twins on Friday, May 11, at Citizens Medical Center.

LillieAnne Kristine Dennis weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 18 inches.

Liam Dean Dennis weighed 5 pounds, 7 ounces and measured

19 inches.

They were welcomed home by their brothers Thomas Norris and Jason Norris, and sister Callie Camp.

Grandparents are Kenny and Tammy Dennis of Colby, Pat Tonsing of Bennett, Colo. and Dean Headley of Burlington, Colo.

Miguel Kaleb Gonzalez

Miguel Kaleb Gonzalez, son of Miguel and Nubia Gonzalez of McDonald, was born Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounce and measured 19 inches.

Sisters Kimberly Eileen and Kendy Janely welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Pedro Velazquez and Elvira Alcalà and Miguel Gonzalez and Maria Felix Alcalà.

Micheal Patrick Robert Kitchel

Micheal Patrick Robert Kitchel, son of Richelle Kitchel of Oakley, was born Friday, May 25, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces

and measured 21 inches.

Micheal is the grandson of Cinnamon Kitchel and the nephew of Samantha Kitchel and Sadie Kitchel, all of Oakley.

Arthur LaVan Phillippi

Arthur LaVan Phillippi, son of Adam and Laura Phillippi of Oakley, was born Thursday, May 17, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Brothers Dylan and Carson wel-

comed the baby home.

Grandparents are Greg Phillippi, Mark Whiteman and Lewis and Naomi Phillippi, all of Oakley; Teresa Shepherd and Max and Audrey Houston, all of Lapoint, Utah; and Art and Alice Pepperl of Winona.

Meadow Lake Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Tuesday were first, Gail Vacca;

second, Lyle Worthy; third, Barb Ulmer; fourth, Margaret Danneler; fifth, Elaine Ptacek; and sixth, Katie Melvin.

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.

Weed eradication now at critical stage

Every gardener knows there are several critical time lines out there in the backyard that we must meet head on if we expect to enjoy good production. There is a critical time for planting, for watering, for mulching and, of course, for harvesting. Guess what time it is now?

Due to the unusually early advent of the spring season, we have all been given the extended opportunity to eradicate the influx of those miserable weeds. If you mulched well, then your job is much easier. If you haven't mulched, you are probably noticing a great deal of wear and tear on your hoe, and any other weeding devices that you may have in your arsenal. Those ugly amaranth type of pig weeds have been giving me early trouble again this spring. You know the ones. Three inches tall yesterday - six inches tall today.

But that's not the only weed problem I had out there before I mulched. Not by a long shot. There were Mexican sand burrs, spurge, hen bit, lambs quarter, (most of which I ate) eastern black nightshade, Russian thistle, marrow, oxalis and goat heads. Others remain nameless. The worst ones are the delicate little grassy types that always seem to show up between the onion plants which of course is out of reach of the hoe. Therefore, the old "thumb and forefinger" method of weed control must be instigated, and once again this year, I have developed the dreaded affliction better known as Weed Puller's Finger. My doctor tells me I will fully recover by the time of the first frost in October.

And so, getting rid of the weeds



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is Job One right now, just like it was last year at this time. When the weather warms up, the weeds grow, usually faster than the beans and the beets. And if we don't get rid of them, we have what is generally referred to as "crop failure." If only we had added large handfuls of mulch between those rows of potatoes and tomatoes a few weeks ago, the weed population would have been greatly reduced. But even now, as you clean out the weeds, replace them with some dry grass clippings or straw, or old hay, or even shredded newspaper.

It goes without saying that most rapidly growing vegetables in our gardens are at a critical stage right now, and if we don't do something to reduce the weed population, then the competition between the good and the bad could end up in defeat.

As temperatures rise into the 90s now on a regular basis, the weeds will begin to take over if we are not extremely diligent. Weeds sap the moisture and the nutrients from the soil, and if not eliminated, crop production will be limited, at best.

But hang in there! Get out of bed an hour earlier for a few mornings and enjoy the best part of the day before the thermometer rises. The birds are singing; the air is delightfully cool, and the quietness is wonderful. The weeds await your visit, and so do all the good things in your garden.

Send cards for birthday

The family of Janet Phelps of Colby, who will be celebrating her 78th birthday next Monday, June 11, 2012, is requesting a card shower in honor of her birthday, since she will be in the hospital.

Cards may be sent to her home at 1130 S. Court Ave., Colby, Kan., 67701, or in care of Citizens Medical Center, 100 E. College Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

K-State names grads

Several students from Thomas County are among the 2,825 students graduating from Kansas State University this spring.

Graduates from Colby are Mitchell Gregory Gatz, Bachelor of Science in construction science and management; Gerald Joseph Hutfles, Bachelor of Arts; Courtney Elizabeth Ress, Bachelor of

Arts; Justin David Shields, Bachelor of Science in agriculture; Kayla Rynelle Sloan, Bachelor of Science in agriculture; and Laurence Austin Taylor, Bachelor of Science in agriculture.

From Gem, Todd Matthew Ziegelmeier graduated with a Bachelor of Science in agriculture.

Fort Hays offers campfire tales

A new living history program will be held at Historic Fort Hays this summer. "Campfire Tales" will be from 8 to 9 p.m. on Friday at the old fort military post on the southwest edge of Hays.

This night around the campfire features music and stories by David "Zerf" Zervas and homemade refreshments by Rita Stramel. Zerf is a musician and historian who has written and sings about the people and events that shaped the west, particularly Kansas.

His songs include "When the Smoky Runs Dry," "California Joe" and "Beautiful Katie (Bloody Bender)." His CDs are "On Distant Prairie Swells" and "Six-String Justice."

Rita Stramel is the owner of the Tea Rose Inn Bed and Breakfast in Hays and is known around the area as a consummate chef. Her delectable recipes include such treats as mini meat pastries, corn cakes with peach preserves, fruit cobbler, old-fashioned cookies and cakes. Everything is made from scratch with locally grown ingredients.

Admission is \$5 per person and reservations are required by calling (785) 625-6812. This program will also be held on Fridays July 13 and August 17.

For information, contact Bob Wilhelm at Historic Fort Hays, 1472 Hwy. 183 Alt in Hays, (785) 625-6812 or thefort@kshs.org.

Brewster senior chosen for Washington tour

Will Allen, son of Don and Colleen Allen of Brewster and a senior at Brewster High School next year, is among 33 Kansas students chosen by Kansas electric cooperatives for the 52nd annual "Government in Action" Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., Thursday, June 14, through Thursday, June 21.

Allen was selected by Midwest through his application, which included an essay on why he wanted to go on the trip.

The students from Kansas will join 1,500 others from 45 states to visit the U.S. Capitol, the memorials of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Thomas Jefferson and Martin Luther King, Jr., tour the Arlington National Cemetery and the Smithsonian. They will also meet with Sens. Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran, and the Kansas congressional delegation during their visit to D.C.

The Youth Tour was inspired by Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson when he declared at a national electric cooperative meeting in 1957, "If one thing goes out of this meeting, it will be sending youngsters to the national capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents."

In 2004, Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., joined up with Hawaii's Kua'i Island Utility Cooperative to give four high school students from Hawaii the opportunity to take part in the Youth Tour and travel with Kansas students to our nation's capital.

Shana Read, Director of Communications at KEC, has helped organize the partnership between the two states from the beginning.

"We were delighted to accommodate the Hawaii delegation as part of our youth tour," said Read. "The students were so excited to get to know each other and it was a great experience for everyone."

The annual youth tour is coordinated by KEC, the statewide service organization for the rural electric cooperatives in Kansas. Formed in 1941 and headquartered in Topeka, KEC represents the interests of and provides needed services and programs to the electric co-ops that serve in Kansas. Today, KEC serves 29 distribution electric cooperatives and three generation and transmission electric cooperatives providing electricity to over 200,000 Kansas households and to approximately 80 percent of the land mass.

Dinosaur train to be in Hays

Get up, get out, and get into nature! Buddy the Dinosaur will be dropping by Hays for a Dinosaur Train Nature Trackers Club event, presented by Smoky Hills Public Television from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Sternberg Museum of Natural History in Hays.

Families can join Buddy and his adoptive pteranodon family on a Nature Trackers Club adventure as they take part in activities such as insect and leaf collecting, bird watching, pond sweeping and even riding a mini train. Plus, kids will have a chance to get their photo taken with Buddy the Dinosaur.

"We are excited to be able to bring Buddy the Dinosaur to Hays for this great family event," said

Tricia Flax, event coordinator. "Parents can bring their children to meet Buddy and participate in fun activities, as well as get outdoors and teach them about nature."

From the Jim Henson Company, the Dinosaur Train series encourages scientific thinking and other skills as it teaches children about natural science, natural history and paleontology.

While at the Sternberg Museum, families can view the current museum exhibit, "Giants: African Dinosaurs."

For information call (800) 337-4788 or visit www.smokyhillstv.org.

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