

## Centenarian celebrates with family in Phoenix

A celebration to honor Vaughn R. Sears, a long-time property owner near Gem, was held on Aug. 25, at the Pointe Hilton Resort in Phoenix for his 100th birthday, which was Aug. 17, 2012.

In 1915, Sears moved to Colby from Ashland, Neb., with his parents, Charles and Mabel Sears, and two older brothers, Noyes and Fred, both deceased.

In 1931 he graduated with honors from Colby High School, going on to the University of Nebraska and West Point Military Academy before being drafted by the army for World War II. He spent a year at Ohio State University studying engi-

neering before being sent to the Philippines for duty.

After the war he returned briefly to Kansas before going to Denver University, where he earned a degree in accounting.

He married Lucille Ogilby of Kentucky, now deceased, and they had two daughters, Martha Deborah Kapp of Tucson, Ariz., and Mary Ann Sears of Prescott, Ariz.

Sears has two grandchildren, a sister Lois L. Ferguson of Denver, a nephew John Sears of Bella Vista, Ark., who spent 50 years here, and other nieces and nephews.

Cards are welcome and may be sent to Sears at 1840 E. Keim Dr., Phoenix, Ariz., 85016.



Vaughn Sears

## Send cards for birthday

Viola L. Jones of Colby will celebrate her 94th birthday with a card shower on Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012.

Her sister, Mary Lou Bell of Centennial, Colo., is inviting family and friends to help celebrate with birthday and get well cards. She asks everyone to keep her sister in your prayers and encourages women to get a mammogram and regular screenings for breast cancer.

Jones has no children or

grandchildren, but enjoys spending time with her nieces, nephews and cousins. Her husband, William “Bill” Jones, died in August 1995.

Now retired, Jones worked for over 25 years in admissions for the Good Samaritan center, which became the Thomas County Care Center, in the building which now houses the Thomas County Office Complex.

Cards may be sent to 520 W. Fourth St., Colby, Kan., 67701.



Viola Jones

# Colby Middle School released honor roll list

Here is the Colby Middle School Honor Roll for the first quarter. To make the Orange & Black Club, students needed a 3.0 (B) grade average. For the Academic Club, they had to have all A's, with no more than one B. Top Academic students are the girl and boy in each grade with the highest average.

### Sixth Grade

**Top Academic** – Kellyn Wahlmeier, Jordan Schippers.

**Orange & Black Club** – Taylor Bieberle, Scott Bogart, Heath Bolyard, Kyler Britt, Thomas Cline, Caitlin Comfort, Emma Dixon, Alex Ferguson, Kensey Garrett, Nicole Griffin, Zach Johnson, Alyssa Kraft, Makenna Mettlen, Gabby Miller, Kainin O'Malley, Josh Olson, Trinity Pfeifer, Aaron Platt, Isaac Rosales, Abby Rose, Tristan Slinger, Jeff Turner, Jesilyn Weis, Tyler Zerr.

**Academic Club** – Brooke Alexander, Taylor Barnett, Tucker Branum, Maia Cape, Alexis Carney, Macy Catlin, Wendy Chavez, Marina Conner, Samantha Coulter, Sean Dinning, Kory Finley, Seth Hutfles, Paeton McCarty, Jayln Mettlen, Rynne Meyer, Trey Miller, Nataly Oliver, Peyton Ortnier, Austin Reed, Jordan Schippers, Kurt Schroeder, Paige Schroer, Dalton Schuette, Carter Stanley, Nicolette Stapp, Mariah Thompson, Jakob Tubbs, Kellyn Wahlmeier, Abi Wetter, Gage Winger.

### Seventh Grade

**Top Academic** – Alexandra Finley, Sean Rall.

**Orange & Black Club** – Alex Beitz, Julian Bixenman, Trista Boehme, Cadyn Dixon, Carianne Farrow, Desiree Foster, Anna Giersch, Austin Hamel, Zach Hart, Jennifer Hughes, Chloe Imhof, Dru Keen, Madisyn Lemman,

## Pickup taken

WHITE PIGEON, Mich. (AP) – Authorities say a pickup truck with four flat tires that hadn't run for five or six years was reportedly targeted by thieves in southwestern Michigan.

MLive.com reports (bit.ly/S72UwN) that the truck was taken during the last two to four weeks in White Pigeon, about 80 miles south of Grand Rapids.

The St. Joseph County sheriff's department says the red, 2000 Dodge had a 100-gallon aluminum fuel tank in its bed along with an aluminum toolbox.

A witness reported seeing a flat-bed wrecker take the pickup truck as a second tow truck followed.

# Surf Internet safely; keep hackers away

With just a few clicks on the Internet, you can pay your bills, order dinner, make vacation plans or secure a loan.

As the holiday season approaches, many of us will be shopping from retailers worldwide and having their products shipped right to our front door. But with this cyber-convenience comes the responsibility to protect ourselves and our families from hackers who are looking to steal personal and financial information.

You should always be willing to upgrade to the latest in computer security technology. It also helps to apply caution and common sense to actions you take while surfing the Internet. Cyber criminals are just like all other criminals – they are opportunistic.

They look for your online weaknesses and mistakes. If you allow yourself to be fooled by spam, phishing e-mails or phony web offers, you could be providing information that allows a criminal to wipe out bank accounts and steal identities.

To protect your personal information and prevent online oversights, consider the following tips.

- Keep your anti-virus, anti-spyware and firewalls current. Your security settings and software are critical to keeping computer hackers from gaining access to your computer.

- Don't save personal information, including resumes or financial records on your hard drive. Save them to a disk or thumb drive. Ask yourself what a hacker could find out about you if they accessed your stored documents.

- Use passwords or answers to security questions that only you would know. A little research on the Internet can help thieves find the answers to common security questions such as your mother's



### Derek Schmidt

#### • Attorney General

maiden name. Make up an answer that only you would know.

- Know whom you're dealing with. Don't click on links that are listed in an e-mail to you. Type the web addresses directly into your browser or use a trusted search engine. Spammers frequently use spoofed links in e-mails to direct you to fake websites to steal your information.

- Be cautious shopping online. Fraudulent but convincing retail websites are often created so that a hacker can steal your information or take your money. Look for the retailer's physical address and telephone number and confirm that they have a secure website.

- Read the fine print and ask the company for more information about products or services if needed. Make sure you know the total costs, delivery date and any cancellation or return policies. Print out or save this information in your e-mail so you have documentation.

- If you're buying items through online auction sites, be sure to check the seller's reviews from past buyers. Also make sure you understand the shipping costs and return policy, as these can vary by seller. Make sure the site has adequate buyer protection policies in case of fraudulent sales.

The Kansas Attorney General's Office works to protect Kansas consumers. Following a few simple guidelines will help prevent cyber criminals from taking advantage of you. If you think you have been victimized by an online scam, contact the Kansas Attorney General's Consumer Protection hot line at (800) 432-2310 or go to [www.ag.ks.gov](http://www.ag.ks.gov).

# Health Center to hold series of public meetings

The Rawlins County Health Center has raised over \$1 million in a capital campaign that began earlier this year. In a push to reach the \$1.25 million goal, the center will hold public meetings in McDonald, Herndon and Atwood this month.

“This is a really exciting time for us to be going out to the public and informing them of what we have purchased already with capital campaign money, and what we still need to continue to improve the health and quality of life of the individuals and communities we serve,” said Deanna Freeman, chief executive and hospital administrator.

The campaign is designed to help complete the renovation of the 60-year-old building, for equipment purchases, physician recruitment and retention, increasing outpatient services and possible debt repayment, she said.

The first meeting was to be held in McDonald today. The next meetings will be at the hospital, at noon Wednesday and at noon and 5:15 p.m. on Thursday. Others will be at noon Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the Obert Senior Center in Atwood, at 7 p.m. that night at the Herndon Senior Center and at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, in

the McDonald American Legion Hall.

The center will sponsor two “coffee talks” where people can come have causal conversations with hospital officials, from 9 to 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, at the Williams Brothers Grocery deli in Atwood and from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, at Roger's Bar and Grill in Herndon.

Hospital officials will talk about the campaign at all the meetings, and give people an opportunity to ask questions of hospital staff and board members.

The center, now licensed as a critical access hospital, opened in 1950. It now operates the hospital, rural health clinics and the new Prairie Plaza Retirement Community, and emergency room, laboratory, radiology, physical therapy and cardiac rehab services, as well as inpatient, “swing bed” and observation treatment. It has a specialty clinic with cardiologists coming from Hays and Denver, an oncologist and a surgeon from Denver and a podiatrist from Atwood. For information, contact Suzanna Dozbaba at (785) 626-3211, ext. 200.

## Deaths

### Stephanie Bowers

Stephanie (Fromholtz) Bowers, 53, a Colby homemaker, died Thursday, Nov. 1, 2012, at Swed-

ish Medical Center in Englewood, Colo., following a long illness. Services are pending.

### Rodney Ray McFee

Rodney Ray McFee, 80, a retired farmer from Colby, died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012, at the Hays Medical Center.

Memorial services at the United Methodist Church in Atwood are pending.

## High Plains Lions Club

President Melinda Morton chaired the meeting of the High Plains Lions Club Oct. 22. Several members were absent due to the annual meeting of the Colby Community College Endowment Association.

Virgil Jones shared some facts about Halloween, including that the first jack-o'-lanterns were made from turnips; the first Halloween was celebrated in Ireland; there are twice as many children killed as pedestrians on Halloween eve; and trick-or-treat was started in Alberta, Canada, in 1927.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as corrected and the treasurer's report given.

The joke of the evening was

## Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday at Colby Community College with 32 members and guests Kim Bear, Tomi Miller, Kathie Peyton, Brady Rose and Madison Tubbs.

President Melany Wilks gave the welcome and club announcements and thanked those who helped with the trash pickup.

Miller, Rose and Tubbs extended an invitation to members to attend the melodrama Thursday and Friday at Colby High School. Each student told about the role they will be portraying in “Dark Deeds at Swan's Place.”

Marla Crumrine had the program. Her guest was Bear with

Kim Bear Photography, who shared a PowerPoint presentation of her photography. She uses film and natural light to take photographs – mostly women, babies and some weddings. She also teaches a six hour “Heart of Art” workshop where students can participate in either the camera basics or advanced class. Bear also teaches a camera workshop just for kids.

Connie Renner won Roto-Lotto.

Rotary meets weekly in Room 106 of the Student Union.

– Relda Galli

# Honor roll released for Brewster schools

The Brewster School District has released the Honor Roll for the first nine-week grading period. To be on the Superintendent's Honor Roll, students must earn a 4.0 grade average. Those on the Principal's Honor Roll must have a grade average of 3.5 to 3.99. Honor Roll students have an average of 3.0 to 3.49.

### High School

#### Principal's Honor Roll

**Seniors:** Will Allan, Ben Baird, Dan Brown, Michael Schmidt.

**Juniors:** Ashley Barrie.

**Sophomores:** Alicia Barrie, Dara Roulier, Layton Werth.

**Freshmen:** Taylry Cheatum, Rachel Friess.

### Honor Roll

**Seniors:** Courtney Doxon,

Chris Kraemer.

**Juniors:** Nathan Jorgensen.

**Sophomores:** Jace Jorgensen.

**Freshmen:** T-Aera Abbott, Quinton Clymer, Justin Schmidt.

### Junior High

**Superintendent's Honor Roll Grade 8:** Tad Holm.

### Principal's Honor Roll

**Grade 8:** Kylee Cheatum, Jaden Schmidt.

### Honor Roll

**Grade 8:** Ciara Aguilar, Robert Albritton, Dalton Arntt, J.B. Felzien.

**Grade 7:** Katelynn Barnes, Adrian Mercado, Levi Rall.

**Grade 6:** Karlee Brown, Mackedzie Clymer, Hunter House, Brett Roulier.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$8.48
Corn (bushel)	\$7.44
Milo (hundredweight)	\$12.75
Soybeans (bushel)	\$14.37

Colby High School Drama Department presents:

## Dark Deeds at Swan's Place or Never Trust a Tattooed Sailor

By Tim Kelly - Published by Samuel French, Inc

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## Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for all the cards and well wishes and prayers I got for my birthday, and I thank the good Lord for giving me 85 years of a good life.

*John Galli*

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