

Blood driving coming next week in Brewster

The Brewster High School Student Council will be holding a Red Cross Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. next Monday in the school gym. Appointments are required. Contact Rae Stewart at 694-2236 or 694-3464.



Angie Moore

Brewster Correspondent

Brewster master gardeners Colleen Rall, Leisha Carpenter, LeAnne Carney and Lesa Juemann are asking for donations to buy plants for the flower pots on the four corners of Main Street and Kansas Avenue. Last year was quite a challenge with the heat and wind so plans are to plant hardier varieties. Donation containers are at the Brewster Grocery, the Co-

op, the Senior Center and the Craft Peddler. For information please contact one of the gardeners.

If you have Brewster news or upcoming events you would like to share please let me know. E-mail angiem@st-tel.net, call 694-3008, or drop information off at the Prairie Land Insurance office.

Thank you!!

Plant oddity review livens a late season

Many of us are, shall I say, surprised at the lateness of the new garden season. Others of us might choose a stronger word to describe our situation.



Kay Melia

The Gardener

But as I hang out close to the fireplace when I should be outside planting something, I thought it might be a good time to talk about a few other surprises. Or in this scenario, the unusual or surprising pieces of plant life that we read about – and even plant – in our own gardens.

You may remember when the "yard-long" bean was introduced in seed catalogs several decades ago. It's still there, which indicates to me that there are still many green bean lovers out there who insist on trying to get more for their money. After all, a yard-long bean has a lot more bulk than a regular size green bean, so why not go for one that might feed a family of four with only five or six beans?

I tried them many years ago, just like you did. I rigged up some kind of trellis for them to run on. I planted a whole packet of seed, six plants emerged, two of them died shortly thereafter, and the other four produced enough five-inch beans for a small helping for two of us. So much for that fad.

A fad I didn't try, but one that made a millionaire out of some venturesome would-be gardeners, is the upside-down tomato planting system. A couple of years ago, just about everyone bought one, but nowadays hardly anyone will admit it. But they actually produced tomatoes, and they are still readily available today.

The newest offer of unusualness that I've seen showed up in at least one of the seed catalogs I received this year. It's called a Dwarf Fruit Cocktail tree, described as an

amazing "one tree orchard," that promises you production of six delicious varieties of fresh fruit from just this one tree.

You'll likely pick peaches, plums, apricots and nectarines. That's only four, not six as advertised, so I assume the other two are additional varieties of the aforementioned, if you understand what I'm saying. One tree, nicely grafted and two or three feet tall, \$19.99. Good luck with your fruit salad some day.

Ever hear of a Goji Berry? Well, you should, because they're loaded with antioxidants, lots of vitamins and are simply delicious. The plants can grow to 10 feet tall and the leaves make delicious tea.

When you order a Goji Berry, you also might want to order a Sea Berry bush or two. Sea Berrys are hardy, up to 40 degrees below zero. I shoulda had a few in my garden this spring.

Other growing things available for your garden this year include the giant Sakurajima radish that grows to the size of a 10 to 15 pound watermelon and is crisp to the last bite. Or how about a banana cantaloupe that resembles an 18- to 24-inch melon shaped like a banana? Yummy!

All the crops mentioned here are available from the same catalog. If you're interested in ordering something from this publication, you can have mine.

Oh, I forgot! Order one "Mosquito Shoo Geranium" at the regular price and get the second one for just a penny more.

County attorney has first assistant here

By Heather Alwin

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Thomas County welcomed its first assistant county attorney, Craig Lowe, in February.

Lowe graduated from Chadron State College, where he earned a criminal justice degree, and later the Washburn University School of Law. He is from Hershey, Neb.

After law school, he practiced at a small firm in Lenexa and in his own solo practice. He said his cases consisted mainly of family

law and criminal defense.

Here, he said, he "represents the county in everything from prosecuting criminals to advising where the county can put a road – and everything in between," working as the assistant to County Attorney Kevin Berens.

He said he enjoys the outdoor opportunities the Thomas County area has to offer since he is an avid hunter and runner. He is gearing up to run a half-marathon this fall. He added that his favorite thing about his position so far is the people he works with.

Concert, contest lead to state festival Saturday

By Taylor Todd

Golden Plains High School

On March 26, the Golden Plains gym was filled, and it wasn't for basketball. The high school and middle school students performed choir and band solos and ensembles they would be taking to contest. The high school regional contest was April 6. In order to qualify for state festival Saturday, they needed a I rating at regionals. "It was fun to hear everyone's solo," said Brianna Stoll, a vocalist.

"I liked how everybody came together in the group pieces," added vocalist Maddy Walz. The program had both solo and ensemble performances for both instruments and voice.

At the regional contest April 6 in Oberlin, Mikayla Lobato qualified for state with her vocal solo,

along with Kami Miller with her French horn solo.

Also qualifying were the girls' ensemble including Macayla Easton, Hailee Spresser, Leea Juemann and Maddy Walz, and the boys ensemble with group members Jacob Antholz, Tristan Schwarz, Grant Spresser, Derrick Redmer and Joseph Koerperich. The mixed ensemble consisted of the boys' and girls' ensemble groups along with Kaycie Clapp, Rebecca Bange, Tayler Petersen, Kyndra Rush, Kami Miller, Jordan Christensen, Emmy Fringer and Brianna Stoll also qualified.

Others participating at regionals were Luke Wessel with a drum solo, Jacob Antholz with a trumpet solo and a second girls ensemble group. Golden Plains will be taking 18 students to the State Music Festival Saturday in Wichita.

Colby girl earns scholarship

Shelby Gardner, daughter of Chris and Renae Gardner of Colby, has earned a Silver Presidential scholarship to attend Chadron

State College.

She plans to study health and physical education at Chadron State this fall.

Vietnam police seize 53 cobras

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) – Vietnamese police say they have seized 53 king cobras from a car in Hanoi and arrested the driver.

Officer Dang Van Hanh said Monday the live snakes were taken to a wildlife rescue center near the capital where they were treated before being released into the wild.

King cobras are the world's longest venomous snake, and grow up to 5.5 meters (18 feet). The meat of the king cobras is considered a delicacy by some

in Vietnam, where hunting and trading the snakes is banned. The snakes are also sometimes preserved in traditional medicines.

The snakes, which were kept in green sacks, were seized Friday.

Hanh said the car driver told officers he was paid to transport them. Local media reported he was paid under \$50.

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On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

April 12

12:17 p.m. – Phone harassment report filed on incident.

2:10 p.m. – Provided traffic control for ambulance crew.

3:38 p.m. – Caller reported bike found behind residence. Bike brought to station.

4:40 p.m. – Dog at large contained, taken to Colby Animal Clinic.

6:08 p.m. – Collision at School and Cherry.

6:30 p.m. – Subject advised theft of money. Report filed.

7:35 p.m. – Caller reported possible phone scam. Spoke to reporting party, information provided.

8:22 p.m. – Vehicle seen driving into Ferguson Park. All OK.

April 13

12:08 a.m. – Report filed on domestic disturbance.

8:40 a.m. – Caller was assaulted. Report filed.

8:45 a.m. – Goodland arrest warrant served.

10:20 a.m. – Subjects came to station in reference to wanting someone to not come back on property. Civil matter; information given to reporting parties about eviction process.

10:50 a.m. – Theft: report filed for second incident of unlawful use of debit card from earlier case.

11:42 a.m. – 911 caller advised of domestic battery. Report filed, notice to appear issued.

12:56 p.m. – Helped undersheriff on horse call.

2:28 p.m. – Caller reported subject had a credit card taken. Report filed, card was found.

2:33 p.m. – Assisted undersheriff on suspicious vehicle call.

3:43 p.m. – Two dogs at large. Owner contacted to pick up dogs.

3:57 p.m. – Helped motorist in the 1200 block of S. Range.

7:45 p.m. – Caller reported debit card found in street. Brought to station, owner was contacted.

8:30 p.m. – Caller smelled drugs. Report filed.

10:46 p.m. – Caller reported subjects talking loud. Subjects spoken to; weren't loud.

April 14

1:15 a.m. – Security check at Walmart.

2:24 a.m. – Caller reported subject texting him and violating protection from abuse order. Spoke with the reporting party.

5:58 a.m. – Removed debris from Fourth and Franklin.

9:20 a.m. – Criminal damage to property: subject came to station about incident. Report filed.

1:55 p.m. – Collision.

Last Monday

5:04 a.m. – Caller reported a domestic disturbance. Report filed for protection from abuse order violation.

5:39 a.m. – Caller reported subject standing outside residence. Spoke with reporting party and advised subject did make it home.

9:02 a.m. – Walk through at Colby Grade School

9:20 a.m. – Walk through at

Deaths

Bill Don Klein

Bill Don Klein, 79, San Diego, brother-in-law of Grace Jones, Mildred Green and Anna Mary Barnett of Colby, died Thursday, April 4, at Mount Miguel Covenant Health Care in San Diego after a long battle with dementia.

He was born Aug. 25, 1933, in Delta, Colo., the son of Alvin and Bertha Coe, and grew up in Napa Valley, Calif.

In 1953, he joined the Marine Corps. After boot camp, he returned to Colby and married Helen Barnett on Sept. 3, 1953, leaving immediately for Jacksonville, N.C. She joined him when he was stationed in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, for 18 months.

Following his discharge, they lived in Olathe, where he studied auto body work. In 1961, the family moved to the San Diego area, where he worked at the Fuller Ford body shop and other Ford dealerships. Later, he bought a Matco Tool distributorship, with a route in the South Bay area for 12 years.

After retiring, he enjoyed travel of all kinds, from camping in the desert to a 50th anniversary cruise to Tahiti in 2003.

A member of the Classic T-Bird

Club, he enjoyed driving in many parades. He was a member of the Drill Instructor Association and was always available for Veterans Day and Fourth of July parades.

He was a member of the Sweetwater Community Church in Bonita, Calif.

Preceding him in death were his parents; five sisters, Barbara Gillooly, twins Mildred Klein and Mary Klein, Nancy Mize and Mary Jane Dyer; a son-in-law, Ed Martinez; and two granddaughters, Rebecca Martinez and Amber Brislin.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Peggy Martinez and Sharon (Chuck) Brislin; a son, Lyle (Ruth) Klein; a brother, Tom (Phyllis) Klein; six grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

Memorials services will be Saturday, April 27, 2013, at the church in Bonita, with inurnment Monday, April 29, at the Miramar National Cemetery in San Diego.

The family suggests memorials for digging water wells in Africa, in care of the church, 5305 Sweetwater Rd., Bonita, Calif., 91902, attention: Sweetwater Project/Bill Klein.

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday with 38 members and guests Gabby Browne, Christy Griffiths, Cameron McLaughlin, Jim McLaughlin, Rhonda McLaughlin, Tatum Rundel and Madison Tubbs.

Members Jeff Horlacher and Leilani Thomas were recognized for recent birthdays.

Vice President Marilyn Unger announced President Melany Wilks will serve as assistant district governor for 2013-14.

Pat Sloan distributed registration and sponsorship forms for the Rotary-Chamber Golf Tourna-

ment Friday, May 31.

Mike Tubbs had the program. His guests were Browne, Cameron McLaughlin and Tubbs, members of the Colby High School forensics team. Gabby presented "Just Checking" by Emily Colas; Madison presented "If I Should Have a Daughter" by Sara Kay and Cameron presented "A 2.5 Minute Ride" by Lisa Kron.

Mike Tubbs won Roto-Lotto. The club meets each Tuesday at the Colby Community College in Room 106 of the Student Union.

-Relda Galli

Heartland Christian School.

9:25 a.m. – Caller reported two dogs at large. Not found.

9:27 a.m. – Walk through at Sacred Heart School.

1:18 p.m. – Caller reported abandoned pickup there since February. Vehicle towed to impound.

2:19 p.m. – Provided program for Heartland Christian School students at Farmers at Merchants Bank.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

April 12

1:13 p.m. – Transported inmate for doctor's appointment.

6:23 p.m. – Domestic: third party report of subject with firearm. Protective Custody report filed.

April 13

10:39 a.m. – On-Star called about possible vehicle crash notification. At 10:48, they advised to disregard; all OK.

1:19 p.m. – Caller received harassing text messages. Report filed.

4:36 p.m. – Booked Bronwyn Ann Bitner.

5:06 p.m. – Released Bitner.

Last Monday

7:10 a.m. – Brought inmate from Sherman County Sheriff's Office to Law Enforcement Center for court.

8:03 a.m. – Caller wanted warrant issued for bad check he received. Spoke to reporting party; civil matter.

9:12 a.m. – Caller reported

neighbor's cattle out on his property. Owner there handling matter and fixing fence; all OK.

9:43 a.m. – Took inmate from Law Enforcement Center to Sherman County Sheriff's Office.

11:45 a.m. – Subject came to station about lost license tag in Brewster area. Report filed.

12:27 p.m. – Report filed for possible protection from abuse order violation.

12:44 p.m. – Brought inmate from Rawlins County Sheriff's Office to Law Enforcement Center.

Tuesday

5:28 a.m. – Caller reported someone walking southbound on U.S. 83. Took subject to Exit 76.

8:11 p.m. – Helped ambulance crew on call in Gem.

11:04 p.m. – Security check at the college.

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.

Markets

Table with market prices for wheat, corn, and soybeans. Columns: Commodity, Price per unit.

3rd Annual Celebrity Waiter Dinner. This is a benefit for the: Heartland Christian School & Sacred Heart School. April 25th, 2013. 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Includes details about celebrity teams and ticket prices.

EAT HEARTY.... CHICKEN, STEAK, SHRIMP & FISH Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. Your choice of Potato and Salad. COLBY VFW MEMBERS & GUESTS WELCOME!

CHS Forensics Team Presents: COFFEE HOUSE NIGHT. A showcase of CHS Forensics performances combined with coffee, tea and many choices of homemade desserts. Thursday, April 25th • 7:00 p.m. Pioneer Memorial Library, Basement Meeting Area. Enjoy an evening of relaxation and entertainment. (free will donation)