

Putting it all together



HEATHER ALWIN/Colby Free Press

Terry and Teresa Stupka, employees of Woofter Construction, installed glass pieces for the new Qdoba Mexican Grill restaurant at the Oasis Travel Plaza in Colby on Wednesday. Qdoba, a Denver chain, will replace Baskin-Robbins at the travel center. The restaurant, the group's first in Kansas, is scheduled to open Wednesday.

Spring season late; plant treats anyway

Several years may have passed since you last planted potatoes in May. The same can be said for peas. Or onions. Or radishes, lettuce, spinach, or even broccoli and cabbage. You may never have planted those early spring vegetables so late in the season, for crying out loud!

But listen to me. Rather than completely miss out on nature's sweet taste of early season garden treats, go ahead and plant them now. Even in early May. You may not get as much production as in a normal season, but it's almost certain that you'll get some treats before summer's heat arrives, and in this case, some is better than none. I realize that many gardeners to my east have been enjoying greens and things for some time, but not so much in the western High Plains.

I normally plant peas about April 10, which I did this year. But I know many of you didn't get them in the ground by then due to snow, cold, and other freakish weather activities. My peas didn't emerge for three weeks, and are still undersized for this time of year because of the weather they have endured. Ditto for my onions that seemed to have miraculously withstood temperatures lower than I wish to talk about (12 official degrees).

So, if you were to plant peas and onions and the other early stuff now, chances are they would soon catch up with my "slow growing" things rather quickly. That is of course unless we somehow, some way, impossibly find ourselves in the midst of some kind of mid-May winter fracas. If that happens, you're on your own, and I have four or five dozen very nice home grown tomato plants



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• The Gardener

for sale, cheap!
It could happen of course. The latest there has ever been a freezing temperature here in Sherman County since weather records have been kept, was on June 2, 1951, when the thermometer dropped to 31 degrees. Indeed, that had to be hard on the zucchini.

To show the significance of the coolness of the current season, the Extension Service said that this is the latest, ever, for the start of the corn-planting season. There had been no corn planted in Kansas as of May 2. And here I am sitting around crying about my enforced tardiness in planting broccoli.

All this talk about the "late season" and "abnormal spring" and "what am I gonna do" makes sense when you consider what happened last spring. For example, there was not a single freezing temperature recorded in the month of April last year in my garden. Not one. This year, April may go down as one of the coldest ever, and may have set records for most April snowfall. And already here in May, we have had two nights of subfreezing temperatures. Where in the world is Al Gore when you need him.

But I hereby predict that we will survive the season and soon be enjoying beautiful flowers in those patio pots around the High Plains, and tasty red radishes will adorn the kitchen table over there by the salt shaker. And that magnificent spinach salad? Uh, I'm still not sure about the spinach salad.

Lieutenant governor to speak at Northwest Tech graduation

Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland has scheduled its commencement ceremony for Friday, May 17. This year marks the 48th graduating class with about 140 students graduating from one of 15 technical programs. The ceremony starts at 2:30 p.m. (Central Time) at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Kansas Lt. Gov. Jeff Colyer is the keynote speaker.

Colyer graduated from Thomas More Prep High School in Hays before earning his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University in 1981 and his master's from Cambridge University in England. He returned, receiving his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Kansas in 1986. For information go to www.nk-wtc.edu.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake Bridge winners for April 30 were: first, Bob Renner and Margaret Denneler; second, Billie Keck; third, Sarah Jane Barrett; fourth, Elaine Ptacek; fifth, Gail Vacca.

Retirement of Sister Loretta Podlena
Sacred Heart School Librarian
Been here since 1997

Reception after 5:30 Mass on May 11

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Skill competition takes Tech students national

Numerous Northwest Tech students competed in the state SkillsUSA contest April 24 to 26 in Wichita in the areas of heating, air conditioning, ventilation and refrigeration; electrical; communications technology; auto service technology; diesel technology; carpentry; and related technical math.

SkillsUSA is an organization for students of technical, skilled and service occupation programs.

First-place awards were earned by Allen Collins of Norton in cabling, as well as the officers of the Goodland chapter for their opening and closing ceremony presentation.

Officers include Tyrone Robinson, Colby, president; Dylan Steele, Tribune, vice-president; Jordan Harney, Tribune, secretary; Kaid Wark, Colby, treasurer; Tanner Gugler, Ellis, historian; Dustin Kirby, Cimarron; and Juan Miramontes, Syracuse.

Those who placed first at state qualify for nationals Monday through Friday, June 24 to 28, in Kansas City.

Other students from Northwest Tech who placed in the top 10 in their division or competed well include Paden Ellis of Colby, Kalib Hinkle of Brewster and Kaid Wark of Colby, all in diesel technology.



ANGIE MOORE/Colby Free Press

Elementary students learned they need three servings of dairy products a day from Callie Unruh and Jitterbug.

Brewster musicians tops at state contest

Congratulations to Will Allen and Ashley Barrie on their I rating at State Music. Dara Roulier, Takoda Turner and Amber Barrie all received II ratings. Way to go!

The elementary students enjoyed a presentation by Southwest Dairy Farms last week. Callie Unruh and her 2-year-old Jersey cow Jitterbug taught the children about dairy cows and the process of milking.

The city-wide clean up day will be Friday, May 24. If you have things you want picked up contact Mike Schultz.

Saturday, June 1, will be city wide garage sale day. More in-

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formation will be coming about where to sign up.

Eighth grade and high school graduations are both Saturday, May 18.

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.

Corrections

In an article "County Alters Employee Rules" on Page 2 of the Thursday, May 2, Colby Free Press, Emergency Manager Autumn Arasmith was not talking about emergency shelter supplies owned by the county, but by the American Red Cross. The blankets are being stored in the 4-H Building at the county fairgrounds, not a trailer.

In the same paragraph, a reference to County Clerk Shelly Harms should have read that the

county election budget and emergency management could buy a trailer together - a suggestion that was not followed up on. Harms was not present for a closed session mentioned at the beginning of the article. These were reporting errors.

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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.

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Deaths

Roger D. Binder

Roger D. Binder, 56, Colby, a maintenance employee for Walmart and a food service worker at Colby High School, died Saturday, May 4, 2013, at the Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby, following a stroke due to complications from diabetes in September.

He was born Aug. 10, 1956, in Hugoton, to Jim and Lavesta Binder. The family moved to Colby when he was young, and he graduated from Colby High School in 1975.

On Aug. 17, 1990, he married Robin Finley in Colby.

He served in the Army National Guard for 16 years, and was a sergeant when he was discharged in the early '90s.

Always working, he often held two or three jobs at the same time, as he did when he had his stroke.

He enjoyed many hobbies, and loved to play with his dogs, collect toy trains and cars and work on plastic canvas, along with spending time with his daughter. Preceding him in death were an

infant daughter, Rebecca Binder, in 1994, and his father in 1999.

Survivors include his wife and his daughter, Kally Binder, both of the home; his mother, Colby; two brothers, Robert (Cindy) Binder, Emporia, and Ronald (Tera) Binder, Colby; two sisters, Laura A. (Troy) Bosserman, Oakley, and Lynette M. Franklin, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and a brother-in-law, Ben Franklin, Las Cascas, Tenn.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at the Colby United Methodist Church, with the Rev. James Mardock officiating and burial in Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation was to be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

The family suggests memorials to the Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby, in care of the funeral home, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.kersensbrockfuneralchapel.com

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Tuesday

12:07 a.m. - Caller reported dogs still barking. Was advised of the situation and would like to talk to an officer. Did speak to reporting party and unable to contact owner, dogs were removed due to numerous complaints and taken to Colby Animal Clinic.

1:26 a.m. - Caller reported a dog at large eastbound on Fifth from Harvey. Did see the dog, but it went into a yard.

8:04 a.m. - Provided traffic control at Franklin and Fourth for a wrecker.

5:28 p.m. - Burglary report filed for trailer broken into.

6:36 p.m. - Unattended death.

6:48 p.m. - Caller reported fight. Not found.

8:40 p.m. - Subject found window chalk on vehicle window.

Wednesday

12:28 a.m. - Security check at Walmart.

9:41 a.m. - Caller had problems with neighbor. No report.

10:12 a.m. - Walk through at Walmart.

4:24 p.m. - Caller requested assistance with juvenile. Made contact.

Thursday

12:07 a.m. - Clerk reported a vehicle speeding through parking lot. Unable to locate.

2:32 a.m. - Caller reported vehicles not stopping at Franklin and College. Vehicles were stopping.

6:28 a.m. - Caller reported a subject possibly involved in a suspicious incident. Report filed.

8:37 a.m. - Caller needed assistance. All OK; spoke to administrator.

9:29 a.m. - Child in need of care report filed.

10:42 a.m. - Caller caught stray dog. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.

11 a.m. - Caller reported collision overnight.

3:18 p.m. - Caller reported dog at large. Not found.

4:11 p.m. - Caller reported possible underage driver. Not found.

5:50 p.m. - Caller reported transient. Spoke with subject.

10:35 p.m. - Caller reported erratic driver. Not found.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Tuesday

4:17 p.m. - Caller reported drunk driver leaving Menlo. Stopped vehicle at U.S. 24 mile 70.

7:24 p.m. - Report filed on driving under restrictions.

Wednesday

10:47 a.m. - Arrest warrant served on Karlee Wilson.

12:05 p.m. - Caller reported phone harassment problem. Spoke to subject.

9:22 p.m. - Welfare check in Brewster. Everything OK.

Thursday

12:27 a.m. - Highway Patrol advised of a slide off at mile 60 westbound I-70. 24/7 contacted.

2:12 a.m. - Highway Patrol reported a jackknifed semi at mile 176 on U.S. 83. Butch's contacted.

6:20 a.m. - Took prisoner from Colby to Winfield.

1:19 p.m. - Brought two inmates from Rawlins County to Law Enforcement Center.

1:19 p.m. - Subject came to station about lost license tag. Report filed.

2:08 p.m. - Brought inmate from Sherman County to Law Enforcement Center.

6:58 p.m. - Failure to register report filed.

Markets

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

Wheat (bushel)	\$7.43
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