

Babies



Keyfyr Lynn Dinkel

Keyfyr Lynn Dinkel, son of Jeffrey and Amber Dinkel of Goodland, was born Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Sister Aaliyah and brothers Braden, Dallynn and Jayce welcomed him home.

Grandparents are Barb and Jett Fromholtz of St. Francis and Fred and Coleen Dinkel of Ellis.

Orrin Scott Hoffman

Orrin Scott Hoffman, son of Laysha and Tyrel Hoffman of Oberlin, was born Wednesday, June 5, 2013, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds,

14 ounces and measured 19 3/4 inches.

Grandparents are Darci Meitl of Oberlin and Scott and Crystal Hoffman of Dighton.

Jordan Allen Mills

Jordan Allen Mills, son of Matthew and Jerlynn Mills of Goodland, was born Thursday, June 13, 2013, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 19 3/4 inches.

Brother Joseph Mills welcomed him home.

Grandparents are Greg and Nancy Mills of Brewster and Marie and Richard Johnson of Goodland.

Company awards college scholarships

S&T Communications, based in Brewster, has awarded scholarships to nine area high school spring graduates. Each recipient receives \$250 per semester of college, up to \$2,000.

They include Wyatt Binder, Colby, son of Ron and Tera Binder; Michael Schmidt, Brewster, son of Stuart and Mary Schmidt; Shyanne Holzmeister, Oakley, daughter of Kirk and Randi Hol-

zmeister; Jesse Gaskill, Winona, ward of Guy Gaskill; Cooper Slough, Goodland, son of Gary and Diana Slough; Colleen Bosley, Dighton, daughter of Kelle and Lewie Bosley; Luis Hernandez, Healy, son of Gerry and Lupe Hernandez; Wade Buck, Grinnell, son of Daniel and Carol Buck; and Mikayla Boyce, Kanorado, daughter of William and Theresa Korbelik.

Fort Hays degrees go to Colby students

Over a dozen students from Thomas County and surrounding towns graduated from Fort Hays State University this spring with associate, bachelor and graduate degrees.

Colby: Ryan D. Baalman, bachelor of business administration in accounting; David Kyle Barnum, bachelor of fine arts in art; Daniel Gene Blake, bachelor of arts in sociology; Kiri J. Kendrick, bachelor of science in general science; Tyson Edward Miller, bachelor of science in organizational leadership; Luke Todd Schroeder, bachelor of science in agriculture (agronomy); Jeanette R. White, bachelor of science in speech-language pathology.

Menlo: Aisha Marie Moss, bachelor of social work.

Oakley: Laura Ann Bosserman, master of science in special education (adaptive); Brittany A. Brenner, bachelor of science in nursing; Lacey Dawn Richardson, bachelor of science in justice studies; Jeffrey G. Sekavec, master of science in biology.

Winona: Amberly L. Gfeller, bachelor of science in elementary education.

Hoxie: Aaron Patrick Dardis, master of science in education administration; Jordann Leigh Johnson, master of science in counseling (community); Jeffrey D. Kaufman, master of professional studies (cyber security).

Phone's redial leads to arrest

ALTOONA, Pa. (AP) – Police say a suspect's phone call from a convenience store telephone helped them to charge him with stealing \$142 worth of change from the business.

The *Altoona Mirror* (bit.ly/14ME8bR) reports 32-year-old Jason Comer, of Pittsburgh, has been charged with theft last Saturday afternoon at a Sheetz store in Logan Township. That's near Altoona, about 85 miles east of Pittsburgh.

A clerk told police that a man asked to use the phone because he was out of gas before grabbing a

change dispenser attached to the store's cash registers. Police used the phone's redial button and the woman who answered the call told the officer that Comer had just called her.

Police also identified Comer from surveillance video and found him nearby, waiting for a tow truck.

Comer remained jailed Tuesday.

Prime garden spot surely tomato patch

For most of us who play in the dirt out in the backyard, the tomato is the reason. Sure, we enjoy a few cucumbers and some green beans. What would a good vegetable garden be without some sweet corn or carrots? Some of us even raise a little zucchini or eggplant, proving once again that people will eat just about anything green that is grown in the garden.

But the tomato is king! We love our tomatoes. We love 'em fresh most of all, but we also can them, make salsa from them and use them in all kinds of ways almost every day.

And so, as our gardens begin to mature here in the High Plains, every gardener's eyes are fixed on the tomato patch. We worry constantly about whether or not our plants are progressing properly. Are they getting enough water? Am I watering them too often? Should I fertilize them, and if so, with what, and when? Why aren't they setting on? How long am I going to have to wait to pick one?

The answers to many of our questions depends on the variety we chose to plant. Some varieties will yield a ripe tomato long before others. Some varieties have completely different growing habits, depending on whether they are determinate (smaller vines) or the taller-growing indeterminate types. Maturity times are further complicated by the date we set our plants out in the garden, and whether or not we caged them or simply allowed them to sprawl. To assign a definite date of maturity is not possible.

One thing is certain. The harvesting of the first tomato is a very special time of the gardening season.

Tomato plants are very shallow rooted, so we must be aware of their need for moisture. I've always understood that they shouldn't be watered too often, but when temperatures reach into the 90s for several successive days, I don't hesitate to water

Bridge Club

The June 25 Meadow Lake bridge winners were: first, Bob Renner; second, Alvin Koenig; third, Margaret Denneker; fourth, Elaine Ptacek; fifth, Ken Ptacek; sixth, Billie Keck; seventh, Dave



Kay Melia

The Gardener

them regularly, every day if necessary. I've also learned to avoid using a lawn sprinkler anywhere near the tomato patch.

I fertilize them at least twice during the season with a water-soluble "pour-on" type of material, readily available at your garden center. The first feeding comes when the first bloom appears, and the second application comes about three weeks later. They get a third dose if they have been weather damaged.

There are many, many potential disease problems to worry about. The most serious of course is a word we just don't like to utter. If you notice one of your plants seems to have stopped growing, and the foliage is beginning to turn a sickening gray color, you must face the fact that you have been blighted. Watch it for a few more days, and then remove it from your garden and carefully dump it in the landfill. There is no practical cure for blight – we all seem to lose a few plants every summer. When you plant in the spring, always plant varieties that are listed as showing resistance to blight. That is your best bet to avoid it.

My 30 tomato plants are looking pretty good as of the Fourth of July. No blight yet, lots of small green tomatoes, but still about three weeks until harvest. I have Super Tasty, Northern Exposure, Shady Lady, and a couple of Burpee's new fancy-schmancy Super Sauce.

I hope your garden is maturing nicely and that the plus-hundred degree temperatures will occur in gardens other than yours. And always remember – it's more enjoyable out there at 6 a.m. than it is at 2 p.m.

Ulmer.

Tuesday's winners were: first, Sarah Jane Barrett; second, Ken Ptacek; third, Elaine Ptacek; fourth, Gail Vacca; fifth, Gladys Fischer.

Woman un.masks grandson

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) – Police say a New Mexico woman who confronted a masked intruder in her home stumbled upon a shocking discovery when she ripped off his disguise – the robber was her grandson.

KRQE-TV reports (bit.ly/12yFaLy) that 22-year-old Thomas Clark is facing robbery charges after police say he stole his grandmother's purse during a bizarre robbery at an Albuquerque home.

According to police, the woman confronted the Clark, dressed in

black with a purple bandana over his face, last week when he broke into her home.

Police say the woman yanked off the mask but Clark pushed her and fled with her purse.

He was arrested later at his parents' home.

Police say he confessed and said he did it for casino money.

Mummy at the library



ANGIE MOORE/Colby Free Press

Morgan Quenzer wrapped Paige Fulwider up as a mummy during story time at the Brewster library. The Beta Women's Club sponsored summer reading at the library, with the theme of "Digging into the Past." The kids enjoyed making each other into mummies and looking at fossils.

Hoxie Clinic welcomes new physician assistant

The Hoxie Medical Clinic has welcomed a new physician assistant, Dylan DeVries, now seeing patients at the clinic and in the emergency room.

DeVries graduated from Atlanta's Emory University in 2006 and has been practicing for seven years. Before relocating to Hoxie, he was a physician assistant in the Army, stationed at Fort Riley for four years and in Iraq for one.

DeVries said he feels blessed to have been given the opportunity to practice in Hoxie and is excited to get to know people.

He is seeing patients from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in Hoxie, except for Wednesdays, when he sees patients from 8:30 a.m. to noon in Selden.

To schedule an appointment, call (785) 675-3018.

Customers get cash, not food

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) – That was no burrito.

Three people who ordered food at a Taco Bell drive-thru in western Michigan got something more valuable: \$3,600 in cash.

A Taco Bell employee mistakenly passed the cash to the trio instead of their food Saturday. The money was returned a short time later.

Kennidi Rue told WZZM-TV and MLive.com that she and two friends thought about keeping the money but decided they'd feel guilty if they didn't return it. Grand Rapids police Capt. Jeff

Hertel confirmed the incident, saying an officer was called to assist.

"I thought it was joke," said Rue, 18, of Holland, Mich. "I thought we were on camera.... The store manager literally just burst out in tears. She was so happy we brought it back."

The money was in a store bag for deposit at a bank. A message seeking comment was left with Taco Bell.

Rue, boyfriend Grant Kruse, 20, and another friend, Luke Postma, 25, got their meal when they returned the money.

Markets

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

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| Wheat (bushel) | \$6.59 |
| Corn (bushel) | \$6.50 |
| Milo (hundredweight) | \$11.16 |
| Soybeans (bushel) | \$13.82 |

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Dylan DeVries, PA-C

Is now seeing patients at the Hoxie Medical Clinic.
He is in the office Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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| Heather Mauck, APRN-C, | Walk-ins are |
| Kelly Rezac, PA-C | welcome |
| are also available. | 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. |

Available at the Selden Community Clinic on
Wednesday mornings 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Call 785-675-3018 to schedule an appointment



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Happy 60th Anniversary

The family of **Frank & Darlene Karnes** would like to honor them with a card shower on their 60th Wedding Anniversary, July 12, 2013!

Greetings may be sent to:
Frank & Darlene Karnes
965 E. 5th, Colby, KS 67701


