

## Salute to flag, veterans



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Rooke Shaw presented the flag to begin the Veterans Day program held by the Brewster Beta Women's Club and the Brewster School. Later he explained each patch on his uniform to the crowd. Other activities included song of school groups and presenting certificates of appreciation to veterans.

## Be thoughtful in storing mower

By now, most are done mowing for the year; there are a few practices that we recommend before putting your mower away.

First, do not just push or drive your mower into storage and wait to use it next year. Make sure you drain the gasoline out of any gas-powered engines you have, or use a gasoline stabilizer. If gas is not drained or is left untreated it may become thick or dense. Also the spark plug needs to be checked and replaced if needed.

If the equipment operates on a battery, the terminals will need to be cleaned as they usually corrode during the winter season. A wire brush is a suitable tool for removing corrosion. The battery can then be removed and stored in a protected location or connected to a battery monitor. This will ensure that the battery will be charged over winter. If the battery has lost its charge a new one will need to be purchased.

If your lawnmower will be outside and not protected inside a shed or garage we suggest making sure that a cover is over it. A cover keeps water and trash such as leaves and dirt off the equipment so rust is prevented.

While doing all of this, it's a good time to sharpen the mower blades so they will be ready for next spring. Sharpening your mower blades is quite simple. These steps will lead you in the right direction.

Check the blade for major damage. If you can't fix it, it will need



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to be replaced.

Remove grass and debris from the blade with a moist cloth. Dry before beginning to sharpen the cutting edge.

Remove nicks from the cutting edge, using a grinding wheel or hand file.

If using a grinding wheel, match the existing edge angle to the wheel. If hand filing, file at the same angle as the existing edge.

Grind or file until the edge is 1/32 inch, about the size of a period.

Particularly with a grinding wheel, avoid overheating the blade as this may warp it.

Clean the blade with solvent or oil, much like cleaning a gun, for optimum winter storage. Avoid using water because it will promote rust.

Following these tips can help you better prepare your mower for winter storage and also save you some steps this coming spring.

Source: Holly Dickman, Ellis County Extension Horticulture Agent

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## Deaths

### Ethel V. Franz

Ethel V. Franz, 95, Colby, died today, Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2013, at the Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby.

Services are pending with the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, 462-7979.

### Barbara Ann McIlnay

Barbara Ann McIlnay, 77, Loveland, Colo., wife of Colby native David McIlnay, died Sunday, Nov. 17, 2013, at her home.

She was born March 30, 1936, in Julesburg, Colo., to Merle and Vera Randell.

In 1972, she married David McIlnay. They lived in Sterling, where she worked at the Ramada Inn. In 1980 the family moved to Loveland and opened Colorado Floor Installation.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; two daughters, Wendy (Bart) Trippel, Ft. Collins, and Shannon (Bret) Trippel, Cheyenne, Wyo.; two brothers-in-law,

Joe (Sheryl) McIlnay, Colby, and Burt McIlnay, Arizona; four sisters-in-law, Carol (Howard) Baalman, Hoxie, LeeAnn Rehmer, Angelus, and Kathleen (Jim) Tubbs and Tracey Perkins, all of Colby; and four grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, at the Timberline Church South Auditorium in Ft. Collins.

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

## Daughters of Isabella

The Daughters of Isabella met Nov. 7 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Regent Laura Krejci called the meeting to order.

A prayer was read and a candle lit for deceased members. The opening ode was sung and pledge to the flag said.

A short form conferral by Krejci welcomed new member Mary Schroeder.

Chancellor Joan Ziegler read a message about the advent wreath from the Spiritual Reflection Guide.

Krejci read highlights from a letter from the international regent.

A thank you note was read for prayers when Richard Schroeder was ill. He is back at work at the Sacred Heart School.

Ziegler and Albers reported they visited the sick.

The social committee reported the Christmas party will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, in the church's basement. Dana Leija will serve the meal, and each member should bring a \$5 gift to be used as a prize for a game to be played at the party.

The respect for life committee reported many of the club's members participated in the Life Chain on Oct. 6 at Fourth and Range in

Colby and that there was good attendance for the 40 Hours for Life adoration at the church the previous week.

Albers reported there have been 8,000 mothers and babies saved since 2004 when David Bereit and Shawn Carney began this movement in College Station, Texas.

The group talked about bingo night, and Krejci agreed to see if a Sunday afternoon is available for the event. The club will discuss it further at their January meeting.

Krejci said she would put a reminder in the bulletin for any members or parishioners to pray a rosary for youth at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8.

Ziegler, Darline Hutfles and Albers served a pumpkin cake, candy, nuts and coffee for the time of visiting.

—Margaret Denneler

## Keep kitchen safe when preparing holiday feast

For many families, holiday traditions take place in the kitchen. Allowing children to be a part of this process is a wonderful way to make lifetime memories. Safe Kids Kansas recommends taking basic safety steps to ensure sure your memories are pleasant ones.

"The most important safety precaution in the kitchen is close, attentive supervision," said Cherie Sage. Whether helping an adult cook or watching, children should always be actively supervised — which means that the child is in sight and in reach at all times.

"Burns — from spills, steam, hot surfaces and flame — can be especially devastating injuries," says Sage. "Because young children have thinner skin than adults, they burn more severely and at lower temperatures." Scald burns from hot liquid or steam are the most common type of burns among children ages 4 and under. A child will suffer a full-thickness burn

(third-degree burn) after just three seconds of exposure to 140-degree water.

Here are some precautions against kitchen burns:

- Never leave a hot stove unattended.
- Never hold a child while cooking or carrying hot items.
- Cook on back burners whenever possible, and turn all handles toward the back of the stove.
- Don't allow loose-fitting clothing in the kitchen.
- Keep hot foods and liquids away from the edges of counters and tables. Be especially careful around tablecloths — children can pull hot dishes down onto themselves.
- Tie up the electrical cords of small appliances.

In addition to hot surfaces, hot liquids and sharp objects, the other major hazard in the kitchen is poison. Store potentially hazardous goods, such as cleaning products and alcohol (including baking

extracts), in locked cabinets out of reach. Also, install a carbon monoxide detector to alert everyone to get out of the house in the event of a buildup of the odorless toxic gas given off by fuel-burning appliances.

Children who can follow directions may be ready to help out in the kitchen with tasks that do not involve knives, appliances, or heat. Some child-friendly tasks include tearing lettuce, rinsing fruits and vegetables under cold water, stirring ingredients in a bowl, us-

ing cookie cutters, measuring dry ingredients or cutting soft fruits with a butter knife.

"You know your own children. Don't give them knives or let them handle anything hot until they have shown the maturity and coordination to do it safely," says Sage. "Some children mature faster than others, so it's up to parents to use good judgment about each child's capabilities."

For information about safety and burn prevention, go to www.safekids.org.

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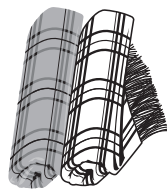
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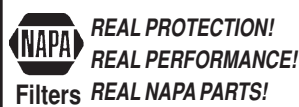
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Dick and Betty's children include: Margaret (Boyd) Wilson of Oberlin, Janella (Daniel) Benoist of Hill City, Jacklyn (Daniel) Schorer of WaKeeney, and Rick (Dori) Pauls of Oberlin. They also have 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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