

Babies

Kemper Marie Eisenbart

Kemper Marie Eisenbart, daughter of Josh and Lynn Eisenbart of Colby, was born Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce, and measured 19 inches. Grandparents are Bruce and Le-

atte Bandy of Colby, John Eisenbart of Goodland and Lily Taylor of Three Rivers, Texas. Grand-grandparents are Tom and Barb Eisenbart of Goodland and Tom and Jane Bandy of Colby.

Kaison James Gillespie

Kaison James Gillespie, son of James and Heather Gillespie of Goodland, was born Thursday, Nov. 7, 2013, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces, and measured 20 inches.

Sister Kaylee Glover welcomed him home. Grandparents are Jim and Carolyn Juranek of Limon, Colo., and Jann Gillespie of Goodland.

Kamdyn Nicole Kizer

Kamdyn Nicole Kizer, daughter of Jeremy and Kyla Kizer of Colby, was born Thursday, Nov. 28, 2013, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 5 pounds, 4 ounces, and measured 18 1/2 inches.

Sister Kinley and Klaire welcomed her home. Grandparents are Becky and Tracey Kizer of Julesburg, Colo., Penny and Dave Worden of Burlington, Colo., and Joe and Lisa Rico of Grand Junction, Colo.

Margaret Jean Stewart



Maggies S.

Margaret "Maggie" Jean Stewart, daughter of Jay and Kelly Stewart of Colby, was born Friday, Nov. 22, 2013, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and measured 20.25 inches.

Sister Imogen Elizabeth and brother Lincoln Michael welcomed her home. Grandparents are Rob and Barb Stewart of Clay Center and Mike and Laura Whittington of Camarillo, Calif.

Madisyn Claire Wolf

Madisyn Claire Wolf, daughter of Scott and Rachel Wolf of Colby, was born Friday, Nov. 22, 2013, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces, and measured 20 inches.

Grandparents are Dwayne and Linda Wolf of Grinnell, Bob and Sandra Budke of Hays and Gary and Mary Ann Shorman of Hays.



Madisyn Wolf

Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club

The Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club met Nov. 11 at Hunter Hall with 15 members. Hosts were the Baird and Palmgren families.

President Ashley Barrie called the meeting to order.

Elliana Clymer led the Pledge of Allegiance. Song leaders Barrie and Charley Barrett led "Yankee Doodle."

Members answered roll call by naming their least favorite Thanksgiving food.

Council member Layton Werth spoke about EcoBots, an activity 4-H is sponsoring for kids in after school programs.

Community leader Kathy Baird reported on the 4-H Achievement Banquet, saying club members received awards and it went well. She said the Baird and Hutton families, banquet co-chairs, appreciated help setting up for the banquet and presenting awards.

Baird also thanked the club for nominating her family as the 4-H Family of the Year.

The club received a Purple Seal at the banquet.

Barrie, Werth and Emeline Hutton attended officer's training on Oct. 28.

The club decided to make a donation to Genesis and to play Stealing Santa at the December meeting.

Baird said the person who was voted to be club reporter had decided not to join 4-H and that the club needed a replacement. Werth nominated Hutton to take over the job of reporter, and the club approved the nomination.

Hunter House gave a project talk on his horses. Austin Burkholder showed the club how to correctly make a football tackle. Barrie showed the group how to do the "wobble" dance. Colton Rundel spoke about being safe around farm equipment.

Hutton led recreation with a game of red light, green light.

Barrie read announcements, reminding the club that each family is to bring a finger food to the December meeting.

Rundel read the December program.

Werth led the 4-H pledge.

-Emeline Hutton

Choose your tree with thoughtful eye

It's that time of year again.

Which time you say? It's Christmas season, and many will soon be buying a real Christmas tree.

There are a couple of ways you can get a real tree this year. I encourage going to a tree farm because it's hard to know where cut trees came from and how long it's been since they were cut.

Dryness and freshness can also be a factor when buying them off a tree farm, but here are a few tips that can help you pick a fresh tree this year.

Before you decide to go out and choose your tree, measure the space where the tree is going to be placed in your home. Make sure the tree you purchase is going to fit, while also checking what size of base you have so it will fit that as well.

There are many Christmas tree species out there and not all are created equal. White pines are soft and attractive, but will not hold larger, heavier ornaments. Evergreens that have good needle retention include white spruce, Fraser fir, Colorado blue spruce, Concolor fir, balsam fir, Scotch pine, and Noble fir.

Each species of tree has a different way of showing if it is fresh. Bending some of the needles on the tree is a good way of telling if it's dry. The needles should not break if it's a pine. On other species it can be just the opposite; green needles should break crisply when bent.

Another way to tell you have chosen a fresh tree is to take a good sniff into the tree. If the tree smells musty, put it back and keep looking.

And last, check the bark to see if it looks fresh. If it has started to wrinkle, it may be dry and you should keep looking.

It is best to get to the tree lot soon after it opens. This will insure that most of the trees will be fresh and offer a wider choice. Finding a tree that has been stored in the shade means the tree has been kept cooler and moisture loss reduced.

If you suspect that the tree you have chosen is dry or not fresh, just keep looking. This is another reason we encourage you to buy from a tree farm, so you can ask the grower lots of questions.

Corrections

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Kurt Sexton

• Knowledge for Life

Once home the significant factor is going to be water. We recommend making a fresh cut a half inch from the bottom. A v-shaped cut will not increase water uptake to the tree; creating this cut will make it more difficult to put in a stand and will actually decrease water uptake. I also advise against drilling a hole in the base of the tree as this will not help water uptake either. While setting up your tree, take your time and ensure that it will not fall or become a hazard.

In the first days your tree is going to need a lot of water. Check the tree every six to 12 hours, making sure the water is not below the base of the tree.

There are many additives suggested such as bleach and sugar, but they really don't extend the life of the tree. Water is the secret to ensure the life of your tree. Also keeping the tree out of direct sunlight, away from heat sources, and using low-heat lights is good practice to keep the tree fresh. If the tree becomes dry, you will need to remove it from your home because it will become a fire risk.

Having a real Christmas tree in your home is enjoyable and gives the feel that the Christmas season is here, but always ensure that it does not become a hazard or problem as we want everyone to have a safe Christmas season this year.

Kurt Sexton is the Thomas County agriculture and natural resources agent with Kansas State Research and Extension. A native of Colorado, Sexton works with area 4-H clubs, farmers and ranchers.

Deaths

Milbert 'Bert' Elmer Beringer

Milbert Elmer Beringer, 83, Bethune Colo., father of Mark (Ardath) Beringer of Colby, died Friday, Nov. 22, 2013, at the St. Anthony Hospital in Lakewood, Colo.

He was born Jan. 20, 1930, in Artas, S.D., to John and Elizabeth (Heiser) Beringer. The family moved to St. Francis, where he attended a country school through the third grade. In 1939 they moved to Bethune where he completed the ninth grade.

On Feb. 14, 1942, his parents and a sister, Irene Beringer, were killed in a car accident which he and a sister, Alma Beringer, survived. He then lived with relatives, Fred and Hilda Ziegler until 1951.

After working as a ranch hand at the Spring Valley Ranch for two years, he took a job in 1953 with MacArthur Implement of Burlington, Colo., as head tractor mechanic. He then owned and operated Beringer Farms in Bethune for 42 years, along with serving in

the National Guard for nine years.

He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bethune, serving on the church council for 12 years.

On Jan. 25, 1955, he married Aldene Weiss in Burlington.

Preceding him in death were his wife in 2001; his parents and sisters; two infant siblings, Elmer, Beringer and Justina Beringer; a son, Curt Beringer; and a brother-in-law, Eilert Weiss.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Elaine (Jay) Morrow; two foster brothers, Delmer (Sharon) Ziegler, Bethune, and Freddy (Karen) Ziegler; his son; two daughters, Connie (Glenn) Peterson, Greeley, Colo., and Sharla Beringer, Bennett, Colo.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2013, at the church north of Bethune.

The family suggests memorials to the church, 27911 County Road 41, Bethune, Colo. 80805.

World Friendship Group

World Friendship, a new community group, has been established in Colby to help adults whose first language is not English.

The all-volunteer group's purposes are to make adults feel welcome in the community, informally aid in practicing English and to enjoy fun and friendship.

Recently, several attendees met in the kitchen of the First Presbyterian Church with Fran Smith to practice making pumpkin pies with homemade crusts.

Past meetings have included

beaded jewelry instruction with the help of Sandy Hill.

The group has funding from the James and Betty Secrest Fund through the Thomas County Community Foundation to pay for supplies and tickets to museums and other cultural events.

All adults are welcome to join the group, whether they are English learners or speakers, to practice speaking English by having fun.

The group meets at 3 p.m. Sundays. Contact Connie Davis at 460-7188.

We want your local news: e-mail to colby.editor@nwkansas.com

Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARY L. CURRY, DECEASED.

CASE NO. 2013-PR-31

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on November 12, 2013, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Virginia M. Curry, surviving spouse and heir of Gary L. Curry, deceased.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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The Hartwell family wants to extend a big "Thank You" to all who made the Jeff Hartwell Memorial Race possible especially the sponsors, Allen Kurth family for the replica car, all the drivers, Jon Schmidt who announced highlights of Jeff's racing years, Jeff & Kassie Carney, promoters, those who donated to the helmet passing which is given to the American Cancer Society. To all who purchased Jeff Hartwell T-shirts. This race is very heartwarming and such an honor for us to attend and have the man who drove the 23X modified to be remembered in a special way. Racing was such a part of Jeff's life for many years and now for him to be remembered each year as a legend is awesome. Always remembered, never forgotten, 23X, always in our hearts.

Irene, Kayla, Chase and Jordan Hartwell

Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELSIE FRANZ GOOSSEN, AKA ELSIE F. GOOSSEN, DECEASED.

CASE NO. 2013-PR-32

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Alva F. Goossen, a brother of the decedent and one of the heirs of Elsie Franz Goossen, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Thomas County, Kansas:

The Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Nine (9), Range Thirty-three (33), Thomas County, Kansas,

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before December 10, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in the City of Colby in Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Alva F. Goossen, Petitioner

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