

# Family

## Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H completes two service projects

By Timothy Knox  
4-H Reporter

Members of the Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H club recently completed two community service projects. The first was the annual Easter Egg Hunt for children of the Brewster area.

Committee members who worked on the project were Quentin and Rose Bear and Melissa Baird. Their efforts were led by chairman Andrie Baird. These families made sure that supplies were available for all club members to stuff recycled plastic eggs with candy. Many of the 4-H members helped to prepare the 900 eggs used for the hunt.

On April 18, approximately fifty children from the Brewster community gathered at the football field to search for eggs even though it was a windy day. It was noted that there were even some visiting grandchildren arriving with a basket.

Members of the 4-H club who assisted with the egg hiding were Erin and Emily Carney, Quentin and Rose Bear, Michael and Stefanie Eicher, Andrie and Melissa Baird, Avery Schultz, and Timothy Knox.

On April 24, the 4-H club members sponsored another annual event for the Brewster community, a rabies clinic held at the Brewster City Building.

Nine cats and 34 dogs received various vaccinations from Dr. Gary Smith of the Prairieland Animal Clinic in Goodland. City clerk, Judy Reid was also at the clinic to sell dog tags for pets of people who live within the city limits.

Avery Schultz was chairman of the rabies clinic committee and she had help organizing the event from her mother, Dawn, and club leader Dorothy Bear. Other 4-H youth who helped with activities at the clinic were: Andrie and Melissa Baird, Andrew Starns, Emily and Erin Carney, Quentin and Rose Bear, Whitney Schultz, and Kayla Ryan.

Timothy Knox is the reporter for the Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club.

### Clubs

Frahm and Deanna Carmen.

Secretary Scott Gawith reported that attendance was at 76 percent for the previous week and Treasurer Nancy LePell gave an update on the treasury balance.

Jim Wallen was inducted into the Rotary Club by Brian Staats. Mike Tubbs was Jim's sponsor and presented him with certificate of membership.

Les Brown announced that Mark Walmeier has a new addition to his family. Mark and his wife Amanda had a son on Monday April 21, at Hays Medical Center. Jim Stanley announced that he also has a new granddaughter that was born on April 22.

President Les is asking Rotary members to help in finding programs for the next few months, members are asked to contact him if they have any ideas.

He also reminded everyone about RSVP's for the Ann and Andy event on May 13. The meat is provided but members are asked to bring salads and desserts.

District Conference and Assembly is in Abilene on May 2 and 3, Les Brown and Nancy LePell will be attending this event.

Paul Steele introduced Sheila Frahm the Executive Director of Kansas Community Colleges. Sheila brought the Rotary Club up to date on the Kansas Legislature. They are about to complete the session for year 2002-2003, and are working on the budget for the year 2003-2004 session.

April 22 was the deadline for the census to be finalized so they could use information as a guideline for the budget. A \$10 billion dollar budget was presented by the Governor, with a \$225 million dollar deficit.

Some information shows that most corporate tax is down, sales tax is stable, individual tax is way out of line. The Governor has signed the budget for the year 2004.

Lion Melda Moore led the group in the flag salute, Lion Chris gave the prayer, and Lion Sheryl Brenn led the group in singing.

Following a buffet dinner guests were introduced. Lion Lacey, introduced her husband Paul, Lion Melda introduced her grandson, Lucas. Lion Roger introduced his mother, Junia Hale of Stockton and Shelia Krehbiel of Colby.

Lion Frances Britton announced that the next meeting would be at Lion Koon's home on May 12. The menu will be sausage gravy and biscuits with salad and dessert. The cost will be \$2 each. Serving will begin at 6:30 p.m..

President Chris made two announcements: He will be stepping down as president at the end of his term, and the club received a chevron for their banner in honor of Lion Matt Hamill becoming a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Lion Mary Hurtt ask about a team for the Relay for Life activity. She also announced the Cinco de Mayo Day celebrations at Rexford on May 3.

Lion Sanden gave his own program. He talked about the preparation at Colby Community College for the future Northcentral Accreditation of the Higher Education Commission. He is presently on the steering committee to prepare for the college's on sight visit in 2004.

Lion Sanden had recently returned from an annual meeting in Chicago. The Chicago meeting was to educate the participants on how to prepare their self-study report.

"Each accredited college has to prove to the investigating team that the college is doing what it says it is doing," Sanden said. "Accreditation is very important to our college and community."

"Without this self-study and on sight visit, CCC can't operate. We need this accreditation to stay in business."

At the previous meeting, Lion Matt Hamill received the Melvin Jones Fellow award. This is the highest award in Lions International. The club presented this award to Lion Hamill for his 63 years of humanitarianism in Lions International.



Dr. Gary Smith, a veterinarian at the Prairieland Animal Clinic in Goodland, was assisted by Kayla Ryan, a member of the Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H club in putting a rabies tag on Duane Healey's dog, Sandy.

### Happenings

#### Gardening lecture series

The Carnegie Arts Center in Goodland is again hosting its annual "How Does Your Garden Grow?" lecture series by Sherman County Master Gardeners.

The garden lecture series started last Thursday and will continue each Thursday at 7 p.m. through June 5.

Other lecture topics include all-star annuals, xeriscaping, gardening in adversity and rose varieties for the 21st century.

All lectures are free to Goodland Arts Council members and \$5 to non-members. Please call the arts

center for more information or to pre-register for any of the lectures, at (785) 899-6442.

### Markets

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#### Colby Rotary Club

On April 22, President Les Brown presided over the Colby Rotary Club meeting. Guests attending the meeting were: Bruce

#### High Plains Lions Club

High Plains Lions met for their last meeting of the month on April at the Quality Inn. President Chris Trundel called the meeting to order.

## Community Calendar

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Genesis Thomas County pickup, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.  
TeleFriend Information meeting, 5:30 p.m. (call 462-6996)  
Caregiver Support Group, Colby College Student Union, 7 to 9 p.m. - Jennifer Anderson, coordinator, (800) 432-7422.  
Solid Rock Junior High Youth Group, Armory, 7-8:30 p.m.  
Pinochle, American Legion, 7:30 p.m.  
Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous & Al Anon (non-smoking), 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.  
Blood pressures, Meadowlark Manor, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Senior Progress Center, 10:30 a.m.-noon

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