

Family

Brewster 4-H club learns about tornadoes

By Layton Werth4-H Reporter4-H News

This has been a very strange year for Northwest Kansas weather with high amounts of snow and record-breaking tornado activity of numbers and early onset. Audrey Hoyt gave an informative talk about tornadoes. There are over 1,000 tornadoes a year and the best advice is to be alert.

Most people are hurt or killed because they were not alert to the weather conditions. NOAA weather radios give the best alert to people. Local radio and TV stations usually have alert information. A tornado watch means that conditions may cause a tornado and a warning means that a tornado has been spotted. During a tornado the sky is usually black or greenish black. Many times there is hail before the tornado and then a strange quiet. The sound of a tornado has been described as rushing air changing to a roar similar to a train or a jet.

There were 15 members at the April 9 meeting. The Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club hosted the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. It was held on April 6 in the south gym of the Brewster School, due to snowfall. The turnout was low, but those attending said it was a very good hunt. The 4-H members did a good job of hiding the eggs.

There was a V.I.P. (Volunteer Information Profile) training held

for 4-H Leaders (junior, senior and adult) on Monday, April 16 at 7:30 in the 4-H Building. We will be hosting the annual rabies clinic for Brewster on Thursday from 4:15 to 6:30 p.m. 4-H members are asked to help with this event. The Thomas County Spring Dog Show will be held on Saturday, April 28. Thursday, May 17 from 4 to 7 p.m. will be small animal weigh-in at the Thomas County Fair Grounds.

The club voted to give each member \$30 for project supplies. ADM-Collingwood donated \$500 the last two years and First National Bank donated \$500 last year.

Some of the money was intended to be used for club members' benefit. This can be used for any project the member is entered in including animal, foods, woodworking, crafts, etc. Wyatt Werth, treasurer, has asked members to turn in receipts showing how the money was spent.

Ben Baird told the club about his cat, Avalanche, he will use for the cat project. This will be his first year in the cat project. Rose Bear played "Country Gardens" on the piano for music and other.

Benjamin Baird led the club in a game of Duck, Duck, Goose. The Baird and Eicher families provided brownies and koolaid after the meeting adjourned.

Senior center welcomes new director

By Emma RogersSenior Center

Senior Center

Kaila DeBoer is the new director at the Senior Progress Center, 165 Fike Park, in Colby. Colby has been her home for the majority of her lifetime. She attended Colby High School and Colby Community College and received her bachelor of business administration at Fort Hays State University. She has always enjoyed the opportunities given to her throughout the years and she is looking forward to working with the older generation of the community. Come and meet Kaila and join in the activities at the center.

We also need flower donated for our flowerpots to decorate the outside of the center.

There are plenty of activities scheduled at the center for the week of April 30-May 4, including Taffy Day on Monday. Tuesday exercise is at 10 a.m.; it is also Blue Day and flower donations are needed for the

outside pots. Wednesday is Popcorn Day. Exercise is at 10 a.m. Thursday. Friday exercise is at 10 a.m. and don't forget it's also Denim and Orange Day.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center in Colby wishes to invite those 60 and older and their guests to attend daily luncheons in Colby Monday through Friday. Reservations may be made by calling (785) 460-2901 the day before. Home delivery is also available for those unable to attend due to social or physical disabilities. Those who work are also invited to come to pick up a meal. Those meals are available at noon to be picked up. For individuals 60 and over a contribution of \$2.50 per meal is requested.

Anyone under 60 years of age is invited to attend or pick up a meal at a cost of \$4.50 per meal.

The menu for the next week in-

cludes: Monday - hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, cook's choice fruit. Tuesday - salmon patty with sauce, peas, Jello-o with bananas, bread, brownie. Wednesday - Swiss steak, savory carrots, cottage cheese salad, rice, peaches. Thursday - chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, cranberry sauce. Friday - lasagna, broccoli salad, cook's choice fruit, garlic bread, cookie.

The building is also available for rental for events. For information or lunch reservations, call 460-2901.

The Thomas County Public Van

is owned by the county but is scheduled and dispatched by the Senior Progress Center. The van is not a taxi service. It will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

It must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance of its use and be ready at least 30 minutes in advance of appointment.

Sometimes there are four to six calls per time frame.

Calls for the van need to be made between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday.

To contact the public transportation van after 12:30 p.m., call (785) 443-9208.

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This painting is one of Carpenter's works on display at Goodland.

Artist's work on display

The Common Buckeye, Western Tiger Swallowtail, Virginia Lady — these and many more varieties of butterflies will fill the Carnegie Arts Center gallery during May when Marlene Carpenter of Colby exhibits her exquisite collection of butterfly paintings.

The gallery show opens on Sunday, May 6 with an artist's reception from 1 to 3 p.m. at the arts center, said Tina Goodman, director.

"Marlene, an artist from Colby, is maybe best know for her sunflower paintings and craft items; however, she is always ready for a new challenge and found a challenge in taking on her most recent subject — butterflies," she said.

"Her butterfly paintings are very realistic and very detailed. She loves using bright colors and found inspiration in the natural beauty and colors of the various butterflies she paints."

Carpenter is a member of the High Plains Art Club in Colby and has shown her art with the club at the arts center in the past. Her sunflower art is also included in the art center's gift gallery.

"Besides her oils and some water-color paintings, she was among several artists that helped create a mural in the Bedker Memorial Complex at Colby Community College and helped paint murals at the Prairie Senior Living nursing in Colby," Goodwin said.

Her art has been included in the Smokey Hills Public Broadcast Services Art Auctions and has been featured in several state newspapers and television news segments.

Carpenter is a retired bank teller and has two daughters, a son and two grandchildren. She has been creating art for nearly 30 years, but has always had a natural interest in art from very early in her life. Her exhibit will continue through May 31.

This gallery show is sponsored by Royal and Joan Reid of Goodland.

"I want to thanks these sponsors and all those who help support the arts in Goodland," she said.

Arts center hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Community Calendar

- FRIDAY, APRIL 27
- Soaring Singers concert, Colby Grade School auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
- Colby Community College quiz bowl tournament, 2 p.m.
- KXXX-The Ride Daryle Singletary concert, Colby Community Building, 7 p.m.
- Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall basement, 8 p.m.
- SATURDAY, APRIL 28
- State Music Solo and Small Ensemble Fest at Andover
- Spring Livestock Show, Thomas County Fairgrounds
- Colby Community College quiz bowl tournament, 9 a.m.