

Family

Scouts try cold camp

Seventeen Boy Scouts from Colby troops 140 and 141 and four of their leaders braved single-digit weather at the Buffalo Bill District Klondike Derby on the Republican River near St. Francis.

Troops were from Colby, St. Francis, Goodland and Atwood took part in the traditional Scouting event Feb. 20-22. Leaders from Colby units were Gary Shuette, Kevin Juenemann, Mike Larimer and Alan Sager.

Nick Larmer reported that the temperature dipped to 9 degrees one night. On the first day, while they were setting up tents, it snowed, but the rest of the time the Scouts had good weather.

In a winter skills event, each patrol had to use a sled similar to the dog sleds used in the Iditarod race, he said, but the sleds are pulled by the boys rather than by dogs. Each sled had to weigh 50 pounds without its load. The boys got extra points for decorating them in the most original style. All of their equipment was loaded on the sled. The sleds had to be able to travel on both dry land and snow, but commercial skis for runners were not allowed.

"One of the highlights of the day was a sled race, in which each

troop pulled their sled in a timed race around a marked course," Juenemann said. "If a sled had wheels on it, they had to be removed for the race. Troop 141 of Colby won the finals in 38 seconds.

"After sunset, all the Scouts gathered around a campfire to tell jokes and perform skits.

"We slept in tents or improvised shelters, cooked and ate outside ... demonstrated skills in first aid, teamwork, memorization, Scout trivia, cooking and precision knife and tomahawk throwing."

The Scouts "gold nuggets" as awards, he said; these could be used to buy extra treats at the campfire.

Larmer said he, Harley Washa and Daniel Myers spent the night in the open, with no tent, and got along just fine with their sleeping bags.

There were no special award for the event; the leaders said; it was done as a practice and learning experience. Each troop started with the same pile of gear, including poles, a blanket, a backpack and other items. Schutte said one troop used the rigid-frame pack for a stretcher rather than the poles and blanket.

Thinking back



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Longtime friends Darrell Follis (right) and Maurice Sloan reminisced Thursday during retirement reception honoring Follis' 17 years with Woofter Construction and Irrigation.

Shakespeare Club

Amie Kendrick hosted the Colby Shakespeare Club on Feb. 27 at her home.

Kathy Calliham told the group she had contacted the Kansas Department of Transportation to inform them the club will no longer be picking up roadside trash on the highway.

An informative program, "Going Green," was shared by the hostess, followed by a quiz about the environment and included the statement that "going green" is doing anything in our daily life that will help the world.

Kendrick reviewed "Green Goes with Everything" by Sloan Barnett. To go green, the author encouraged everyone to try to do

something that does not hurt the world.

The next 3 of Clubs meeting will be on March 13, at the Pioneer Memorial Library, with Linda Davis Stephens giving the program.

Shakespeare will meet on March 27 at the home of Janice McCart.

-Joyce Hansen

Babies

Piper Jalee Brown

Piper Jalee Brown, daughter of Zach and Bridget Brown, Salina, was born at Salina Regional Medical Center on Feb. 19, 2009. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 21 inches. Grandparents are Jim and Tami Brown of Colby and Fred and Trudi Kuntzsch of Scott City. Great-grandparents are Jim and Jo Brown, Mesa Ariz.; Charles and Betty Bostwick, North Platte, Neb.; and Mildred Kuntzsch, Gorham. Great-great-grandparents are Hob and Nona Brown, Yuma, Colo.



Piper Brown

Corrections

Some details were missing when the *Colby Free Press* went to press on Friday, March 6. The story on spelling bees on Page 1 failed to mention Brittany Alexander and Alexa Sims, the second- and third-place winners in the Colby Grade School fourth-grade spelling contest. This was an editing error.

The parents of the winner of the county contest are Mike Brown, Colby, and Peggy Ohlrogge. This information was not provided to the paper.

Brandon John was third in the county spelling bee, and Ana Bermudez was fourth. The placing of

the two had been reversed due to erroneous information provided to the newspaper.

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On Page 4, the women in the "Cat in the Hat" picture reading to grade-school students were Amanda Bentley and Julia Colson. Both are members of the Kansas National Education Association Student Program at Colby Community College.

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Deaths

Doris R. Belshe

Doris R. Belshe, 83, a longtime Colby homemaker, died Saturday, March 7, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center. Doris Hull was born April 26, 1925, at Uniontown, Pa. She moved to Colby in 1946. She was a member of the Colby United Methodist Church.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, Claude A. Belshe, in 2007; and two sons, Leslie Belshe in 2001 and Brent Belshe in 2004.

She is survived by another son, Dana Belshe, extension agent in Goodland; two daughters, Susan Belshe, Colby, and Deanna Neville, Meridian, Miss.; two sisters, Linda Jacobs, Ottsville, Penn., and

Thelma Ryan, Uniontown; three brothers, Ed Hull, Cleveland; Charles Crossland, Pittsburgh, and Don Crossland, Uniontown; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at the Colby United Methodist Church, with Pastor James Mardock officiating and burial in Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Harrison Chapel.

The family suggests contributions for the church in care of the funeral home, Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701 or any Colby bank.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
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to all that donated, helped, and came to eat at my Soup Supper fund raiser on February 27, 2009. A special Thank You to my teachers, my friends, and my 4-H club members that helped serve and made desserts.

Proceeds from this and the other fund raisers that Mom and Grandma have done will go towards medical bills incurred from my second hip surgery I will have this summer.

Trinity Pfeifer, Age 8

Garnet L. Brown

Garnet Lee (Gilchrist) Brown, 74, passed away February 15, 2009, at the Idaho Falls Health and Rehabilitation Center in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Garnet was born January 4, 1935, in Colby, Kansas, to Dale and Mima (Bruns) Gilchrist. She grew up on a farm with her twin sister and attended school in Rexford, Kansas, where she graduated valedictorian in 1952. She was a cheerleader and played basketball. She received her four-year nursing degree from Denver University in 1956.

She married Robert Mungo Brown on August 24, 1958, in Rexford, Kansas. To this union, three children were born, Dorothy Mae, Robert Dale and Dee Ann. They lived in Laramie, Wyoming, and Borger, Texas, prior to moving to Idaho Falls in 1962. She worked as a Registered Nurse, advanced to Director of Nursing and then on to the Administrator of the Idaho Falls Nursing Home. She was given a plaque and mentioned in "Who's Who as American Nursing" twice during her career. She retired in 1986.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. She was a Den Mother for Cub Scout Pack 557, and president of the Women's Bowling League in Idaho Falls. She enjoyed skiing, camping, fishing, golfing and square dancing. She was an avid sports fan. She was very active in Grid Kid football, basketball and free-style wrestling. Following her husband's retirement in 1991, they wintered in Wellton, Arizona. Winter is for the young folks. They hiked historical trails, picked crops, went rock digging and enjoyed the sunrises and sunsets. It was hot but it was ok because it was a dry heat.

Garnet dearly loved spending time with her friends and family and especially enjoyed her grandchildren. She was very athletic, fun-loving, selfless, charismatic, loyal honest and nurturing. She was not only our mother, she was our best friend.

Garnet is survived by her chil-



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dren, Dorothy Wells (Julian), Robert Brown and Dee Ann Brown, all of Idaho Falls. Her grandchildren include Darren Marshall (Ashley) and Joshua Marshall of Idaho Falls, Jackelyn and Robbie Brown of Meridian, Idaho, and John and Alex Wells of Bozeman, Montana, and great-grandson, Carter of Idaho Falls. She is survived by three aunts, Ruth Bruns, Josephine Bruns and Florence Gilchrist. She is also survived by her husband's brother, Ron, and his wife, and his wife, Jan, with whom she was very close. Nieces and nephews include Peggy Miller (Bill), Rhonda Hurtt (Ron), Dalene Cox (James), Tracy Rall (Kelly), Troy Rall (Jennifer), Lori Brown, Leslie Boltz (Matt), J.R. Brown and multiple great nieces and nephews. Garnet was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Mungo; her parents, Dale and Mima; her older sister, Lois Dalene, and her twin sister, Marilyn Dee; and her husband, Victor P. Rall.

The family would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Sandy Covert and David Allen, as well as all of the others involved in our Mother's care. She loved and appreciated you very much, as do we.

The funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 21, 2009, at the First Presbyterian Church, 325 Elm St. in Idaho Falls, with the Rev. Dr. Dennis Falasco officiating. Burial was follow at Fielding Memorial Cemetery in Idaho Falls. A viewing for family and friends was from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at Buck-Miller-Hann Funeral Home, 825 E. 17th Street in Idaho Falls, and for one hour prior to the funeral Saturday at the church. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.buckmillerhann.com.

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