Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club

The Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club met at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 8, with 17 members.

President Rose Bear called meeting to order and Nichelle Erskine led the club in the flag salute. Song leaders Justin and Weston Schmidt led "Happy Birthday.'

Roll call was answered with members naming a favorite singing group or song.

Secretary Ben Baird's minutes from the last meeting were approved. Treasurer Stefanie Eicher gave

Bear said members would make pizzas at 9 a.m.

Saturday at the Community Building. Dorothy Bear said beef weigh-in was Saturday,

Feb. 20. County foods meetings will be held soon. Parliamentarian Justin Schmidt told members to

say, "I move" when making a main motion, and said the person seconding the motion should also stand.

Weston Schmidt gave a talk on his pig project. Michael Schmidt gave a demonstration on showing a pig. Ben Baird gave a demonstration on swine showmanship tips.

Bear had the members play "Simon Says."

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 8. Brett Roulier will do the project talk; Rose Bear and Justin Schmidt, demonstrations; Stefanie Eicher, music and other; and Monica Geihsler has safety and health. Austin Burkholder will be parliamentarian and Dara and Brett Roulier are in charge of recreation. Hosts are the Rundel and Eicher fami-

- Whitney Schultz

New directions open up

Aries (March 21 - April 20) With things settling down on the career front, you get a new sense of direction. There are new beginnings just around the corner. A trip down memory lane will help you to put things into perspective.

Taurus (April 21 – May 21) The week is all about tying up loose ends and getting things on track. Life can't be all work and no play. The focus is shifting to networking and connecting on the personal, social and professional fronts. Have some fun.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21) Keep your options open. Mercury's return to your career sector Tuesday kicks off one of the most Shannon O'Brien

 Weekly Horoscope

auspicious six-day professional periods ever. Deal with distractions on Monday.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Exciting professional and financial times are ahead, but without the freedom you have this week. Do what you can to embrace a sense of adventure while you can. Excuses are likely to be challenged.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) Financial pressures are unfolding, but don't be put off. Challenges are opportunities in disguise. Don't sweat the small stuff, creating complications where there are none, especially on financial and relationship fronts.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23) Put the past behind you. If that means having to address some old triggers, remember you can't have there. Shake the tree a little, leaving you free to move on, especially on the personal front.

Libra (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23) Create a balance between work and play that will keep you fresh,

creative and inspired. Your intuition challenges your intentions, demanding that you

listen to your instincts. Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) As opportunities deepen on romantic and creative fronts, you're close to a busy professional period. Pressure

is likely where you're trying

too hard. Trust fate a little more. Sagittarius (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21) Things get a push on the professional front, but there's also pressure on your home sector, where opportunities are building. Be alert to opportunities and in particular a

need to create the right balance. Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) Where there is pressure, look at what seems impossible that intuition says will work. Entrenched excuses need to be challenged.

Aquarius (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) This is an extremely good week for you, both financially and otherwise. Any pressure is the kind needed to kick start a very auspicious income week. Develop clear lines of communication.

Pisces (Feb. 20 - March 20) your buttons pressed if they aren't The full moon challenges intentions and whether the bar is high enough. This year it's more challenging, and may push old emotional buttons. When there is more on offer, more is also expected.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Thursday

12:30 a.m. - Possible fight at

Twisters. Not located. 2:05 a.m. – Assisted sheriff's office with traffic stop for driving

under the influence. 7:59 a.m. - Driving while revoked report filed on traffic stop

in the 900 block of S. Franklin. 8:45 a.m. – Warrant arrest on

Jimmy Thomas Stevenson II. 10:17 a.m. - Possible abandoned, wrecked car in parking lot forfeiture incident Wednesday. at the Cutting Edge.

1:46 p.m. – Phone harassment on Richard Michael Schmitt. at 1150 S. Franklin No. 65.

5:40 p.m. – Two juveniles playing on ground, moving equipment

in vicinity of Seventh and Copeland. Spoke to subjects.

7:13 p.m. – Located woman at Heartland School with message to return home.

Thursday

2:05 a.m. - Report filed on traffic stop for driving under the influence at 1110 Golden Ave; Van's towed vehicle.

9:18 a.m. – Report filed on civil

2:17 p.m. – Arrest warrant served

4:18 p.m. – Arrest warrant served on Matthew Trevor Jones. 5:42 p.m. –Took inmate from Rawlins County Sheriff's Office to Law Enforcement Center.

Maryland ready to ban THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF marriage between cousins

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) - AMaryland state legislator says it's time to ban marriages between first cousins and stop playing what he calls "genetic roulette" with their offspring.

Henry Heller, a Democratic delegate, or state representative, says he wants to bring Maryland "into the enlightened world of other states such as West Virginia and

unions of first cousins.

Heller, a retired special education administrator, says first cousins have an increased risk of having a child with birth defects.

The bill would make an exception for people who are over 65 or infertile. Heller says he has "no problem" with those couples if they want the companionship.

Twenty-four states prohibit mar-Arkansas" that already prohibit riage between first-cousins.

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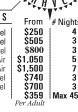
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