

# Family

## Consider tree care at home and beyond

Woody Allen once said, "Only God can make a tree, probably because it's so hard to get the bark on."



**Kay Melia**

• The Gardener

Fortunately, we never have to worry much about the bark on a tree, but we should spend lots of time concerning ourselves about the general health of the trees in our yards, and in our town, and generally in our parks and forests all across America.

The proper maintenance and timely replacement of the trees now growing in our community and our own yards is vital to our environment and our comfort.

I think our town does an excellent job of maintaining our tree population by proper trimming and pruning. Our city parks and highway rights of way always appear to have been properly cared for each year, and we should be grateful.

Most homeowners try their best to maintain the trees in their yards, and in doing so, share their beauty and symmetry with the public. The right of way along K-27 between U.S. 24 and Interstate 70 shows just how much Goodland public officials care about providing a neat and clear approach to our city. Goodland has long held the designation of Tree City USA.

Imagine the maintenance and devotion to duty required in New York's Central Park, in the heart of our largest city. It is managed by the Central Park Conservancy under contract with the city. The

group does its job with a relatively modest budget of \$600,000 a year.

There are thousands of trees in the 770 acres of the park. Maintaining them properly is not an easy job and basic knowledge of the many species is of great concern because different species demand different kinds of care. And because of the great numbers of people visiting the park, safety concerns must be addressed because of naturally occurring storm damage and falling limbs.

Here in Goodland, our parks show the concern of city employees. More trees are added each year as we make every effort to add to the beauty of our surroundings. Memory Park, the site of the big standpipe near Ninth and Center, provides a signboard showing the names of those who have donated trees or had trees planted in their memory. A similar remembrance board stands at Gulick Park.

Trees die every year and should be replaced as soon as possible. The Cemetery Board and the city Tree Board accept donations for new trees. Such donations are vital in maintaining the beauty and integrity of our city.

## Rexford Lions collect, donate

The Rexford Lions Club's annual winter coat and clothes drive will be held on two Saturdays, Oct. 9 and 16. The Rexford Community Building will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for families to pick up free items, including coats, clothes and shoes, as well as some school supplies.



**Vicki Allison**

• Rexford Correspondent

Any clothing that does not fit your family, please feel free to bring to the Community Building on those two dates, or call Mary Luna, (785) 687-8032, to set up at time to take your donations of clothes, coats, shoes, eyeglasses, school supplies or money.

Cleda Moeder left on Sept. 2 and drove to Shawnee to visit Tim Moeder's family, staying until Sept. 8, then boarding a plane to Indianapolis to visit her son and his wife, Robert and Marsha Moeder, until Sept. 15. While there, Cleda helped her grandson Chris celebrate his birthday in Muncie, Ind., attending an open house and learned about his starting medical school there. Returning to Shawnee, she stayed with Tim, Shelly, Taylor and Peyton until returning home last Monday. She went to her granddaughter's soccer game while there and enjoyed watching the team win.

The Golden Plains School District extends a thank you to the Thomas County Community Foundation and the Golden Plains Booster Club for buying and donating the new football pants to the high school football team. These were needed and greatly appreciated.

Golden Plains Homecoming Week begins today, with the student body celebrating Wake-Up Day; Tuesday, Opposite-Gender

Day; Wednesday, Duct-Tape Day; Thursday, Costume Day and a jersey auction, bonfire and hotdog feed in the evening; and Friday, Red, Black and White Day. The king and queen crowning will be at 6:15 p.m., prior to kick off at 7 against the Cheylin Cougars.

Homecoming senior candidates are Arianna Valdez and Tate Preston, and senior sport candidates are Avery Spresser and Devinn Ritter and Melissa Ritter and Rilee Spresser. Junior attendees are Jacqueline Armstrong and Kalyn Weber.

Keeping the community informed, two suspects have been arrested in connection with the break in and theft at the Gilberts' property and the missing television was located.

Until next time, make your week memorable. And go Chiefs!

## Scary teen draws cops to store

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP) - A southwest Missouri teenager dressed as a machete-wielding madman to promote a Halloween store was the one who ended up getting a scare.

The *Joplin Globe* reports a police officer pointed a gun at the costumed teenager and ordered him to the ground Saturday after getting a report that a disturbed person was brandishing a weapon on a city street.

## Deaths

### John Headley

John Headley, 79, formerly of Colby, died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010, at his home in Hanston.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Beulah Cemetery in Colby, with the Rev. Don

Martin officiating.

The Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel in Dodge City, (620) 225-0518, is in charge of arrangements.

### Lenora Cole Haney

Lenora Cole Haney, 95, Ulysses, a long-time Colby school teacher, died Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010, at Bob Wilson Memorial Hospital in Ulysses.

She was born May 18, 1915, in Arlington, the daughter of Bury Cole and Gertrude (Kelman) Cole.

After growing up and graduating from high school in Turon, she attended Fort Hays State University and Sterling College, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in education.

On Sept. 4, 1935, she married Phillip A. Haney in Hutchinson. She moved in 1946 to Colby, where she was a first-grade teacher, and lived here until moving to Ulysses in 2003.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents; three brothers, John Cole, Robert Cole and Donald Cole; and a sister, Cleora Zink.

Survivors include a son, Ronald (Ramona) Haney, Garden City; a brother, Wendell (Mary Lou) Cole, St. Joseph, Mo.; a sister-in-law, Nina Haney, Cawker City; four grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010, at the First United Methodist Church in Ulysses, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Laredo Kan., Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Garnand Funeral Home in Ulysses.

The family suggests memorials to the Grant County Senior Center, the Colby Senior Progress Center, or the United Methodist Church music departments in either Ulysses or Colby, in care of the funeral home, 405 W. Grant Ave., Ulysses, Kan., 67880.

### Donita Vatteta Dreitz

Donita Valleta Dreitz, 58, Stratton, Colo., mother of Dalene (Doug) Rowley of Colby, died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010, in Colorado Springs.

She was born in St. Francis on July 3, 1952, the daughter of Warren E. and Valetta V. (Anderson) Clemans. They lived on a farm in the Beaver Valley community until 1954, then moved to Burlington, Colo., where she attended school through her sophomore year.

She married Raymond D. Rowley in 1968. On Aug. 21, 1993, she married Randall J. Dreitz. They lived in Stratton.

A hard worker at her jobs, she enjoyed bowling, fishing, crocheting and watching the Broncos.

Preceding her in death were her

parents, her husbands and a father-in-law Alvin Dreitz.

She also is survived by two stepchildren, Robert Dreitz and Teresa Derringer, Stratton; two brothers, Arlyn (Sharon) Clemans and Royce (Yvonne) Clemans, Burlington; a sister, Janice King, Eads, Colo.; a granddaughter; and four stepgrandchildren.

Services were Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010, at the New Brown and Latimer Funeral Home in Burlington, with the Rev. Ron Lee officiating and burial in the Stratton Calvary Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials in her name in care of the First National Bank in Burlington, Box 700, Burlington, Colo., 80807.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.17
Corn (bushel)	\$4.62
Milo (hundredweight)	\$7.78
Soybeans (bushel)	\$10.06

## Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

## Betty Elaine Fitzsimmons Sloan

Betty Elaine Fitzsimmons Sloan died peacefully at her home in Colby on September 24, 2010. She was born April 18, 1924 to Ethyl Lene (Logan) and Everett Wallace Elmore in Rozel, Kansas. Betty attended Lewis Rural School and was graduated in 1942. College was interrupted by World War II, and after attending KU, and Hutchinson Jr. College, she was granted a BS in Speech and English from Kansas State University in 1947. Though she was a homemaker for most of her life, education was important to Betty, and she was hired as the first Speech and Drama instructor at Colby Community College. She served several terms on the local school board, and later worked at the HF Davis Library on the CCC campus. In appreciation of her service and support to the students of Colby Community College, she and Jack were presented with Honorary Associate in Arts Degrees in 1998.

On May 20, 1944, she was married to John Warren (Jack) Fitzsimmons. They moved to Colby in 1952 where Jack owned and operated an automobile agency Jack Fitzsimmons Motors for many years. He preceded her in death on October 14, 1999. Betty was married to Harlan Sloan on September 20, 2003. He preceded her in death on July 22, 2004. She was very active in her church and community.

She was a member and past president of PEO Chapter CE; member and past Elder of the First Presbyterian Church; member of AAUW, and an avid card player. Her family and her friends were priorities in life.

Preceding her in death were her parents; brother, Everett W. Elmore, Jr., brother, Keith E. Elmore, and her husbands, Jack and Harlan. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Freda Helwig, of Macksville, Kansas; and her three daughters, Dee Holman, of Great Bend, Kansas; Jill Fitzsimmons, of Great Bend, Kansas; and Jackie Wingerd and husband, Bruce, of Clay Center, Kansas; five grandchildren, Ben Steinbaur, of Austin, Texas; Emily Steinbaur, of Austin, Texas; Macdaniel Holmon and wife, Andrea, of Great Bend, Kansas; Western McNeeley, of Lawrence, Kansas; and Sophie McNeeley, of Gunnison, Colorado; and one great-grandaughter, Jade Holmon, of Great Bend, Kansas.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church, Colby, with Rev. Carol Rahn, Colby, officiating. Visitation at Harrison Chapel, Colby, will be Monday, September 27, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.. Burial will be in the Farmington Cemetery, Macksville, Kansas at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 2010. Memorials may be made to H F Davis Library, First Presbyterian Church or Hospice Services and may be left at Harrison Chapel, Colby.

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## Village Inn

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Village Inn will be closing for renovation

Sunday, September 26, at 2 p.m.

Will reopen Saturday, October 2nd, at 6 a.m.

We apologize for any inconvenience.