

It's homecoming time



JUDY ROGERS/Golden Plains High School
Golden Plains High School Homecoming royalty candidates include (top to bottom) sports candidates Jose Bermudez and Angela Ritter, senior candidates Andrew Luna and Morgan Walz, junior candidates Tristan Schwarz and Jordan Christensen, sophomore attendants Benny Martinez and Alexis Luna and freshman attendants Cole Ziegelmeier and Madison Walz. Homecoming activities include a parade and community pep rally Thursday at the football field following the middle-school football games and the crowning of the king and queen at 6:30 p.m. Friday before the football game against Greeley County.

Cooler weather greets busy season in Rexford

I'm loving the cooler evenings and mornings that come with late summer.

Bingo was held at the Red Barn on Saturday night. This was the first bingo meeting of the fall, and was lots of fun for everyone who attended.

The Gideons held their monthly meeting at Shepherd's Staff on Saturday night.

The Girl Scouts welcomed new members and honored existing members at their meeting on Sunday afternoon. The meeting was followed by a cake and punch reception for the girl scouts and their families.

Shepherd's Staff will hold their Open House and Dedication of the Historic Philip Houston House beginning at 4 p.m. today. The dedication will be at 4:30. You can enjoy lemonade and cookies or tour the Shepherd's Staff facilities until 7 p.m. We'd love to have you attend.

Thursday night is the Homecoming parade. It will begin at 7 p.m. at the north end of Main Street and proceed south to the high school, then on to the football field. Come on out and support our teams.

Ladies, don't forget about the Beth Moore simulcast on Saturday. Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the simulcast beginning at 8:30. Lunch is included in the \$50 registration price, and the event will conclude by 3:30. To register, visit www.shepherdstaff.org or call 687-2565.

Well, that seems to be the news for this week. Enjoy that beautiful

Corrections

A photo caption on Page 1 of the Monday, Sept. 10, *Colby Free Press* incorrectly identified Edna Hansen as Gail Vacca. This was a reporting error.

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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.

Markets

| Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op | |
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| Wheat (bushel) | \$8.24 |
| Corn (bushel) | \$7.52 |
| Milo (hundredweight) | \$13.34 |
| Soybeans (bushel) | \$16.01 |

Some like it HOT... and some like to shop the COOL way!!
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Are you prepared for any emergency?

September is National Preparedness Month. Would you be ready if there were an emergency?

Be prepared: assemble an emergency supply kit, make emergency plans, stay informed and get involved in helping your family, your business and your community be ready for emergencies.

Create a Grab-and-Go Box

If you had only a few moments to evacuate your home, would you have access to the cash, banking services and the personal identification needed to conduct your day-to-day financial life? Consider keeping the following items in a secure place in your home, in a waterproof, fireproof container that can be taken with you at a moment's notice.

- Identification and documents to restore financial records, including copies of your driver's license, passports, social security cards
- Insurance cards, policies or other proof of insurance coverage
- Household inventory
- Immunization records
- Bank account numbers, cash
- Copies (front and back) of ATM, debit and credit cards
- Phone numbers and account information for all financial service and insurance providers
- Important telephone numbers (family, doctors, veterinarians)
- Names and prescription numbers for medications
- Safe deposit box key
- Small notebook and pencil

If the following items are not kept in a safe deposit box, these should also be kept in your grab-and-go box. It is a good idea to make copies of safe deposit box contents in case the originals are damaged by water.

- Family records (birth, marriage, death certificates)
- Will, contracts, deeds, stocks and bonds
- Titles to vehicles

Family Communications

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan how you will contact one another. Think about how you will com-



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municate in different situations.

Complete a contact card for each adult family member. Have them keep these cards handy in a wallet, purse or briefcase. Complete contact cards for each child in your family. Put the cards in their backpacks or book bags.

Check with your children's day care or school. Facilities designed for children should include identification planning as part of their emergency plans.

Family Communication Tips

Identify a contact, such as a friend or relative who lives out of state, for household members to notify that they are safe. It may be easier to call long distance than across town, so this contact may help communicate among separated family members.

Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number and has a cell phone, coins or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact. If you have a cell phone, program that person(s) as "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) in your phone. If you are in an accident, emergency personnel will often check your ICE listings to get hold of someone you know.

Make sure to tell those you've listed as emergency contacts.

Teach family members how to use text messaging. Text messages can often get around network disruptions when a phone call might not be able to get through.

Subscribe to alert services. Many communities have systems to send instant text alerts.

A disaster can happen at any time of the year. So take action now to get prepared before it happens. For tips go to the Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) website at eden.lsu.edu.

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Deaths

Niel 'Dean' Larsen

Niel "Dean" Larsen, 79, Colby, died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012, at the Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby, one day before his 80th birthday.

He was born Sept. 10, 1932, to James J. and Pearle (White) Larsen on a farm on the Middle Fork of the Sappa Creek in Rawlins County. Following high school, he worked for the Colby K-State Experiment Station.

He served two years in the Korean War, from 1953 to 1955. When he came home, he went back to work for the experiment station and also on the family farm.

On Jan. 29, 1956, he married Patricia Henningsen at the Colby United Methodist Church. In 1981, he retired from the experiment station and went to farming full time.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Earle and Glenn

Larsen, and three sisters, Mildred Jones, Ruth Brickley and Dorothy Schippert.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two daughters, Mylinda (Harlan) Downing and Sondra Stephens, both of Colby; a son, David (Deborah) Larsen, Purcellville, Va.; two sisters, Frances Smith and Nancy (John) Sanders, Colby; a brother, Norman (Carolyn) Larsen, Kansas City, Kan.; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012, at the Baalmann Mortuary in Colby, followed by burial in the Beulah Cemetery with military honors.

Visitation was to be from 2 to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary.

The family suggests memorials to the nursing home instead of flowers, in care of the mortuary, Box 391, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday at Colby Community College with 33 members and guests Wayne Decosta and John Dygert.

Tama Unger had the program. Her guest was Dr. Dygert, who joined the Family Center for Health Care and Citizens Medical Center earlier this summer.

Dygert was raised in Divide, Colo. His wife Jilinda is from Beiloi. Their four children are ages 6 years to 5 months. They chose Colby to be closer to both of their families.

Dygert attended Benedictine College and went to Kansas City

University of Medicine and Biosciences. He completed a family practice residency in Ft. Wayne, Ind., just before moving to Colby.

He said he is impressed with the medical community here and finds the clinic and hospital to be on the cutting edge of medical technologies.

In addition to his family, Dygert enjoys basketball, football, baseball and golf. They are members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Nick Wells won Roto-Lotto.

Rotary meets weekly in Room 106 of the Student Union.

— Relda Galli

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