

# Golden Plains beats goal for blood drive

By Angela Ritter  
Golden Plains High School

On Nov. 7, the student council, along with the Red Cross, sponsored a blood drive at Golden Plains High School.

With the recent blood shortage caused by Hurricane Sandy, the Golden Plains students, staff and community stepped up to do their part. Throughout the day, 16 people donated. Four of these were first timers.

"Considering I was put on the spot and asked to be a replacement," said last-minute donor Jesus Garcia, a senior, "I was extremely frightened and nervous of what to expect. It was the first time I had ever given blood, but everything went well and I wouldn't mind doing it again."

"This was my fourth time giving blood," senior Camron Spreser said. "The ladies were very caring and provided us with some awesome snacks. I plan on donating again in the spring."

Overall, the day was successful. The Red Cross started the day with a goal of 14 units of blood but reached 15 by the end of the day. The organization will be scheduling another blood drive in the spring.



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After volunteering at the last minute, senior Jesus Garcia cringed as he was stuck by the needle earlier this month. This was his first time.

## Deaths

### Armeda Anne Jenness

Armeda Anne Jenness, 89, Kingsley, Iowa, mother of Nancy (Doug) Baker of Colby, died Friday, Nov. 9, 2012, at the Kingsley Nursing and Rehab Center.

She was born Dec. 23, 1922, in Shelby County, Ill., to Louis and Berte (Onion) Hudson. She attended country school through the eighth grade, then received her General Educational Development certificate.

During World War II, she served in the Army Signal Corps as a telephone operator from 1944 to 1946. She was stationed in Austria for a year, receiving the Army Commendation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal Germany, European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon and the American Flag Theater Ribbon.

On Oct. 4, 1948, she married Erwin Jenness in Strasburg, Ill. She worked at Anderson Implement in Kingsley for nine years, along with baby sitting and house-

cleaning. She was a member of the Kingsley Methodist Church and the American Legion Auxiliary in Pierson, Iowa, and enjoyed reading, sewing and church work.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband in 1998; two brothers, Ralph and Paul Hudson; a sister, Melba Ethridge; and a great-grandson, Jonathan Van-Voorst.

Survivors include three sons, David Jenness, Des Moines, Iowa; Roy (Eugenia) Jenness, Chula Vista, Calif.; and Lloyd (Tami) Jenness, Moline, Iowa; two other daughters, Verna (Rick) Dodd, House, N.M., and Lisa Elgert of McCook, S.D.; a sister, Pauline Wagner, Shelbyville, Ill.; 15 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were Thursday, Nov. 15, 2012, at the United Methodist Church in Kingsley, with burial in Memory Garden Cemetery.

### Bill Murphy

Bill Murphy, 83, Phillipsburg, died Friday, Nov. 16, 2012, at the Phillips County Retirement Center there.

He was born Feb. 18, 1929, in Norton, to Thomas and Mayme (Youngs) Murphy.

He worked for the Co-operative Refinery Association in Phillipsburg for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Murphy, of the home; two sons, Ron Murphy, Littleton, Colo., and Rod Murphy, Centennial, Colo.; two daughters, Dian Hanchett, Phillipsburg, and Renee Goodwin, Andover, N.H.; seven

grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2012, at the Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel in Phillipsburg, with Pastor Joel Hiesterman officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Selden Cemetery.

No visitation. The family suggests memorials to the Hope Foundation for Community Building renovation.

Leave condolences at [www.olliffboeve.com](http://www.olliffboeve.com).

### Deer use automatic doors

CORALVILLE, Iowa (AP) — Shoppers in Iowa got an unusual glimpse of wildlife Monday morning when a doe and two fawns wandered into a department store.

Coralville Police Chief Barry Bedford says the deer used doors that open automatically to get into a Kohl's store.

He says the fawns stayed in the store's vestibule, but their mother made it into the store and headed toward the back.

Police say employees opened up some back doors and the doe ex-

ited. The two fawns turned around and used the automatic exit doors to leave the store.

No injuries or damage were reported.

### Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day  
**Hi-Plains Co-op**

Wheat (bushel)	\$8.17
Corn (bushel)	\$7.48
Milo (hundredweight)	\$12.82
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.22

## Respiratory risk points to need to get flu shots

What is the most common respiratory illness in the United States, which infects millions of people every year? The answer is influenza.

So the next question is what is best way to prevent flu and flu-related health complications? The answer is simple — get your annual flu shot. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Thomas County Health Department recommend that everyone 6 months and older get immunized against the flu.

Through the years, the quantity of people recommended for flu vaccination has increased as health experts learn more about the populations that are at the highest risk for flu-related complications. For a list of those people at risk, go to Centers for Disease Control website at [www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/high\\_risk.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/high_risk.htm). According to estimates, each year over 200,000 people are hospitalized because of flu-related complications. Even healthy adults and children can get quite sick from the respiratory flu.

"One of the greatest challenges we face from the flu is the uncertainty of the disease," says Dr. Anne Schuchat, director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. "Flu viruses are constantly changing. Each flu season, different flu viruses can spread and they can affect people differently based on their body's ability to fight infection."



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### • Healthy Happenings

The convenience of getting your flu shot is at an all time high, especially in Thomas County. The health department offers flu vaccine at our office at 350 S. Range. Other locations where the vaccine has been offered are at the mass flu clinic held at the 4-H building, Brewster Senior Center, Rexford Red Barn and sites throughout Colby.

Our local pharmacists have also begun providing the flu vaccine at Palace Drug, Dillons and Walmart. Clinics in town offering the vaccine include Colby Medical Services and Family Center for Health Care. Family Center said they will schedule flu vaccines from 8 to 9 a.m., noon to 1:30 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m.

So when you are out in our community and see signs offering the flu shot or visit your doctor for routine check-up, remember: the flu vaccine is the single best way to prevent the flu.

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Rex and Betty Carswell

## Cruise marks 66th

Rex and Betty Carswell of Rexford celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary with a cruise alongside their children and spouses Oct. 5 to 16, 2012.

A gift from their children, Terry (Steve) Salter of McPherson, Vince (Peggy) Carswell of Oberlin, Peggy (Robert) Dible of Menlo and Daryl (Rita) Carswell of Hays, the cruise toured parts of New England and Canada and spent three days in New York.

James Rex Carswell and Betty Lou Thieler were married

June 6, 1946, in Selden with Rev. Milton officiating. Their attendants were Keith Barnett and Darlene Theiler.

The couple has lived on their farm north of Rexford for 66 years and is active in community and church affairs. In addition to four children and their spouses, their family has grown to include 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Cards may be mailed to 14482 N. Road 150W, Selden, Kan., 67757.

## Turkey causes power outage

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. (AP) — Maybe this turkey was trying to launch a preemptive strike before Thanksgiving.

Utility officials say the turkey flew into a power line in Sheboygan County on Saturday morning. A *Sheboygan Press* report (sheb-

pr.es/WdEVNQ) says the contact knocked out power for about 1,500 people.

We Energies spokeswoman Cathy Schulze says the outage was reported just before 8 a.m. She says power was restored within an hour.

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