

Two from county attend 4-H Congress

Jory Koon of Colby and Ben Baird of Brewster, recently attended the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta as Kansas 4-H delegates.

The gathering, from Nov. 29 to Dec. 3, attracted over 1,200 young people from all over the United States. Koon and Baird were two of 39 from Kansas to attend.

The National 4-H Congress is one of the most prestigious 4-H events and only outstanding 4-H members are selected to attend.

In Kansas, there are three ways for a youth to be selected: as state "Kansas Award Portfolio" (record book) project award winners; as Standard of Excellence winners, nominated by counties from 4-H Key Award winners; and as Centennial delegates, a classification added during the 4-H Centennial in 2002.

Delegates are nominated by their local offices because of their contributions to their local 4-H programs.

Koon and Baird were both selected as a delegate because of their outstanding project work and recording on their Kansas Award Portfolios.

Delegates to the National 4-H Congress interact with other youths from across the country while participating in workshops, community service and sightseeing in Atlanta.

According to Pam Van Horn, Kansas 4-H Youth Development specialist, many times the youth enjoy community service the most of any activity at the conference. "It's a very hands-on conference," she said.

"Youth at National 4-H Congress learn about themselves, increase knowledge, build skills, and reach out to others," Van Horn said.

The Thomas County 4-H Council congratulates Koon and Baird on their outstanding achievement.

Sagebrush shootout coming to Brewster

The downtown is beautifully decorated for Christmas. Thanks to all those that worked to get all the lights and tree up.

Brewster High School will be holding the annual Sagebrush Shootout this week. Games begin at 3 p.m. Tuesday. The Lady Titans will play Logan at 3, followed by the boys at 4:30, also against Logan. Games will continue on Friday beginning at 3 and Saturday at 2. Come out and support the Titans. The junior class will serve concessions.

The all school Christmas Program will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 17. Student Council is holding a soup supper before the concert. They will begin serving at 5:30 p.m.

If you have Brewster news or upcoming events you would like to share please let me know. E-mail angiem@st-tel.net, call 694-3008, or drop information off at the Prairie Land Insurance office.



Angie Moore

• Brewster Correspondent

Decorations are up; deer hunters are out

The Christmas season is here! The decorations are up on the streets, and are slowly being put up in the homes of Rexford. It is always so fun to see the decorations and the lighted trees in people's homes.



Laura TerHarr

• Rexford Correspondent

We also see that the deer hunting season is among us as people are staying at the Shepherd's Staff Hotel and Prairie House and hunting during the day. We pray that everyone stays safe in this season. The decorations have been put

up on the Houston House, and other places in the community. It looks very festive.

If you have Rexford news to share, you can contact me at (785) 687-2565 or www.shepherdstaff.org.

Deaths

Esther 'Beth' Barnett

Esther "Beth" (Yount) Barnett, 87, Effingham, Rexford native, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013, at the Tri-County Manor Living Center in Horton.

She was born Jan. 23, 1926, in Rexford, the daughter of Jesse and Esther (Mohler) Yount. She spent all of her young life in Thomas and Sheridan counties. She went to Rexford High School and Decatur County High School in Oberlin, enrolling in the Normal Training course, which upon graduation allowed her to go into teaching. At 17, she started teaching in Rexford.

On May 20, 1944, she married Kenneth R. Barnett. He preceded her in death on June 24, 1995.

They lived in several states, including Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota, where he was a cattle herdsman. They eventually moved to Effingham, where she worked for 25 years as a bus driver and in the school's food service.

They owned and operated their own dairy farm until retiring in 1989. Upon retirement they became work campers, spending their summers in South Dakota and winters in Texas. After Ken's

death, she settled back in Effingham where she became a volunteer for the Atchison Hospital Hospice and a caregiver for elderly that wished to remain in their own home.

She was a member of the Effingham Union Church and a former 4-H leader.

Survivors include two sons, Danny (Mary Kay) Barnett, Effingham, and Steve (Julie) Barnett, Marshfield, Mo.; two daughters, Becky O'Brien, Effingham, and Kris (Spider) Shell; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday Dec. 14, at the Becker Chapel, 402 Third St. in Effingham, with inurnment in the Evergreen Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials instead of flowers to Sabetha's Lakeside Terrace, in care of the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home, 402 Third St., Effingham, Kan., 66023.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake Bridge winners for Tuesday were: first, Gail Vacca; second, Ken Ptacek; third, Barb Ulmer; fourth, Dave Ulmer; fifth, Katie Melvin.

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.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.88
Corn (bushel)	\$4.25
Milo (hundredweight)	\$7.34
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.33

Atwood man receives Young Alumni award

Matt Wolters, Atwood, is one of two recent Kansas State University graduates to receive the K-State Alumni Association Student Alumni Board's 2014 Distinguished Young Alumni Award.

The award recognizes K-State graduates who are younger than 35 years old and are using the scholarship, leadership and service experience they acquired at K-State to excel in their professions and contribute to their communities.

The Alumni Association and Student Alumni Board will honor Wolters when he returns to campus in February to give a presentation and visit with student groups and university classes.

Wolters is co-founder and co-owner of SureFire Ag Systems, a company that designs and manufactures solutions to apply fertilizer and chemicals to crops and fields throughout Kansas, the U.S. and the world. In addition to Sure-

Fire Ag Systems, Wolters and his partners founded the Dream Big vFoundation, which promotes and provides resources to enhance science, technology, engineering, agriculture and math education in the Rawlins County school district.

Wolters also helped reorganize the Kansas FFA Foundation and serves as a member of the Rawlins County Hospital Board and the Kansas Agricultural Rural Leadership Program. While at K-State, Wolters served as a College of Agriculture ambassador as well as a member of Blue Key Honor Society and the Student Governing Association, among other roles. He graduated in 2003 with a degree in agricultural economics.

KanCare has open enrollment

KanCare members who joined the new Medicaid program on Jan. 1 have an open enrollment period from Dec. 1 to Sunday, March 2.

During open enrollment, members may switch health plans after reviewing their current KanCare services and comparing services among the three KanCare health plans: Amerigroup, Sunflower State Health Plan and United-Healthcare Community Health Plan.

Members who enrolled after Jan. 1 will have open enrollment the month of their original enrollment.

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