

## Stoeckers celebrating 50 years

Lawrence and Betty Stoecker will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Oakley United Methodist Church.

Hosting the reception are their children: David Tripp, Marianne and Mike Schmitt; and Gary and Mary Stoecker. The couple requests no gifts.

Lawrence Stoecker and Betty Lehmann were married Oct. 14, 1951, in Oakley. They have six grandchildren.



Lawrence and Betty Stoecker

## Club News

### Colby Shakespeare Club

Colby Shakespeare Club members met at Jeanne Thyfault's little house on Friday, Sept. 28. In keeping with the program to follow, roll call was answered with each member talking about or showing their favorite piece of jewelry. Twelve members and one guest, Mrs. Rhonda Ibbetson Faber, were present.

Treasurer Jane Johnson reported that all dues were paid in full. Kathy Calliharn reported that the Shakespeare Club book received a blue ribbon on the district level from Mrs. Lungren. It will be sent on to the state convention and returned after the critique.

The two miles of trash pickup along the highway was discussed. Pi Gamma is willing to help us clean and we will help them, but need a chairman since Diann Gerstner is no longer with the club. Amie Kendrick will serve as chair and work with Pi Gamma members to set up dates and keep it going.

Amie visited briefly with members regarding the Oct. 11, "A Day in My Community", in which members are asked to journal that day and write about their community involvement, work, etc. in Thomas County. Amie's FCE group is collecting them and would like as many to participate as possibly can.

Jeff Horlacher of Horlacher Jewel-

ers presented the program and was introduced by Phyllis Elliott as a "Shopper of Diamonds." Jeff was invited to fly via Sabena Airlines to The Antwerp World Diamond Center: the diamond cutting capital of the world. Many of the families there are second- and third-generation diamond cutters.

One must apprentice for 10 years before being allowed to cut a one carat stone. The city of Antwerp is only 500,000 people, but the diamond district is very highly guarded by video and guards, as well as bullet-proof glass in all windows.

He mainly looked at diamonds and judged them through 10-power magnification, choosing many to bring home for retail. Inside the Love Diamond factory, all cutters work side by side. Jeff also met the president of the World Diamond Dealers' Guild and visited his company.

Diamonds are judged by their color, clarity, cut and carat weight. A rough diamond loses half its weight when it is cut. The waste is then used to cut other diamonds.

Most diamonds are found in South Africa and up the west coast. Jeff showed some beautiful slides of the city, the surrounding countryside and farmlands, and, of course, the beautiful stones he was looking at while he was there.

## Fall veggies are about ripe

MANHATTAN—Winter squash and pumpkins both have more to offer if allowed to mature in fall on their sprawling vine. They taste better, look more colorful and have a longer storage life, said Kansas State University horticulturist Chuck Marr.

But, stores' fall holiday displays seem to go up earlier and earlier each year. Shoppers now expect to see fall vegetables — for eating and/or home decorating — as early as mid-September.

Most Kansas growers still plant winter squash and pumpkins that reach full ripeness just before a pre-Halloween or pre-Thanksgiving delivery date.

Some growers have switched to new shorter-season varieties. Plus, Kansas grocers also bring in produce from out-of-state.

"But we can't depend on harvesttime traditions anymore. So, before buying, shoppers would do well to have some basis for judging whether a fall vegetable really is ripe or may have been harvested too early," said Marr, who is K-State Research and Extension's vegetable crops specialist.

Appearance isn't a reliable clue. Ripe pumpkins can be various shades of orange — or white. They can have a smooth or bumpy skin (rind). They're classed into five size-weight categories, ranging from miniature

(less than 1 pound) to giant (20-plus pounds). Early-maturing varieties often have weak- and dried-up-looking brown stems; the ideal for late-maturing varieties now is strong dark-green "handles."

Winter squash's mature color can be buff (butternut); dark green (acorn); dark green, gray or orange (hubbard); yellow (spaghetti); green and white (cushaw and "sweet dumpling"); and dark orange ("delicious"). Its mature shapes vary just as widely. Winter squash also have unusual features — such as the "strands" in spaghetti squash or the unusual shape and coloration of the "turk's turban" squash. "One thing remains a constant, however," Marr said. "As winter squash and pumpkins grow, their rind toughens. When they reach full ripeness, it's no longer easy to cut into that skin with your fingernail."

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## Hospital

### CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2001

#### Admissions

Jessica Lovelady, Colby

Anita Roulier, Colby

#### Dismissals

Anita Roulier, Colby

Kevin Tremblay, Hoxie

Louise Swank, Colby

Velma Rohrbough, Colby

## Markets

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

Wheat	\$2.50
Corn	\$1.93
Milo	\$3.10
Soybeans	\$3.94

## Medication assistance planned for low-income

Medicare does not cover the cost of medications and many low-income elderly do not qualify for Medicaid. As a result, low-income seniors find it difficult to purchase medications. To fill the gap, a growing number of states have established programs to provide assistance.

Kansas was one of those states. Formal administrative rules and regulations were to be developed by Oct. 1, 2001, and it is anticipated that the program will begin Jan. 1, 2002. It is called the Senior Pharmacy Assistance Program. Contact the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging for more



Lois Myers

• Senior Savvy

information and eligibility criteria. Their toll free number is 1-800-432-7422.

Information for Seniors/Northwest Kansas Area Agency On Aging.

The following activities have been scheduled at the Senior Progress Center for the week of Oct. 8-12. Any se-

## Daisy Scout Troop starting

Girl Scout Daisy Troop Leader is Stacy Hall. Any girl in kindergarten may join the troop. For more information or to join call her at 462-2497

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The Shooting Stars Singles Square Dance Club, Hays, will have a square dance on from 8:00 to 10:30 p.m. at the Roosevelt Elementary School, 2000 MacArthur, Hays. Lanny Weakland will call the squares and que the rounds. There will be a raffle, door prizes, and refreshments. Singles and

## Happenings

couples are welcome.

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The Head Injury Support Group will meet Thursday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m., at LINK, 1204 Canterbury, Hays. All head injury survivors, family members, and supporters are encouraged to attend. For more information, please call Gia at LINK. 1-800-569-5926.

## Homecoming set for Friday

Triplains Homecoming will be Oct. 5. The team will play the Golden Plains Bulldogs. School will dismiss at 2:30 p.m. King candidates are Senior Blake Bretz, Junior Preston Mackley and Adam Palmer. Queen candidates are Seniors Kasiah Nichols and Kandy Schertz, and Junior Erin Barrett. Crown bearer and flower girl are Kyle Gfeller and Brittany Plummer, both kindergartners.

Triplains had 93 students, kindergarten through 12th grade on Sept. 20, the annual count day for Kansas public schools. Full Time Equivalent (FTE) was 90.5, as kindergartners only count as half because they attend school half



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the time. State funding is \$3,870 per pupil. FTEs for previous years are: 1997, 104; 1998, 92.5; 1999, 89.5; 2000, 91.5.

The Triplains fifth graders joined other fifth graders from Oakley Public School, and St. Joseph's School in Oakley Sept. 27-28 for a trip to Fort Wallace, Logan County Lake, and an overnight camp at Scott Lake cabins.

**Pancake & Sausage Feed**  
Saturday, October 6th  
7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
**\$3.00**



**COLBY AMERICAN LEGION**  
Proceeds will be used for community service projects.

nior, 60 or older, may participate.

Monday — Shuffleboard at 10 a.m. Cards at 1 p.m. Tuesday — Low impact exercise class at 9:30 Shuffleboard at 10 a.m. Cards at 1 p.m. Senior center board meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday — Breakfast pot luck at 8 a.m. Bring your tableware and a breakfast item to share. Line dance class at 10 a.m. A "ministry in music" program will be presented at 11 a.m., by Charlie Park from Nebraska. Cards at 1 p.m. Beginners computer class at 3 p.m. Thursday — Low impact exercise class at 9:30 Shuffleboard at 10 a.m. Senior Bridge at 1 p.m. Friday — Share-a-Memory/ Coffee Time at 9:30 a.m. Shuffleboard at 10 a.m.

Indoor walking, snooker, pool, puzzles and cards are available whenever the center is open...and the coffee

pot is always on!

Planning a reception? You do not need to be a senior to rent the center. Call Deb at 462-2901 for more information.

Homestead Nutrition Oct. 8-12. Monday — Ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, dinner roll, rosy pears. Tuesday — Roast turkey, sweet potatoes, coleslaw, roll, cinnamon apple slices. Wednesday — Chili w/beans, crackers, cinnamon roll, 1/2 orange. Thursday — Roast beef, mashed potatoes w/gravy, carrots, bread, orange/pineapple salad. Friday — Taco salad, bananas in jello, bread, peach up-side-down cake w/topping.

Meal reservations need to be made before noon, 24 hours in advance at 462-2901. Cancellations should be called in as soon as possible.

## Community Calendar

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Sunday Morning Alcoholics Anonymous, Ramada Inn, 9 a.m. Higher Ground, High School Youth Group, Berean Church, 6 p.m. New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

Duplicate Bridge, airport, 1 p.m. Quit smoking support group, 775 E. College Drive, 1 p.m. Monday Afternoon Bridge, Meadowlark Manor, 1 p.m. Colby Housing Authority Board, Meadowlark Manor, 5 p.m. High Plains Lions, Ramada Inn, 7 p.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly, United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.; weigh-in, 6-6:30 p.m. Rexford Lions, Rexford Cafe, 7 p.m. (2nd & 4th Mondays) Pride of the Prairie Orchestra practice, Colby Community College Band Room, Cultural Arts Center, 7:30-9 p.m. Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous, (smoking), City Hall Basement, 8:30 p.m. Al Anon, (nonsmoking), 1275 W. 6th, 8:30 p.m.

**PUMPKINS!**

Come to the pumpkin patch...  
Sat., Oct. 6 • 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, Oct. 7 • 1:00-5:00 p.m.

We also have ornamental corn and gourds, corn shocks, straw bales, and winter squash.

**LOCATED AT MOONLIGHT GARDENS**  
3 mi. north and 1/2 mi. west of Colby

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**NOTE:** We will be at the Thomas County Office Complex (Range Ave.) the remaining Saturdays in October.



## Professionals You Can Have Confidence In...

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### ALLERGY

Kathryn Black, D.O. (October 9 & 26)

### ALLERGY/IMMUNOLOGY BOARD CERTIFIED

Michael Volz, M.D. (October 31)

### CARDIOLOGY

Christina Fisher, M.D. (October 2)

John Prevedel, M.D. (October 24)

Joseph O. Rainwater, M.D. (October 10)

### CARDIOLOGY - Pediatric

Warren Toews, M.D. (October 3)

### COUNSELING SERVICES

NewLife Clinic - Angie Witman (October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

### DERMATOLOGY

Wallace Weber, M.D. (October 4)

### DIABETES

Richard Guthrie, M.D. (October 26)

### FAMILY PRACTICE

Victor Hildyard, M.D.

Eric Jacobsen, M.D.

Jeff Jennings, M.D.

Jeff Kasselman, M.D.

LaDonna Regier, M.D.

### FOOT CLINIC (October 15)

### GASTROENTEROLOGY

Jeffrey D. Huston, M.D. (October 1, 22 & 29)

### GYNECOLOGY

David Forschner, M.D. (October 24)

### HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY

Martin Rubinowitz, M.D. (October 1)

### NEUROLOGY

Brad Miller, M.D. (October 10)

Khol D. Pham, M.D. (October 10 & 24)

### OPHTHALMOLOGY-ADULT

William Clifford, M.D. (October 24)

William K. Keats, M.D. (October 18 & 19)

### ORTHOPAEDICS

Timothy J. Birney, M.D. (October 9)

Theodore Clarke, M.D. (October 2)

James Holmes, M.D. (October 30)

Vello Kass, M.D. (October 3 & 17)

Stuart Kennedy, M.D. (October 9)

Ted Parks, M.D. (October 23)

### OTOLARYNGOLOGY/Ear, Nose, Throat

James Black, D.O. (October 17)

Jerrold Cossette, M.D. (October 3)

Gary Whitesell (October 2)

### PEDIATRICS

Raymond B. Ketting, M.D.

### PLASTIC SURGERY/HANDS

Conrad Tirre, M.D. (October 26)

### PODIATRY

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James Reeves, D.P.M. (October 18)

Donald Yoder, D.P.M. (October 12)

### PULMONARY (Chest)

Timothy Kennedy, M.D. (October 10 & 24)

### RHEUMATOLOGY

David Korman, M.D. (October 10 & 24)

### SURGERY

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M.E. Fercha, M.D.

### UROLOGY

Carl Newman, M.D. (October 25)

Darrell Werth, M.D. (October 18)

### VASCULAR STUDIES

Stephen Annest, M.D. (October 10)

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