

Family

Club News

Leisure Hour Club

Leisure hour club met in the meeting room of the Fairview Estates on Friday, Nov. 9 with seven members present. Hankie Beckman served as hostess.

After opening the meeting with the members giving the flag salute and singing *America the Beautiful*, President Bessie Calliham asked the ladies to answer roll call by telling of a snow storm they remembered from their past. Some even shared snow pictures with the group.

Bessie was also in charge of the program, and she entertained those present by reading an essay by John Ise, entitled *Pioneer Life in Western Kansas in the 1800's*.

In describing the hardships these early pioneers suffered, Mr. Ise tells that most of the farmsteads were of only about five acres; barely enough to keep a family going, and if they worked outside of their home for others, they made only around 50 cents a day.

They ate mostly what they could produce themselves and made their coffee from grains such as roasted rye or cornmeal and molasses. After the grasshopper plague of 1874 there were many cases of scurvy due to the shortage of fruits and vegetables available.

Most of the pioneer homes at that time consisted of sod houses or dug-outs. These often were infested with fleas, bed bugs and other insects, and it wasn't at all unusual to have snakes in the house. Some families kept toads as pets so that they could eat the insects. Partitions in these homes consisted of blankets or buffalo skins.

Not everyone wore shoes, even in the winter, because they couldn't afford them, and most didn't bother with undergarments. Bathing was a luxury and most of the time consisted of washing with homemade lye soap and water in a pan poured from a pitcher. Families were large and often consisted of 10 to 15 members.

Prairie fires were always feared and at times traveled nearly 100 miles. Farmers had crude implements such as corn stickers to push the corn into the sod, and corn knives to harvest it with.

Church meetings were the center of their social life and they were held in the homes. Often they were served such things as cornbread and rye coffee as refreshments.

The essay brought on a multitude of comments from the club members who told about different things that their parent had endured as children in Western Kansas.

After refreshments of coffee and cookies it was announced that the next meeting would be a salad luncheon in Marj Brown's home on Friday, Dec. 14, at noon. Everyone is to bring a salad. Roll call will be: *My Favorite Christmas From the Past*.

Pi Gamma

The Nov. 2 meeting of Pi Gamma was held at the home of Pat Criss with Janet Campbell as cohostess. Thank you notes were received and read from Michelle Moses, representative for Pampered Chef and the Pride of the Prairie Orchestra.

Members discussed the upcoming Christmas Candy Sale. Anyone wanting to order candy for the upcoming Christmas Holiday may contact either Carol Baker at 758-586-2351 or Ann Friesen at 462-3767.

Becky Donelan and Kathy Harrison presented an informative program on the Thomas County Community Foundation. After some discussion, members enjoyed a light pumpkin dessert served by Janet Campbell. The next meeting will be Nov. 16, at the home of Ester Woffter.

Sorosis Club

The Sorosis Club of Colby held their Nov. 9 meeting at the home of Margo Schiefen. Lee Fleckenstein, president, opened the meeting by having the members repeat the Club Collect. Lucy Davis reported on the Book Fair the Sorosis Club had helped the Parent Teachers Organization with. Members told of being impressed with the selection of the books this year, and the convenience of the excellent facility provided by the Colby School for the display of books.

Information was received from

HOBY regarding their program and plans for the year 2002 and the Big Brother/Big Sister organization in Colby. The Big Brother/Big Sister has been in operation for 18 months and has worked with 21 children in that time. Roll Call was answered by members telling of a book they recommended others reading.

The meeting closed with a Salute to the Flag of the United States of America. Joanne Sunderman then presented a program on a Suggested Reading List, plus new books that will soon be arriving at the Pioneer Memorial Library. Joanne is a former member of the Sorosis Club and she told of the first Book Fair being sponsored by the Club. At that time the books were paper back and on a much smaller scale than the present selection.

Announcement was made by the hostesses of a change in the date for the Christmas Luncheon. It will be held Dec. 7 at the Ramada Inn.

Abilene Hustlers

The Abilene Hustlers monthly meeting was called to order by President Leann Juenemann on Nov. 5, at 6:21 p.m. Roll call was "What you did for 4-H Week." There were 48 members present. Kelsey Shields lead the club in the flag salute. After roll call we had a potluck supper. Then, after the supper Jennifer Kapperman lead the club in singing *The Little Skunk's Hole*. At this time we initiated the new members. The new members were Rachel Juenemann, Danyelle Mazanec, Shanell Sager, Keagon Strange, Baily Terrell. We also welcomed back Nathan and Brett Harter.

The club was asked by the city council to set up the Nativity scene. We will set up the Nativity Scene on Saturday, Nov. 10. The club was also asked to run the concession stand for the swim meet July 12-13 by Pat Erickson. The club voted to do so. In other new businesses the club had a sign up sheet for those families wanting to work the recycle center on Tuesday afternoons.

Amy Dickman gave a project talk on horse safety. Kimberly Gerstner gave a project talk on her clothing project. Kelly Gerstner and Katie Strange both

gave a demonstration on their cooking projects. Janeasa Rasmussen gave an other program about the 4-H newsletter.

After the program was done we held an award ceremony. Awards were given out for such things as perfect attendance, years of membership, officer recognition and pre 4-Hers.

Death

John M. Swart

GRINNELL - John M. Swart, 69, died Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001, at Gove County Medical Center, Quinter. He was a retired farmer and area resident for many years.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Center, Grinnell, Pastor Elin Colglazier officiating. There will be no visitation. Mr. Swart was cremated. Inurnment will be in Grinnell Cemetery, Grinnell. Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, Colby, is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be left in John's name.

Several youth attend concert

Around 30 high school students and sponsors, Kathy Albers, Jolene Hansen, Lane and Patty Purcell, attended the Rebecca St. James Concert at the Trinity Auditorium in McCook, Neb., Wednesday evening.

Alfred and Jean Hawkins went to Garfield, Ark., last week to visit their daughter, Sandra Dean, who had broken her leg and cracked some ribs in a fall. She is recovering slowly. Alfred stopped in Wichita to check with his eye doctor and received a good report.

Ethel Smith and Anna Barnett of Dodge City were guests of Dale Barnett Saturday, Nov. 3, and late afternoon callers of Jim Cheney. Blanche Cheney also visited them at Jim's. Tony Korte was a caller also. The group are all relatives. Blanche was a Monday, Nov. 5, luncheon guest of her sister, Lola Skiles in Colby. Frank Skiles was also a visitor.

Girl Scouts open service center

Girl Scouts of Sunflower Council has appointed a new district field executive and opened a council service center in Colby. The center is open from 9 a.m.-noon on Monday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Thursday, and by appointment. Phone 462-6006.

Located in the south area of 2270 Southwind Avenue (Southwind Plaza, formerly Whites Outlet Mall), it is an information center for the West District and a satellite location of the Council Shop in Hays.

Rita Erickson, Colby, has recently accepted the West District field executive position and will be working part-time out of the new Colby satellite office.

Erickson is a native of the Colby area, graduating from Colby High School. She has a master's degree in political science from Fort Hays State University. She also completed a respiratory therapy technician program.

A military wife, she and her husband, Ken, have lived in five states and moved 10 times. They have two sons, Jason, 16, and Jordan, 12.

She assists with Boy Scouts and has

been involved in 4-H. Her hobbies are quilting, sewing, reading and cooking. She is also a representative of Longaberger Baskets.

Erickson says she plans to carry some books and insignia at the service center. She can also order uniforms or other items for the girls. She says looks forward to learning about Girl Scouts and meeting everyone in the West District.

The space, utilities, and signage for the new service center are being donated by Linda Taylor, board president, and her husband, Tuffy Taylor, who are the new owners of the property.

Linda Taylor is the current president of the Girl Scouts of Sunflower Council Board of Directors. She is a lifetime member of Girl Scouts and has been a Girl Scout since she was a young girl.



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Rita Erickson, Girl Scouts of Sunflower Council district field executive, confers on the telephone about the Girl Scout program. Her office is located in the south end of 2270 Southwind Plaza.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

UMW Sharon Cluster, Dora George, 9:30 a.m.
UMW Noon Cluster, church, noon
Brown bag Al Anon (non-smoking), 775 E. College Drive, noon
UMW Edna Cluster, Madge Scott, 2 p.m.
Pi Gamma, Esther Woffter
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 1980 W. 48th, 5-8 p.m.
HS musical/school play, HS auditorium, 7 p.m.
UMW Friendship Cluster, Thelma Johnson, 7:30 p.m.
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

SHARE delivery, Sacred Heart School gym, 9 a.m.
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 1980 W. 48th, 5-8 p.m.
HS musical/school play, HS auditorium, 7 p.m.
Bingo, Jaycees Center, 7 p.m.
Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

Kountry Kitchen

French Toast Bundt
12 Rhodes Texas Dinner Rolls, thawed but still cold

Lois Myers

• Correspondent

- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup liquid hazelnut coffee creamer
- 1/4 cup pancake syrup
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Cut rolls in fourths. Beat together remaining ingredients in a bowl. Dip rolls in mixture and place in bundt pan which has been sprayed with cooking spray. Pour remaining mixture over rolls. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise at room temperature until rolls reach the top of the pan. Remove wrap and bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes. Invert onto a serving platter. Drizzle with pancake syrup and sprinkle with powdered sugar. Slice and serve with additional syrup as desired. Makes approximately 16 slices.

Hey, Mrs. T...
is he still nifty at
50???

The Atwood Good Samaritan Center is seeking a part-time licensed social worker to serve as a consultant to our social services designee.

The consultant would assist the designee in serving as a resident advocate, providing resident and family counseling, and fostering a healthy environment. We are a 50 bed facility offering competitive wages and a professional work environment.

Applicants must be licensed social workers in the state of Kansas. Job entails four hours consulting work per month, and hours are flexible. Please call Janice at 785-626-9015 to apply.

Atwood Good Samaritan Center
An Equal Employment Opportunity Employer M/F/Vet/Handicap

Open House

for the

"Serenity Place"

Thursday, November 15th
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Lantern Park Manor

~ SOUP SUPPER @ 5:30 p.m. ~

Lantern Park will supply the soup - guests please bring soup or a salad.

Hospice Donations:

Donations have been made to "Serenity Place" in memory of or by the following:

Lantern Park Manor Family Council	Coletta Pugh
Dale Deaver	Joy & Clay Davis
Wal-Mart of Colby	Faye Barnett
Lawrence & Florence Rahe	Ruby Zoberst
Leon Laurent	Marvena Chance
Russ & Erma Lanning	Donald W. Fechner
Arlen Elliott	Phyllis Dible
Doyle & Peggy Saddler	

Stop in and view the latest addition to our facility.

Hospital

CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER
Admissions
Joseph Parker, Colby
Georgia Pancake, Sharon Springs
Robert Schroeder, Levant
Dismissals
Terina Schmidt, Colby
Jack Lamb, Wallace

Markets

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

Wheat	\$2.57
Corn	\$1.95
Milo	\$3.07
Soybeans	\$3.84

Hays Medical Center
100% GDN
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