

Family

Celebrating 50 years



Harold and Jean Focke now

Harold and Jean Focke are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Their children and grandchildren are hosting an open house from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, at the Prairie Developmental Center Community Room, 208 South 4th, Atwood. Greetings will reach them at Route 2, Box 79, Atwood, 67730.



Fockes 50 years ago

Rexford Royal Neighbors host Christmas party

The Rexford Royal Neighbors held their Christmas party and December meeting at the Shepherd's Staff Center Friday, Dec. 14. A delicious roast beef dinner was served to the 10 members and five guests present. Each one received a "goodie" bag with gifts from the Royal Neighbors. Door prizes were won by Alfred Hawkins, Irma Hibbs, Lawrence Horinek, Deb Stepper, Zula Horinek, Darrel Leh and Grace Cheney. At the regular meeting, the same officers were elected to serve another year. Darlene Robben will be the delegate to the state meeting with Deb Stepper as alternate. Christmas gifts were exchanged and everyone received a big popcorn ball, courtesy of Marguerette Edmundson. Cards were signed to send to some who could not be present. Many pictures were taken and the meeting adjourned.

On Wednesday Edna Colson, Grace Cheney and Peg Greenwood went to Grainfield to attend Information Day. There was a large crowd attending but they were dismissed soon after lunch because it had begun to snow.

The Red Barn band played in Quinter Monday afternoon, the Fairview Estates in Colby Tuesday afternoon and on Thursday went to Oakley to play at the hospital and the Manor.

Rosalie Seemann was at the Senior Center, on Wednesday, Dec. 12, to talk about the information she has concerning some of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield mergers, that are taking place at the present time. The Kansas Silver Haired



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Legislature is always trying to keep us updated on the changes and availability in state programs. We appreciate having Rosalie as the current representative for our area, to the Silver Haired Legislature. We hope she will make frequent visits to our center.

The van from Lantern Park Manor brought some local ladies to town, for a short visit. Maxine Moore, Lore Depe, and Helen Hawkins were able to tour Brewster, and we hear they enjoyed coffee, at Bubbas. Maxine enjoyed a visit at her home, and looked at all the pictures and letters with Willard. Willard said that was about the nicest surprise he has ever had.

We received a surprise in a Christmas greeting from Duane Thompson, former pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church. He and his new wife, Judy, are living in Kaiser, Mo. We are very happy for Duane and hope to get the opportunity to meet Judy, as she sounds like a wonderful lady.

Coleen Crumrine is a proud, new great-grandmother, as of Dec. 14. Seth Martin Moore, son of Jonathan and Angela Moore, of Lakin, was born early on Friday. He is the grandson of Joe and Carlene (Crumrine) Moore, also of Lakin. The little fellow weighed 8 lbs., 15 oz.

We've had a little skiff of snow, but so far, there aren't many predicting a white Christmas. Seems like there's always a possibility of snow, especially when the travelers hit the highways. I think we will be in Hays, as according to the schedule now, LaVelle should be about ready to get dismissed from the

hospital there, on Christmas or thereabouts. He is going to have surgery to repair an aneurysm, on Wednesday, the 19th. So, we would ask that you keep him in prayer.

It is good to hear that Colleen Rall is beginning to feel a little better, after her surgery for gall bladder in Denver last week, also. We hope to have all our folks up and about and feeling good again.

Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas.

We welcome your local news whatever you want to share.
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Hospital

CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER
Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001

Admissions

Cyndie Aumiller and infant male, Hoxie
Anda Young, Colby
Marcia Matzek, Colby
Marcia Gustin, Colby

Christopher Wennberg, Winona

Dismissals

Jeff Krzycki, Colby
Michelle Dehart, Colby
Ashlee Haines and infant male, Colby
Maxine Rahe, Atwood

Grant-writing workshop offered

Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development Council will sponsor a Foundation Workshop Jan. 15-17 at the Thomas County Office Complex. Workshops will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m.

Dr. Don Udell is the workshop presenter and Resource Development Specialists' president. Udell is has

written grants for two major universities, and reviewed grants for several foundations. His workshops provide the tools for building your own foundation.

The cost of the workshop is \$200 for three days. For information call C. Duane Cheney, coordinator, Western Prairie RC&D, 785-462-2602.

Death

Anna Barnett

Anna Ellen (Cheney) Barnett of Garden City, 89, died Monday, Dec. 17, 2001, at St. Catherine's Hospital, Garden City. She was a former Rexford area resident, and the mother of Dale Barnett, Rexford.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Hawkeye Cemetery, Decatur County, Pastor Gary Taylor officiating. Burial will be in the Hawkeye Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday at Pauls Funeral Home, Selden.

Memorials are suggested to the Rexford or Gem Church.

Markets

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

Wheat	\$2.62
Corn	\$1.98
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Card Shower
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I leene Garrett MacPhail
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December 23rd
Cards may be sent to: Fairview Estates Retirement Community, 1630 Sewell Ave. - Apt. C-2, Colby, KS 67701.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

Winter begins
Brown bag Al Anon (non-smoking), 775 E. College Drive, noon
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 1980 W. 4th, 5-8 p.m.
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 1980 W. 4th, 5-8 p.m.
Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

A VERY HAPPY 18th BIRTHDAY "TEX" (Lacey Dale Miller)



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