

## Golden Buckles set two dances for December

Ron Snyder will call for the Golden Buckle Square Dance Club this Saturday from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at the Colby Community Building. The second dance in December will be the New Year's Eve dance with John Orlovski, Jr. from Nebraska doing the calling. The New Year's Eve dance will be from 9 p.m. to midnight on Dec. 31. Visitors are always welcome.

A free public program on *Eating*

### Deaths

**Ruben E. 'Jack' Wassemiller**  
MONUMENT - Ruben E. 'Jack' Wassemiller, 82, died Friday, Nov. 30, 2001, at Logan County Hospital, Oakley.

He was born April 2, 1919, the son of Fred John and Eva Elizabeth (Busch) Wassemiller. He was born on the homestead southwest of Monument, where he was a lifetime resident.

Mr. Wassemiller was associated with farming and the farming industry all his life. He managed Page City Grain Elevator for the Keller Brothers for 10 years and made many lasting friendships.

From 1939 to 1946, Ruben served as a civil service employee at the Pentagon, and as a corporal in the Army Air Force. During this time he was known as "Smilin' Jack." Jack became the name he was well known by to all his acquaintances.

Jack was married to Mary Ann Willems on March 7, 1948, at Colby. Jack served as a trustee on the Monument Township Board. He was a role model to many of the children in Monument as a 4-H leader for several years. He was a member of the American Legion, National Rifle Association, and AARP.

Jack's mechanical knowledge was a great asset in his life. He was a 'Jack of All Trades' as he could tinker with, build, or fix anything. Jack had a passion for collecting things, which was a knack (curse) he acquired from his mother, and which he has passed down as a legacy to his children. He was well known at any auction in the area.

Jack is survived by five children: Jacque Ochs of Clovis, N.M.; Jolene Howard of Oakley; Roy Lee Wassemiller of Goodland; Fred Wassemiller of Monument and Jerry Wassemiller of Oakley; 11 grandchildren; brother, Levi Wassemiller of Oakley; and three sisters. Fredia Pingetzer, Viola Jenik, and Sylvanna Avila.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife on Feb. 4, 1995; son, Jay Clark; grandson, and sister.

Funeral services were Tuesday at the Community Church, Oakley, Pastor James Bloom officiating. Burial was in the Monument Cemetery, Monument, with military graveside rites by Oakley VFW and American Legion. Memorials are suggested to Logan County Hospital or Logan County Healthcare Foundation, and may be sent to Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, PO Box 221, Oakley.

We welcome your local news weddings, engagements, whatever you want to share. Call 462-3963 Colby Free Press 155 West 5th Colby, Kan. 67701 mnelson@nwkansas.com

### About Town

*Disorders: Detection, Diagnosis and Current Treatment* will be presented from 9:15-10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10, in the Colby High School. It will precede a continuing education program on the same topic from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For information contact the Northwest Kansas Area Health Education Center, 217 E. 32nd, Hays; 785-628-6128.

**James L. Stephens**  
GRINNELL - James L. Stephens, 54, died Today, Dec. 4, 2001, at his home.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Harrison Chapel, Colby.

### Hospital

**CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER**  
Monday, Dec. 3, 2001

**Admissions**  
Laverne Rikoff, Colby  
Jerad Sullivan, Colby  
Renee Horinek, Atwood

**Dismissals**  
William Bremenkamp, Colby  
Sada Munkres, Colby

### Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat	\$2.70
Corn	\$2.03
Milo	\$3.28
Soybeans	\$3.86

The Gem Lions Club is sponsoring 'all you can eat' sausage and eggs, and pie from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Gem Community Building. A free will donation will be accepted. Net proceeds go to community betterment, sight conservation and education. The club also recycles used eyeglasses and hearing aids. Everyone is welcome.

RSVP volunteers need donations of baby yarn to make baby booties for new babies at the hospital. It can be left over or partial pieces of yarn. Leave it at the Senior Progress Center. This is an ongoing project. RSVP will be making

### Club News

**Rotary**  
Visitors at the Nov. 27 meeting were Michelle Foote from F&M Bank, Joe Munsell from KXXX and Bruce Frahm. The nominating committee reported the following slate of 2002 officers: Les Brown, president; Jerry Arensdorf, vice-president; Mike Tubbs, secretary; Nancy LePell, treasurer. Board members: Brian Staats, Cal Mahin, Michael Boyles, Mark Wahlmeier. No nominations were made from the floor. Voting will be Dec. 11. The current board meets next Tuesday at 5:45.

Program chair Kirk Nielsen introduced Colby Middle School/Colby High School vocal instructor Chris Latta who presented the Colby High School Show Choir. Composed of 16 singers and accompanist Marion Ballard, the choir began their program with a selection of Christmas hymns.

ing booties as well as caps, which they have donated to new babies for many years.

The general transportation van is available to anyone in Thomas County for trips to the doctor, to visit friends, to the meal sites, etc., from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For reservations call 462-2901 by 11 a.m. the previous business day if possible.

Donna Pflasterer is the *Welcome to Colby* lady. She may be reached at 462-3491. She will bring a basket of goodies to newcomers in the community. Give her a call if you know someone new to the community.

The second half of the show was their fall set, which features less familiar tunes interspersed with Broadway-themed standards. Subsequent to the show Mr. Nielsen expressed his appreciation of Latta's skill in coaching vocal students, and in particular mentioned the recent Colby High School production of *Little Shop of Horrors*. Many members echoed their enjoyment of the musical.

Next week program chair Ron Evans will have Lynette Koon of Thomas County Conservation District speak on the county's recycling efforts.

**Colby Comets 4-H Club**  
The Nov. 1, meeting of the Colby Comets 4-H Club was called to order by President Matt Lindberg. Jordan Hockersmith led the members in the American flag salute. There were no guests present. Roll call was answered with the name of a 4-H project they are enrolled in. The minutes were read by the secretary and approved. Kayla Scholtz gave the treasurer's report. No reports were given by the 4-H project leaders.

Kathy Lindberg reported on the 4-H Achievement Banquet to be held on Saturday, Nov. 10. Officer's training will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, at the 4-H Building beginning with pizza. A soup benefit and silent auction will be held in January.

Matt Lindberg presented a project talk on photography. Kayla Scholtz gave a demonstration on how to make cookie pizza. Kayla Hockersmith lead the club members in the 4-H Pledge.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. at the 4-H Building.

## Community Calendar

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6**

Preschool Storytime, Pioneer Memorial Library, 10:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.  
Kiwanis, Student Union, noon  
Family History Center, 1145 S. Franklin, 7-9 p.m.  
Priscilla Club, Helen Frahm, 7:30 p.m.  
Boy Scout Roundtable, 1145 S. Franklin, 7:30 p.m.  
LAPM, 8 p.m.  
Tumbleweed Chorus, United Methodist Church, 8 p.m.  
Step-parenting discussion group, 8:30 p.m.; call Deb at 462-3870 or Randy at 462-7168.  
Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous, City Hall basement, 8:30 p.m. (non-smoking)

## Several had holiday guests

Bill Scott and Tracey King hosted a Thanksgiving dinner at Bill's house for several Rexford residents. Attending were Chris Flores, Elizabeth Thayer, Arlene Standley, Deborah Stepper, Joel McIntyre, Bill Gilchrist and Peg Greenwood.



Lula Thieler

• Rexford Correspondent

Grace Cheney had a full house for Thanksgiving dinner. From Rexford were Gary and Kay Cheney and Matt, Lyn and Amanda Cheney. Cathy Hertel, Fanny Pancake, and Carin and Aaron Derbonne visited from Bird City. From Syracuse were Duane, Marge, Jennie and Shanna Cheney. Marilyn Ryan came in from Wichita.

The celebration was held at the Rexford Community Building. Attending were Dennis and Loretta Brown, Ken and Diana Dible and Michael, Kent and Bradley Dible, Dale and Bonnie Dible, Bill, Mary, Josh, Peter, Craig and Bonny Carroll, JaTana Hurd, and Delores, Darrel, and Darla Dible.


Cleda Moeder spent Thanksgiving Day in Colby with her son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Shelly Moeder, and their family.

**Adopt a pet**  
The Colby Animal Clinic has some adorable 8-week-old kittens for adoption which would make wonderful Christmas presents. (Be sure to check with Mom first.) They have two female calicos, and one male who is yellow and white.

Dennise Dible's 50th birthday was celebrated on Nov. 24 with a birthday party and family Thanksgiving dinner.

## Kountry Kitchen

A potpourri of easy to make dishes for this busy season will be featured in December



**Lois Myers**  
• Correspondent

**Chicken Casserole**  
2 cups cracker crumbs  
2 cups cooked chicken, diced  
1 and 1/2 cups Velveta Cheese, diced  
1 and 1/2 cups celery, chopped  
1 large onion, chopped  
4 eggs  
1 (10.75 oz.) can cream of chicken soup  
1 (14.5 oz.) can chicken broth

Layer 1 cup of cracker crumbs on bottom of greased 9 x 12 inch pan. Layer with chicken, celery, onions and cheese. Sprinkle remaining cup of cracker crumbs on top of cheese. In mixing bowl, beat eggs. Gradually add soup and broth, beating until smooth. Pour egg mixture evenly on top of crumbs. Bake in 375 degree oven for one hour. Let set 10 minutes before serving. Makes 6-8 servings.

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