

## 100-year-old enjoys parade on birthday

By MAXINE NELSON

Colby Free Press

Eva Deckman celebrated her 100th birthday by fulfilling a long held dream — to ride in a convertible. Representatives of the Colby Fire Department, Colby Police Department and staff from Lantern Park Manor escorted her on a parade through downtown Colby Saturday afternoon. Eva was also accompanied by her three grandsons. After the parade, she was honored at an open house with entertainment and refreshments at Lantern Park Manor, where she has lived since July 1996. Mrs. Deckman was born Jan. 5, 1901, in a sod house at Palco. "That was all the style in those days," she said. "Later they had sod chicken houses." She married her husband, Clarence "C.J." Deckman June 22, 1920. They met at a taffy pull at a neighborhood party. "We had lots of get-togethers and dances," she said. "My mom was happy when they came to our house, because she knew where we were and what we were doing."



Eva Deckman

Her parents, Melanie (Dussault) and Max Roberts played the violin for dances. Eva played the piano and organ and played for many dances when she was young.

"My father was born in Canada, and my mother was born in New Hampshire," she said. "They had to come to Kansas to meet each other."

In 1928 Eva and C.J. moved to Wallace County, where he was the manager of a wheat farm with over 30 units in the 1920s and 1930s. Before moving to Wallace County, he had worked back and forth between Wallace County and Palco.

Eva said she was "just a housewife."

Her duties included gardening, raising chickens, canning, quilting, assisting her husband, and bearing four sons, only one of whom lived to grow up.

That son, Duane V. Deckman, died in 1978, but left three sons: Ronald who farms in Wallace County; Joseph who is a superintendent with the Kansas Highway Department in Hays; and Gerald who is an agronomist at Hugoton. There are also six great-grandchildren. Eva's husband, C.J., died in 1969 after almost 50 years of marriage.

Eva said when she was young, she belonged to the Garden Club, and Altar Society, and helped serve food at many dances and sales.

She said she went to all the ball games when she was young. In the days before television, the neighbors got together and made up their good times, playing cards, dancing, play croquet and similar activities.

"I've had a good life," she said. "It was a happy one. I had good parents who looked after us."

When asked how she had lived to be 100 years old, she said, "That is up to the good Lord."

Mrs. Deckman enjoys reading the newspapers and keeping abreast of what is going on in the world. She reads the Colby, Salina and Wallace County newspapers and is able to get about with the aid of a walker.

## Club News

### PRISCILLA CLUB

Amie Kendrick was hostess for Priscilla Club when it met on Jan. 4, 2000. President Sharon Steele led the members in repeating the collect.

An invitation to a birthday party for Madge Scott's 90th birthday was read. It will be an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at the United Methodist Church.

Janice Frahm, program chairman, showed a film entitled *Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?* The film gave tips on giving away your non-titled possessions. Money is easy to divide, but possessions are much harder. Determining how and when to give your stuff away was discussed. After the film, the club members shared by telling some of the things they had inherited.

Roll call was answered by 10 members who told how they pinched pennies. After the benediction, Arnie assisted by Jerri Shuman, served delicious pear pie or pear upside down cake.

### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Immaculate Heart of Mary Circle met Jan. 4, in the Knights of Columbus Room. The meeting was called to order by Regent Darline Hutfles.

The prayer was said as a group. The opening ode was sung. The pledge to the flag was made.

Chancellor Theresa Baker presented an uplifting spiritual message. The roll was called and minutes read and approved.

Nancy Barlow reported she will be presenting late Christmas gifts to Father Galen and Sisters Rosalie Cers-

## Deaths

### Bethel W. (Maw) McCain

Bethel W. (Maw) McCain of Atwood, 88, died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2001, at Citizens Medical Center, Colby. She was a farm wife and a homemaker, living for over 50 years on a farm southwest of Atwood. She had been a resident of Lantern Park Manor in Colby for the past six months.

She married Louis H. McCain June 14, 1931, at Colby.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Brantley Funeral Chapel, 215 S. 4th, Atwood., the Rev. James Larson officiating. Burial will be at Atwood Fairview Cemetery, Atwood.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until services on Thursday. Memorials may be given to Eastern Star or to the charity of the donor's choice.

### Genevieve L.

#### (Cooper) Henningsen

Genevieve L. (Cooper) Henningsen of Atwood, 97, died Monday, Jan. 8, 2001, at Citizens Medical Center, Colby.

She was a homemaker and a farm wife, coming to Rawlins County in the spring of 1905. She married Morris Otto Henningsen Aug. 28, 1924, at Norton. He died Oct. 5, 1980.

Survivors include a daughter and husband, Patricia Ann and Niel Dean Larsen of Colby.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church, Atwood, the Rev. James Larson officiating. Visitations will be from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at Brantley Funeral Home, 215 S. 4th, Atwood, and from noon until services at the church. Burial will be in Lone Star Cemetery, southeast of Atwood.

Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Church, Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby, or the charity of the donor's choice.

## Judges wanted for area county fairs

K-State is searching for interested individuals to serve as judges for area county fairs. A training session will be held in Hill City on Wednesday, Jan. 31, from 5:45 to 9 p.m. at the Hill City High School. A pizza supper will be served at 6 p.m. The registration deadline is Friday, Jan. 12. For more information, or to register, call Sally at the Northwest Area Extension

## Happenings

Office 462-6281.

Peggy Roe, Decatur/Rawlins County Extension Agent, will be the next presenter in the 2001 FACS Series Lessons. Her topic will be *One Or Two - Good And Tasty*. This program will help singles, young couples and households where family members are on different time schedules discover that cooking for one or two can minimize problems like dealing with leftovers, avoid unnecessary shopping expenses and food spoilage. The public is invited to attend on Thursday, Jan. 25, in the Thomas County Office Complex Meeting Room, 350 South Range, from 10-11 am.

Florence Bloom of Oakley will be the speaker for **Colby Aglow Light-house for Women** Jan. 15 at the Ramada Inn. She is the wife of auctioneer, Jimmie Bloom. Those attending are asked to be seated at 6:15 p.m. as the meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will follow at 7:30. One need not partake of the meal to attend the meeting. Dinner reservations are due by noon Saturday, Jan. 13. Call Rosie Burk, 785-462-2875.

Judy Kleinsorge will review two books on the assassination of President Lincoln at noon Wednesday, Feb. 7, at Pioneer Memorial. *The Surrogate Assassin* by Christopher Leppeck, and *Booth* by David Robertson are fictional accounts of the assassination. Soup and a light dessert will be provided by Friends of the Library. Everyone is welcome to this free program. Free-will donations will be accepted.

The Kansas Department on Aging gives the following referrals. **To avoid unwanted telephone calls**, write to: Direct Marketing Association - Telephone Preference Section, PO Box 9014, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9017. **To avoid unwanted junk mail**, write to: Direct Marketing Association - Mail Preference Section, PO Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008. Keep a copy of the letter for your records. It may be necessary to repeat.

## Hospital

### CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER

Monday, Jan. 8, 2001

#### Admissions

Juanita Dawes, Colby  
Melissa Hays, Atwood  
Hale Sloan, Sharon Springs

#### Dismissals

Anna Sullivan, Brewster  
Ethan Rummel, Colby

## Community Calendar

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Blood pressures, Rexford Red Barn, 9-10 a.m.  
Kiwans, Student Union, noon  
Family History Center, 1145 S. Franklin, 6:30-9 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, 8:30 p.m.

The obligation was read as a group. The closing prayer was led by Theresa Baker. The ode was sung and meeting adjourned.

Hankie Beckman and Fawna McFee served dessert and drinks.

## Markets

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

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| Wheat    | \$2.95 |
| Corn     | \$2.03 |
| Milo     | \$3.34 |
| Soybeans | \$4.34 |

## Kountry Kitchen

Today's recipe requires a bit of time...but the results are well worth it.

### Sirloin Pinto Bean Chili

1 pound sirloin, cut into 1/2 inch cubes  
Salt and pepper

2 (14.5 oz.) cans beef broth  
1 large onion, chopped  
2 (4 oz.) cans diced green chiles  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 cups water  
1 pound pinto beans, cooked  
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin  
1 (16 oz.) can tomato sauce

### Roux-(thickening)

8 ounces margarine  
1 cup flour



Lois Myers

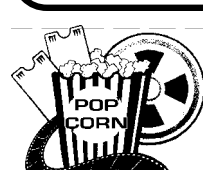
#### Senior Savvy

Melt margarine and blend in flour. Place in small baking dish and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes; stirring every 10 minutes. Set aside. In heavy Dutch oven, sear sirloin with salt and pepper until well browned. Stir in broth to deglaze skillet. Add onions, chiles and garlic. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes; add beans, water, cumin and tomato sauce. Continue at a slow simmer for 1 to 2 hours. Add roux to achieve desired consistency. Simmer for an additional 30 minutes. Makes 8-10 servings.

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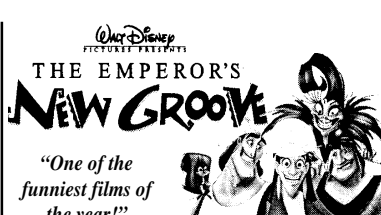
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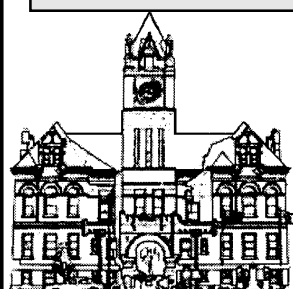
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