

Association project benefits Genesis

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Members of the Farm Bureau Association celebrated Food Check-Out Day by shopping for groceries and donating them to Genesis Thomas County. Food Check-Out Day commemorates the fact that food in America is affordable, thanks in large part to America's productive farmers and ranchers.

"When applied to calendar days, the average American will have earned enough income to pay for his or her family's annual food supply in just 39 days.

"We commemorate this fact on Feb. 8, which is the 39th day of this year," said Sue Draper, county coordinator for Farm Bureau Association.

She said the members donated over \$200 worth of groceries. No specific amount is set. "We just fill a cart and see how much we can get in a cart," she said.

Food Check-Out Day is a celebration of the bounty from America's farms and ranches and how that bounty is shared with American consumers through affordable food prices, she said.

According to the latest statistics provided by the Agriculture Department, the average American devotes only 10.6 percent of his or her disposable personal income to pay for food.



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Bert Stramel, Kenneth Johnston of Rexford and Tony Horinek of Brewster, left to right, lift a shopping cart into the pickup for easy delivery to Genesis Thomas County. The cart was loaned by Dillons for easy delivery.

Several different statistics on consumer food spending are available. The Farm Bureau chose to base Food Check-Out Day on a USDA statistic that is updated yearly, as they consider

it the most reliable on an annual basis. Other statistics that are available indicate that consumer spending for food is even lower than the 10.6 percent figure we have chosen, she said.

Many activities scheduled at Red Barn

Some coming events at the Red Barn include Make and Take on Feb. 15th at 2 p.m.; the birthday party honoring Alfred Hawkins on Sunday, Feb. 17, the potluck dinner on noon on Feb. 16 and everyone is invited. The open house party in honor of all volunteers will be on Feb. 25 at 2 p.m. The Legion Pinochle tournament is Saturday evening, Feb. 16. The public is invited to the Little 8 Band Clinic at the Rexford Schoolhouse at 6 p.m. on Feb. 14.

Doug and Joan Todd and their foreign student houseguest, Marko Vignjevic, spent last weekend near Oklahoma City visiting Jeff and Nancy Todd and family. Coming home they stopped in Wilmore to visit Jody and Cade Leepers.

Ten people enjoyed the pinochle games at the Barn last Monday afternoon. There are always cookies and coffee for a snack treat so come join us.

Cloda Moeder hosted the Social Hour Club at the Barn Wednesday afternoon with eight present. Jokes were read for roll call and the usual business meeting held. Hulda Wark received a



Lula Thieler

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birthday present from her mystery pal and also won the hostess gift. Sandwiches, chips and pickles were served with coffee for the time of fellowship. Zula Horinek will be the hostess on Feb. 20 at the Barn.

Funeral services were held for Doris Huber at the Community Church Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. She died Monday at the hospital in Denver where she had been doctoring. She and her late husband, John, had lived in this area most of their lives and are greatly missed.

Deb Stepper is now a resident of the Lantern Park Manor in Colby for therapy. She and Irma Hibbs share a

room. Meryl Bishop, the national prayer director of the Stonecroft Ministries, spoke at the Shepherd's Staff Conference Center Thursday evening to a crowd of 15 or so. Her theme was *Keeping Watch* and she talked on light-houses. It was an inspiring message. Stonecroft Ministries is the sponsor of the After Five dinner meetings.

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Deaths

Zelma A. Franz

Zelma A. Franz, 85, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, at Hays Medical Center, Hays.

The service took place Thursday at Harrison Chapel in Colby, with Pastor Jonathan Hansen officiating. A graveside service and burial were held at Beulah Cemetery in Colby.

Survivors include sons John of Parsons, and Clarence of Hot Springs Village, Ark.; brother Dennis Dahl of Lawrence; sister Ethel Franz of Colby; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arvid W., in December 1979, and her brother Jay.

Mrs. Franz was born Sept. 4, 1916, in Inola, Okla., the daughter of Marie

and Jacob Dahl. She was the oldest of four children. On Aug. 2, 1936, she married Arvid Franz in a double wedding ceremony with her sister, Ethel, and Arvid's brother, Eldo.

She was a homemaker and lifetime area resident. She was a member of the Mingo Bible Church, and worked for many years as a baker at the Colby

district schools, before retiring in 1978.

During her retirement she spent time with her family. She enjoyed cross stitching, crocheting, and baking zweibach.

Memorials are suggested to the Diabetes Foundation and may be left at any Colby Bank or Harrison Chapel.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Brown bag Al Anon (non-smoking), 775 E. College Drive, noon

Pi Gamma, Nancy Piper, 1:30 p.m.

Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 1980 W. 4th, 5-8 p.m.

New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

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Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002
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Kyler Britt, Colby
Winifred Morris, Colby

Dismissals
Brooklynn Foss, Colby
Rae Stewart, Brewster
Melissa Allen and infant female, Oakley

Nicolle Bailey and infant male, Colby
Sara Heatley, Oakley

Markets

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

Wheat	\$2.65
Corn	\$1.91
Milo	\$3.00
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