

# Family

## Death

### Judith Lynn Pratt Toburen

Judith Lynn Pratt Toburen, 42, died Saturday, Sept. 7, 2002, at her home in Dallas, Texas, after a long battle with cancer.



J. Toburen

Services were held Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 11 a.m. at Highland Park United Methodist Church Main Sanctuary in Highland, Texas. A local service was held on Friday, Sept. 13, at 3 p.m. at the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, and was followed by a burial in Beulah Cemetery. Mrs. Toburen is survived by her husband, David J. Brewer and son David J. Brewer, Jr. of Dallas; sisters Margie Pratt, Kelly Pratt and Susan Pratt all of Kansas City; brother Thomas K. Pratt of Chicago; her father Thomas Pratt

and wife Gretchen of Tucson, Ariz.; and grandmother Rosalie C. Macaluso of Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Sydney States Pratt.

Mrs. Toburen was born in Colby on Jan. 5, 1960, and graduated from Colby High School in 1978 and Kansas University in 1983 with a B.A. in English with highest of academic honors.

She was active in fund-raising and Team-in-Training activities for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society in Dallas, the March of Dimes Foundation and the Saddleback Hospital in southern California.

Donations in her honor may be made to Thomas County Historical Society in Colby, University of Texas, Box #135, Dallas, Texas 75225; M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, PO Box 297153, Houston, Texas 77297 and the Vitas Hospice Charitable Fund, 123 SE Third Ave., PMB 110, Miami, Fla. 33131-2003.

# After Five Club meeting held at Shepherd's Staff

The High Plains After Five Club held their meeting on Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Shepherd's Staff Conference Center with a fair-sized crowd attending.

The feature was a trip taken on a cruise by Diana Emerick, then Michelle Moses sang a beautiful song.

The guest speaker was Lonzie Symonette of Peyton, Colo. She gave an inspiring message on "Real happiness is within reach."

A delicious meal was served and the meeting adjourned about 1 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 15, at 7 p.m.

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Bob and Opal Keefer of Colorado Springs are here this week visiting his sister, Betty Nickols. Bob is doing some repair work on their grandmother's house.

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Recent visitors of Deb Stepper were



### Lula Thielier

• Rexford Correspondent

Cy Stepper's nephew, Don and Carol Harrison and daughter, Carla from Salina. They took Deb to Colby for a dinner to help her celebrate her birthday.

A few days later, Al (Mokie) Dye, his mother, Ida Dye and his son, Brian from Green Valley, Nev. were visitors. The Al Dyes lived here when Brian was a small child.

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Edna Colson spent Sunday, Sept. 8 with Kathryn and Floyd Richard and family in Norton and went to church with Kathryn and Chris.

Chris was run over by a tractor over

a year ago and now is walking with the aid of a body and leg brace and walker. He is doing a good job of it. Chris is in the first grade.

Edna Colson attended her Roberts "Cousins" reunion in Ft. Dodge, Iowa, on Sunday, Sept. 15.

Roberta Colson of Goodland drove them to Ruthven, Iowa, were they visited with Helen Oppedal, Edna's sister over the weekend.

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The Senior Committee met Tuesday morning at the Barn for their monthly meeting. They decided to hold the "Christmas in October" sale on Oct. 17, the third Thursday in October.

All vendors can display their crafts free that day. Hopefully a large crowd will come to show their products and enjoy a day of fellowship with others. Coffee or iced tea and cookies are available all day.

For further information please call Eunice Sanford at 987-2275 or Betty Nickols and 687-2565.

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Shirley Vance and her daughter, Vicki went to Denver the first part of the week and each had checkups with the doctors there.

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Carroll Gould is a patient in the Via Christi Hospital in Wichita at the present time.

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The Royal Neighbors met Thursday afternoon at the Community Hall to finalize plans for the annual District Convention to be held on Saturday, Sept. 21, with guests coming from McCook, Neb., Wilsonville, Neb., Oberlin, and Norton and maybe some state officials.

Registration for the convention begins at 11 a.m. with a luncheon at noon and the convention begins at 1 p.m. at the Community Hall.

Darlene Robben served refreshments of salad, kolachis and coffee to the seven members present for the planning meeting.

# Writers invited to fall meeting of the Author's Club

All writers and interested persons are invited to the fall meeting of the Seventh District Kansas Author's Club, Sept. 21, at the Dodge House Restaurant. The program will consist of two presentations.

Tracy Million Simmons will be discussing how to write for the Internet in her workshop, "Words in Cyberspace".

Simmons, a Kansas Author's Club Seventh District member, leads a Creative Writing club for 4-H youth and home-schoolers in Ford County.

She has published essays and articles on regional-area parenting websites such as LifeServ.com, childslife.com, Emphasis on Moms newsletter, and BabyCorner.com, as well as writing for a web-based romantic proposal ser-

vice.

She has also written for print publications such as *A Wanting Parent, House, Home & Garden, and County Families Magazine*.

The second presentation will be "Origins of Writing" with Professor Jeff Mills. He is currently an instructor of English at Dodge City Community College.

He earned his bachelor of arts degree from Northwest Missouri State University and his master's from The University of Northern Iowa.

He lived and taught for several years in southwestern Iowa until last August when he came to Dodge City.

The Dodge House Restaurant is located at 2408 W. Wyatt Earp Blvd. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., and the program begins at 10 a.m.

A dutch treat lunch and business meeting will follow.

For more information on the event, call (620) 338-8707.

## Clubs

### United Methodist Women of Colby

The United Methodist Women of Colby United Methodist Church met Thursday, Sept. 12, for a covered dish dinner.

Officers were elected for 2003. A new member, Angela DeFisher, was presented with an afghan.

The highlight of the evening was a presentation of Jovita Nwogwugwu, who spoke on "Children of Africa." Mrs. Nwogwugwu is from Nigeria. She is presently teaching science in the Healy public school.

She spoke of the effect on the children of the repressive political system in Nigeria and if the AIDS epidemic in Africa. She is a graduate of a university in Nigeria, and London, and is taking graduate classes in America as well.

Additional guests were Mrs. Helen Norman and Mrs. Louella Poemer of Healy.

### Order of the Eastern Star

Colby Chapter #442, Order of the Eastern Star, met Monday night, Sept. 2, at the Masonic Hall in Colby.

The meeting was preceded with a covered dish dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Worthy Matron Mary Molstad, and Worthy Patron, Roy Searls, presided in the East.

The pledge of allegiance was given and the "Star Spangled Banner" was sung, led by the Worthy Patron.

The Worthy Matron welcomed all present and a short business meeting was held. A report of sickness and distress was given.

The charter was draped and a memorial service was given in memory of Past Grand Matron, Myra Willie, of Wamego.

Rob Morris, founder of the Eastern Star was remembered. It was announced Sister Hattie Saunders had passed away and the Eastern Star will present their funeral service.

Members have been invited to attend Oberlin Chapter, for their fun night and honoring their Worthy Grand Matron, Nancy Wentling of Topeka. The members were also invited to

the Atwood Chapter for the presentation of the 25 and 50 year pins and the 60 year certificates. Several members planned to attend the events.

On Saturday, Sept. 7, School of Instruction was held in Hays. It started with a luncheon at noon. Colby officers exemplified the examination of visitors.

The meeting closed in form with a cain drill following.

### National Association of Retired Federal Employees

Mary Reitcheck of Hoxie was elected president, Don Davis was re-elected vice-president, and Maxine Nelson was re-elected secretary/treasurer at the Sept. 19 meeting of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Those attending the dinner meeting at the Ramada Inn were Don and Wanda Davis, Maxine Nelson, Mary and Leroy Reitcheck, Joy Davis, Chuck and Norma Simonton and Gerry and Florine Messamore.

After the flag salute, and invocation by Norma Simonton, Don Davis conducted the meeting.

The next meeting will be Oct. 16, after which the club will not meet again until April. All retired or current federal employees are welcome.

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees is the only organi-

zation devoted solely to protecting retirement benefits and the benefits of federal employees.

### Xi Zeta Zeta

Eleven members of Xi Zeta Zeta met at the home of Judy Taylor on the evening of Sept. 9.

The lovely fall rain kept the members from touring the Taylor's lovely backyard pond.

Communication was received from former member, Pam Grubb who is now living in Hays.

New program books for the year were given to the members. It was decided we would do our annual ways and means project, the making of apple pies, on Oct. 19.

Deanna passed the Sunshine basket to Brenda.

Following the meeting, everyone made their own ice cream sundaes, and enjoyed an evening of visiting.

Those attending were: Relda Galli, Coleen Dougherty, Kathy Ryan, Lynette Luck, Linda Ryan, Judy Epp, Brenda Kimberly, Anita Porter, Mary Smith, Deanna Sulzman, and Judy Taylor.

## Hospital

### CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER

Wednesday, September 18, 2002

**Admissions**  
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## Community Calendar

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 5-8 p.m.  
Bingo, Jaycees Center, 7 p.m.  
Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

Sunday Morning Alcoholics Anonymous, Ramada Inn, 9 a.m.  
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 2-8 p.m.  
Higher Ground, High School Youth Group, Berean Church, 6 p.m.  
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

# Many activities on slate for Senior Center



### Lois Myers

• Correspondent

The following activities have been scheduled at the Senior Progress Center for the week of Sept. 23 to Sept. 27. All area residents and visitors, 60 or older are invited to participate.

Monday: board games at 10 a.m.; cards at 1 p.m.

Tuesday: low impact exercise class at 9:30 a.m., board games at 10 a.m.; cards at 1 p.m.

Wednesday: line dance class at 9:45 a.m., cards at 1 p.m.

Thursday: low impact exercise class at 9:30 a.m., board games at 10 a.m., senior bridge at 1 p.m.

Friday: share-a-memory/coffee time at 9:30 a.m., board games at 10 a.m.

Indoor walking, exercise bikes, Cablevision, VCR, snooker, pool, puzzles and cards are available whenever the center is open...and the coffee pot is always on!

Planning a family reunion or a recep-

tion? You do not need to be a senior to rent the center. Call Deb at 462-2901 for information.

### Homestead Nutrition Menus for Sept. 23-27

Monday - cook's choice of entree, bread, corn, cantaloupe, bread pudding with sauce.

Tuesday - chili with beans, crackers, coleslaw, pineapple, cinnamon roll.

Wednesday - meat loaf, baked potato, asparagus, bread, plums.

Thursday - oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, bread, apricots, cherry cobbler.

Friday - turkey roast, sweet potatoes,

bread, cinnamon apple slices, cranberry fluff.

Meal reservations need to be made before noon, 24 hours in advance at 462-2901. Cancellations should be called in as soon as possible. Menus are subject to change.

### Did you know?

In 1881, before Thomas County was organized, T.D. Hamilton, with a small party of hunters within the county boundaries, discovered a cache of human skeletons. On exploring an entrance to a cave, they found it to be a sepulcher of a pre-historic race.

The interior consisted of two chambers, with walls hewn out of rock. Weapons and other relics were found with the skeletal remains. A passage way had been chiseled out, and far in the interior was a stream of water.

Transcribed July 2002, by Carolyn Ward, from KANSAS: A Cyclopedia of State History.

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