

# Family

## Deaths

### Inace Parker

Inace Parker, 95, of Brewster, died Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Services are pending with Kersbrock Funeral Chapel.

### Helen M. (Galli) Hawkins

Helen Marie (Galli) Hawkins, 71, of Colby, died Friday, Dec. 13, 2002, at Lantern Park Manor.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Harrison Chapel, Rev. Leonard T. Burgess will officiate. Burial will follow at the Brewster Cemetery. Visitation will be today at Harrison Chapel until 9 p.m.

Mrs. Hawkins is survived by her son Larry of Colby, two brothers John Galli Jr. of Colby and Paul "Bud" Galli of Cheyenne Wells, Colo. As well she is survived by three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 45 years, Donald Lee; a son, Donald Dean; her parents John Jacob and Caroline Christine (Adolf) Galli and a sister Imogene Sporing.

Mrs. Hawkins was born April 30, 1931, on the family farm north of Winona. A former resident of Brewster, she had also lived in Goodland, Loveland, Colo., New Mexico and Missouri.

She was a member of College Drive Assembly of God in Colby.

Memorials are suggested to Gideon Memorial Bible program and can be left at Harrison Chapel.

### Jeannine Lewallen

Jeannine Lewallen, 73, of Winona died Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002, at her home in Winona.

Services will be held on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Winona Methodist Church. Rev. Gene Shoemaker of Colby and Rev. Barbara Patterson of Oakley will officiate. Burial will follow in the Winona Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Kersbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

Mrs. Lewallen is survived by her husband, Robert of Winona; three sons, Michael of Colby, D. Mark of Winona and D. Lance of Winona; a daughter Lanis Kirk of Winona and a brother Robert Potter of Colby. As well, she is survived by eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to the Winona Methodist Church and Hospice Services. They can be left at Kersbrock Funeral Chapel, the Winona Methodist Church or The Bank in Winona.

### Gertrude A. (Larson) Wederski

Gertrude A. (Larson) Wederski, 82, of Atwood, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002, at Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center in Denver.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Brantley Funeral Chapel in Atwood. Rev. Terry McGuire will officiate. Burial will follow at the

Atwood Fairview Cemetery.

Visitation will be until 9 p.m. tonight and from 9 a.m. until service time on Tuesday.

She is survived by three sons, Carl of Atwood, Leon of Ellensburg and Earl of Bethune; four daughters, Bessie Persinger of Atwood, Mary Lou Miller of Hill City, Betty Jane Unruh of Colby and Ila Mae Perdue of Byers, Colo. As well she is survived by 21 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Wederski was preceded in death by her parents, Nels and Ada (Van Winkle) Larson; an infant daughter, Bertha Marie Wederski; her husband Luduich E. "Lew"; two brothers Frank and Henry Larson and sisters Ella Walker, Amanda Most and Grace Withington.

She and her husband lived on a farm in rural Rawlins County near Beardsley and then moved into Atwood in 1956. She was a homemaker and worked in a cafe and did child and home care. Mrs. Wederski was a former member of the Atwood Church of the Nazarene.

Memorials are suggested to the charity of the donor's choice.

### Gerald F. "Jerry" Birzer

Gerald F. "Jerry" Birzer, 64, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2002, at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend.

Services were held Friday, Dec. 13, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ellinwood. Rev. David Flagor officiated and burial followed at St. Peter and Paul Cemetery of Ellinwood.

He is survived by many family members including one sister of Colby, Theresa Baker.

Memorials are suggested to Relay for Life or St. Joseph School Endowment Fund and can be sent to Sillin Funeral Home of Lyons.

## Markets

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

Wheat	\$3.71
Corn	\$2.51
Milo	\$4.10
Soybeans	\$5.23

## About Town

Heartland Christian School will present its Christmas program on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Berean Church (1000 South Franklin.)

The public is invited to share in this evening of song and drama, reflecting the celebration of Christ's birth.

# Rotary club hears about recycling center efforts

## Rotary Clubs

At the Dec. 10, meeting of the Colby Rotary Club, Hope Daniels was introduced as the December Rotary Student of the Month. Her Colby High School activities include Jazz Band, Scholars Bowl, FFA, Cross Country, and working as the manager for the wrestling team. She plans to attend Sterling College.

President Brown called for officer and committee reports. The Dec. 3, attendance was 68 percent. It was reported that the polio eradication receipts so far are \$955, and Community Service has looked at possible projects and will report to the club.

Rotary History included some interesting and surprising relative geography facts. Ballots for the slate of officers were distributed. A motion from the floor to elect all nominees was made and passed. New officers are Jerry Arensdorf, President; Scott Gawith, Vice President; Steve Ziegelmeier, Secretary; Michael Boyles, third year board; Mark Wahlmeier, second year board; Cindy Cersovsky, first year board.

Program chairperson, Cindy Cersovsky, introduced Lynette Koon whose program was an update on the recycling center. From laying plans in 1995 to open the center and in April of 1997 beginning the operations at Coors, much happened. Patronage of the recycling center went from 75 per week at opening, to 200 per week by April of 2000. This increased demand brought about the current facility, funded in part by three Kansas Department of Health and Environment grants. The new facility makes drop-offs possible at any time and greatly enhances the convenience and workload. About one thousand tons of material has been collected and processed by our recycling program.

Current work is being done in regard to regionalizing the recycling center, with plans to include Gove County. Economies of scale enhance the operation of the center. For example, with split loads used in the past, cardboard brings about \$15 to 20 per ton. When we can switch to full truckloads, the cardboard will bring anywhere from \$50 to 100 per ton.

In response to a question, Koon stated the materials collected go to facilities in Hutchinson, Wichita and

## Sorosis Club

The Sorosis Club of Colby held their Christmas Luncheon at the Quality Inn with Betty Brenn and Margaret Chick the co-hostesses.

In a dining room decorated with the colors and emblems of Christmas, the members enjoyed a delicious luncheon and then answered roll call by giving a memory of a special Christmas. Many of the answers dated back to the so-called Dirty-Thirties when money was scarce, but the few gifts were still remembered. Mentioned, too, were the Christmas programs held at schools and churches which were a part of their lives.

A tradition of the Sorosis Club is a gift exchange with gifts to be limited to \$5. Members are always amazed at the various types of gifts exchanged. They range from home-made candies to Christmas tree decorations and are displayed for everyone to enjoy.

There was no program, so the group visited and exchanged Holiday greetings and plan to meet again Jan. 10, 2003, at the Thomas County Museum of Art and History where they will review seventy years of Sorosis records.

## Hospital

### CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER Friday, December 13, 2002

**Admissions**  
Manten Lee Crow, Goodland  
Olive Kersbrock, Colby  
William Bremenkamp, Colby

**Dismissals**  
Seth Miller, Goodland  
**Saturday, December 14, 2002**

**Admissions**  
No Admissions  
**Dismissals**

Dalene Rowley, Gem  
Albino Gomez, Rexford  
Clara Schieferecke, Dresden

**Sunday, December 15, 2002**  
**Admissions**

No Admissions  
**Dismissals**  
Vicky Roberts, Atwood  
C. Wayne Harper, Atwood  
Manten Lee Crow, Goodland

## Celebrating 60 years



Mr. and Mrs. Ruda

Frank and Margaret (Williams) Ruda of Atwood were married August 19, 1942 at the Sacred Heart Church in Atwood. They have been life long residents of Atwood.

Their family will be hosting a reception in celebration of the couple's 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Columbian Hall in Atwood.

They request no gifts.

## Community Calendar

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Genesis Thomas County pickup, 350 S. Range, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.

TeleFriend Information meeting, 5:30 p.m. (call 462-6996)

The Herd, Junior High Youth Group, Armory, 7-8:30 p.m.

Pinochle, American Legion, 7:30 p.m.

Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous & AlAnon (non-smoking), 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

Middle School Incentive Party, 11:30 a.m.

Santa City Open, 6 to 8 p.m.

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## Thank You!

To the Colby community, our family extends with deep appreciation a big **Thank You** to everyone who came to our aid during Shelli's illness. All the meals that were brought in have been a great blessing. The many cards and prayers that were sent, gave us encouragement to meet daily challenges. Appreciation is also given to everyone that helped with our children and came in to help clean the house. In whatever way that you have helped, again we say, "Thank you and may God bless you abundantly for your love and concern."

**The Krzycki's  
Jeff, Shelli, Jordan, Preston and Tessa**

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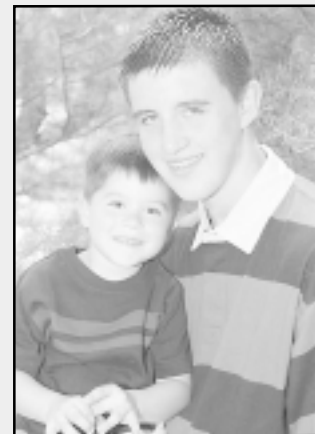
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