

Family

Death

Inace M. Parker

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

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the Brewster United Methodist Church. Pastor Roger Michael and Pastor Dorine Chambers will officiate. Burial will follow at the Brewster Cemetery.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel.

She is survived by two sons, Gerald "Bud" Parker of Littleton, Colo. and Merle L. Parker of Oakley; a daughter Norma Jean Hammond of Denver; a brother Elmer "Jack" Johnson of Davis, Calif. and a niece who she raised from childhood, Nanette Stanley of Lake Havasu, Ariz. As well, she is survived by ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Parker was preceded in death by her husband, William who died in 1975 and a nephew which she also raised from childhood, Chester Hayes.

She was born in Thomas County, Oct. 15, 1907, and was the retired owner of Parker Service Oil in Brewster. She was also a member of the Brewster United Methodist Church.

Memorials are suggested to the Brewster Senior Center and can be left at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel or Farmers Bank and Trust in Brewster.

Rexford's Red Barn Gang makes music entertaining for everyone

Freda Ketchum went to Austin, Texas, to spend Christmas with her son, David. Maybe you would like to know about our Red Barn Gang Rhythm Band. It was started 23 years ago and we have 11 members now. Betty Nickols has always been the pianist.

We think we do pretty good since our youngest member is 66; others range in age from 70-90. None of us ever thought we would travel with a band at our age. We joke about that.

Marjorie Leh is our soloist and she sings Christmas carols for this season.

We have three puppets. They are Flub and Flubber, who are twins, and Dub. Cleda Moeder, Eunice Sanford and Zula Horinek work them. We have Doggie in the Window, as well as puppets, Sad Sack and Bo Bo, under the direction of Gracie Cheney. Our dancer is Gene Rogers.

We play a refrigerator grate with wooden spoon, washboard played with three thimbles, drums, xylophones, tea kettle, kazoo, cymbals, tambourines, toilet seat, school bell and a toaster.

The residents of Rexford want to thank the city for their generous Christmas gift of free utilities for the month of December.

The Worthwhile Club met for their



Zula Horinek

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Christmas party and potluck dinner on Dec. 7, at the home of Betty Carswell. They revealed their secret pals for last

year and drew names for the 2003 secret pals. The next meeting will be in January with Grace Cheney as hostess.

Kenneth Dible was taken to Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He lost consciousness due to low blood pressure.

This week was a busy one for the Red Barn Band. On Tuesday we went to Oberlin to Good Samaritan and Cedar

Living Center; Wednesday to Oakley to Assisted Living at the Logan County Hospital, and Oakley Manor, and on Thursday to Colby to Lantern Park.

Val Wark hosted the Bridge Club and took them to the Ramada for lunch. Norma Vandell and Helen Wark were guests. The winners were: Barbara Young, first; Norma Vandell, second, and Berneda Zoberst, third.

The senior dinner will be held on Saturday at the Shepherd's Staff. Anyone 50 or over qualifies. This is sponsored by Seniors in Action.



Hospital

CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER
Monday, December 16, 2002

- Admissions
- Aubrette Stephens, Colby
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Blue Mass honors local service men and women

A special Blue Mass was celebrated at Sacred Heart Church in Colby, on Sunday, Nov. 24, honoring and thanking police officers, county sheriff officers, highway patrol troopers, firemen, and emergency medical technicians. This event was organized by the Colby Council of the Knights of Columbus.

The Fourth Degree Honor Guard, consisting of 14 members from Colby, two from Atwood, one from McDonald, one from Herndon, and one from Goodland, stood at attention as these dedicated service people entered and left the church. The front pews were reserved for those attending which included eight police officers, nine sheriff officers, 11 firemen, and eight emergency medical technicians, all in uniform.

Father Galen Long gave a special sermon stating that all of the honorees served Christ whenever they served their fellow man in any capacity.

The Mass included special music for the occasion. Mike Albers and LaDonna Dempewolf were the cantors, and Marge Miller played the organ.

A reception was held in the church basement for all honored guests and church members. It was hosted by the Daughters of Isabella, with members of the Holy Family Circle and Knights



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Honored guests file out of services as the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Honor Guard stand at attention.

of Columbus assisting in food preparation.

The Colby Knights of Columbus is the first Council in the State of Kansas to host a special Blue Mass.

The Knights of Columbus hope to make this an annual celebration on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

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