

# Family

## Deaths

### Nolan Sweat

Nolan Sweat, 32, of Kansas City, Mo., died Friday, Dec. 13, 2002, at St. Luke Hospital on the plaza in Kansas City. He was a 1989 graduate of Colby High School.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 21, at 4:30 p.m. at the chapel in St. Luke Hospital. There will be no visitation, at his request, his body was donated to medical research.

Survivors include his ex-wife, Mindy Nutt; a son Ryan (5); his parents, Ron and Jan Sweat of Manhattan; brothers Tracy of Fredericksburg, Va. and Corey of Overland Park; and his companion Alison Moore of Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Sweat was born Nov. 2, 1970, in Beloit and worked as a computer technician and consultant in the Kansas

City area from 1992 until his illness in 2000.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Simmons Mortuary of Smith Center.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

### Claude G. Kisling

Claude G. Kisling, 87, of Atwood, died today at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood.

Services are pending with Williams Funeral Home of Atwood.

### Howard E. Curry Sr.

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# It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Brewster



Sally Michael

• Brewster Correspondent

The town looks like the Christmas decorator came and decked the houses and the businesses with the holiday finery. During the daytime, the decorated areas don't look too festive, except for some figures and greenery, but at night, there is nothing dull about the lighted roofs, yards, etc. Santa seems to be spreading himself thin(?) over all the shopping areas, but as we know, he can do that. But, the decorated yard that impressed me the most depicted a kneeling Santa, looking into the cradle of the Reason for the Season.

Today, Saturday, is shirtsleeve weather, and it sounds like tomorrow might be even better. Roger and I went to Oakley, to visit a dear friend, in the hospital, and it was so nice, when we got home, I gave Allie a bath. She had gotten a little rank, as happens when bathing isn't done on a regular schedule, and it was so good to see her run around the yard and not get chilled from the bath. Craig Fulwider is putting up the forms for the new shelter in the park, and he was out working in a T-shirt. That doesn't happen, too often, in December. Makes us want to hurry up and take advantage of that shelter, instead of waiting for summer. I think it will be a nice feature for the park, and hope people will let the Lions Club and the City know it is appreciated.

We will have commodities on hand Tuesday through Friday, of next week, so be sure to come in if you are eligible. The items include beef stew, canned chicken, sliced potatoes, potato flakes, raisins, trail mix, dried plums, dried cherries, and other items that help

stretch the food dollars. We have a few of the Christmas Light balls on hand, at the Senior Center, and one of them is out of clear programmable lights, that would make a conversation piece even in the summer, on the patio. We've been busy putting jigsaw puzzles together, and it has been fun to have a distraction for a few minutes as well as a good visit. The last one constructed was a beautiful manger scene, and although it was a challenge, it was great to see the finished work.

The Methodist Church is sponsoring a Hayride Caroling time, on Wednesday evening, of Dec. 18. There will be refreshments at the church, following the caroling. And, on Dec. 4, the United Methodist Women held their monthly meeting, at the Fellowship Hall, with a Soup Supper, hosted by Bonnie Reid and Sue Randolph.

There were nine members and four guests who enjoyed the evening, which included an Advent Program, "Christmas, Woman of Courage, Power and Peace" presented by Eva Lou Selby, with an assist from Wanda Fulwider and Lola Marrs. The District Officer, Jackie Teeter, of Grinnell, shared comments from the Hays District. Because of the success of the Turkey Supper, the United Methodist Women will be able

to fulfill mission obligations, and also, help on the local church budget. The next meeting will be at the home of Nadine Kammer, on Jan. 29, 2003. A special offering, for the "Prayer and Self Denial Program" will be taken at this meeting.

Seems like I had lots of news items to report, but they've taken the back seat to some losses that have occurred in several area families, this weekend. On Friday evening, Larry Hawkins called us to report that his mother, Helen Hawkins, had passed away earlier in the evening. No matter how long it's been since you've seen someone, it still seems a shock when they are no longer with us. Helen always had a special place in my heart because of something that happened back in 1978. Roger had just had heart surgery, and through complications, he wasn't doing very good. One morning, I got word that my dad, Sam Smith, had passed away in Goodland. That night, sitting in Roger's room, feeling pretty low, four people walked in, Don and Helen, and Randy and Darlene Hileman. Don and Randy perked Roger up and over his crisis, and Helen and Darlene took me down to the cafeteria and helped me over mine. So, Helen, I say 'thank you', once again. Her services were Tuesday, Dec. 17, at Harrison Chapel in Colby, and she was buried in Brewster.

Another loss was a lady that was from Winona, Jeanine Lewallen. She

passed away after a long battle with cancer, and we send our condolences to her family. She was the wife of Robert Lewallen, and has many relatives in the Brewster area.

Sunday evening, Roger received a call that was really like a punch in the ribs. One of the news items I was looking forward to putting in this column was announcing that Inace Parker was due home on Tuesday. It seems that was not to be, as she died suddenly, on Sunday evening, Dec. 15. I know you all know how close this lady was to me, but whenever one went anywhere with Inace, it didn't take long to realize she was close to everyone in the tri-state area. Young or old, Inace never knew a stranger. She will be missed, but of one thing I am sure. This lady would not have changed a minute of her life. She did a lot of things in spite of her age, that many younger, (including yours truly) just sit and talk about, and enjoyed her family and friends by loving us all. Inace, I'm sitting here crying, but I know that this is just what you would have wanted. Bud, Merle, Norma Jean, we share your loss.

That's it for now, folks, and after the last few paragraphs, it might seem out of place to say "Merry Christmas", but it is said with sincerity. There are always losses, and we will miss these folks. But, we can praise the Lord that they were in our lives, and that all those that are still with us should become just a little more important to us.

## Community Calendar

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Kiwanis, Student Union, noon  
 Family History Center, 1145 S. Franklin, 7-9 p.m.  
 Tumbleweed Chorus, United Methodist Church, 8 p.m.  
 Fern Past Matrons, Fairview Estates, noon  
 Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous, City Hall basement, 8:30 p.m. (non-smoking)  
 CCC semester break through Jan. 10  
 Joint meeting of the Library board and the Friends of the Library, noon at Pioneer Memorial Library  
 Santa City open from 6 to 8 p.m.  
 Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 5-8 p.m.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 5-8 p.m.  
 New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.  
 Santa City open from 6 to 8 p.m.

## Hospital

### CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER

Tuesday, December 17, 2002

#### Admissions

Robin Tubbs and infant male, Colby

#### Dismissals

Rebecca Jumper, Colby  
 Barbara Gregory, Hoxie

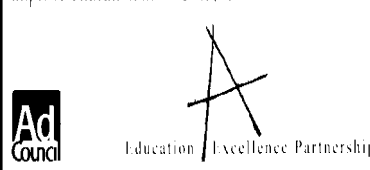
## Markets

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