

# Family

## Death

**Howard E. Curry Sr.**  
Howard E. Curry Sr., 87, of Atwood, died today at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood.  
Services are pending with Harrison Chapel in Colby

**Hayliegh Merrie Hopper**  
Hayliegh Merrie Hopper, the still born infant daughter of Ben and Rusty Hopper of Gem, died Wednesday, Dec. 18 at Hays Medical Center.  
Services are pending are with Harrison Chapel in Colby.

## Community Calendar

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**  
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 5-8 p.m.  
Bingo, Jaycees Center, 7 p.m.  
Santa City open from 1 to 5 p.m.  
Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**  
Sunday Morning Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 9:30 a.m.  
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 2-8 p.m.  
Santa City open from 1 to 5 p.m.  
Higher Ground, High School Youth Group, Berean Church, 6 p.m.  
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

## Winona residents ready for holidays

Erma Latham journeyed to Bennett, Colo. to accompany her sister, Judy and Virgil Piland to Phoenix, Ariz. They enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Shapiro and twins, Maddie and Ben; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Placanti and Michael.



**Rosalie Bussen**  
• Winona Correspondent

Rosalie Bussen and her sister, Twila and Don Bowsler of Great Bend, were in Quinter to visit Edith Wigington, who is now a resident of the Long Term Care Facility.

Becky Darling of Colby was a visitor of Pauline Smith and her guest Staci

Smith, the weekend after Thanksgiving.

There is a community project underway called "County Christmas in the Park." It is being held in the park in Winona. Any business or citizens who would like to be involved for next year

need to contact Bob and Virginia Arnberger. The lighted snowflakes are up so far, but more wiring will need to be done.

Charles Bedrang of Oakley died on Friday, Dec. 6, 2002, at Hays Medical Center. He was 66 and was a lifetime area resident of Winona and Oakley. He was a retired worker of the Kansas Department of Transportation for Highway 40 and a U.S. Army Veteran. Graveside rites were held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 9, 2002, in Oakley with military rites by the U.S. Army in Fort Riley.

## Rotary Club learns the dangers of meth

At the Dec. 17, meeting of the Colby Rotary Club, President Les Brown welcomed Curt Stephens' guest Walter Barker, who works for Kansas State University.

Secretary Gawith reported a 64 percent attendance for last week's meeting.

Rotary History covered the Foundation Permanent Fund, which aids educational and humanitarian projects.

Bill Biel is heading the committee for the Feb. 18, soup supper. There will be no Rotary on Dec. 24. The Dec. 31, meeting is at Quality Inn and Jan. 7, the meeting will be at the Prairie Museum. The Community Service Committee will report at the Jan. 7, meeting on Centennial project ideas.

Program chair, Jerry Arensdorf, introduced Colby Police officer Shane

## Clubs

Finley who is in his fourth year of law enforcement. In October, he completed a Kansas Bureau of Investigation class on cleanup and handling of methamphetamine labs. Since that time he has worked three labs. Using seized materials, Finley described the methods and dangers of cooking or producing meth. He described suspicious signs such as mutilated lithium batteries, large amounts of Sudafed-family drug packaging, punctured bottles of ether, and blue-corroded fittings on propane tanks indicating transport of anhydrous ammonia.

Not only is the actual cooking and usage of meth dangerous, but unsus-

pecting people can be exposed to danger such as gas generators which can produce hydrochloric acid fumes weeks after they have been discarded by meth cooks.

Officer Finley also covered some of the signs and effects on meth users, and the fact that meth de-tox programs tend to take longer than those for other drugs. A user will undergo rapid weight loss, have insomnia, and may have severe acne or scratching.

Methamphetamine usage and production took off in our area in 1996. In 2000 Kansas had 600 meth lab seizures and 15 of those occurred in Thomas County. The dangers associated with both production and usage of methamphetamines make it important that the public understands those dangers, and the signs that indicate activity.

## Colby man interviews for academies

Tanner McClure of Colby met with Congressman Jerry Moran and the First District Service Academy Selection Board in November to interview for an appointment to a U.S. Service Academy.

McClure was interviewed by the 16 member Service Academy Selection Board, which is comprised of civic, community and military leaders from across the First District of Kansas.

After meeting with all of the candidates, the board forwarded its recommendations to Congressman Moran for him to make the final selections for the academies.

U.S. Service Academy nominations are based on a combination of test scores, class rank, grade point average,



**McClure**

school records, extracurricular activities, leadership potential, motivation, recommendations and the final interview evaluations.

"These students are among the best and brightest that Kansas has to offer and will be the leaders of tomorrow," Moran said.

"They are all excellent candidates for a Service Academy, and I wish them the best of luck in the future."

Students are applying for nomination to the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Naval Academy or U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

McClure is the son of Mitch and Jamie McClure of Colby. He is currently at Colby High School.

## Hospital

**CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER**  
**Wednesday, December 18, 2002**  
**Admissions**  
Roger Baskerville, Rexford  
**Dismissals**  
Aubrette Stephens, Colby  
Lulu Grady, Colby

## Markets

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## Senior Center to close for Christmas

The annual Senior Center Christmas Party will be held at the center on Friday, at 2 p.m. The Colby High School music department will provide special music for the occasion, with Shirley Malcolm at the piano. A Christmas carol sing-a-long is planned and there will be refreshments. Santa might even be there!

Gifts for daily maintenance of the center, may be placed under the tree at anytime. (Like janitorial supplies and items for the office.)

In observation of the Christmas holiday, the Senior Progress Center will be closing at noon on Monday and will be closed all day on Tuesday and Wednesday. Regular center hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be observed on Thursday and Friday. For questions about the schedule, contact Donna at 462-2901.

The following activities have been



**Lois Myers**  
• Senior Savvy

scheduled at the Senior Progress Center for the week of Dec. 23 through Dec. 27. All area residents and visitors, 60 or older are invited to participate.

Monday: brunch at 11 a.m.; center closes at noon

Tuesday: closed

Wednesday: closed

Thursday: Alive with exercise at 9:30 a.m.; senior bridge at 1 p.m.

Friday: no scheduled activities

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

**Homestead Nutrition Menus for Dec. 23 - 27**

Monday - egg sausage bake, hashbrowns, juice, muffin and citrus slices.

Tuesday - closed  
Wednesday - closed  
Thursday - meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, carrots, bread and apricots.

Friday - barbecue chicken sandwich, peas, peaches, bun and blueberry dessert squares.

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.

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