

Family

Deaths

Mabel E. Pierson

Mabel E. Pierson, 81, of Colby, died Monday, Dec. 30, 2002 in Denver, Colo. Funeral services will be held Friday, Jan. 3, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. (MST) at Olinger Moore-Howard Chapel in Denver.

Interment will be in Beulah Cemetery, Colby, at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 4, 2003.

Local arrangements are being handled by Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel.

Mrs. Pierson is survived by two sons, Terry Pierson and Gary Pierson; four daughters, Dema Brianza, Barbara Zupancic, Della Hull and Carol Foster; along with 16 grandchildren and 15-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil, who died in 1974.

Club News

Xi Zeta Zeta

Nine members of Xi Zeta Zeta met at the home of Judy Epp on the evening of Monday, Dec. 9. The special guest for the program was Laura Tubbs. She not only is an instructor of nursing at Colby Community College, but is also a certified Yoga instructor. It was very relaxing as Tubbs had each of us doing breathing exercises, then led us into some Yoga poses and stretches and then brought the program to a close with with some quiet meditating.

Questions from the group followed. The business meeting was conducted.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas social and will be at the home of Mary Smith. It was decided to have a lasagna supper followed with the gift exchange. Those members attending were: Relda Galli, Judy Epp, Brenda Kimberly, Anita Porter, Kathy Ryan, Linda Ryan, Mary Smith, Judy Taylor and Blanca Riney.

Twelve members of the group met again at Mary Smith's home on Dec. 16. All enjoyed a meal of lasagna, garden salad, french bread and dessert. A brief business meeting was held so that a few bills could be paid.

Following the business meeting, cards were dealt and bingo was played to decide who would open their present first.

This continued until all gifts were opened. The evening ended with the sharing of many good memories.

Those attending were: Lynn Carpenter, Coleen Dougherty, Relda Galli, Brenda Kimberly, Lynette Luck, Anita Porter, Kathy Ryan, Linda Ryan, Mary Smith, Deanna Sulzman, Judy Taylor, and Blanca Riney. Next meeting will be on Jan. 13 at Lynn Carpenter's with Kathy Ryan as co-hostess.

Hospital

Citizens Medical Center, Inc.
Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002

Admissions

- Lloyd Cersovsky, Colby
- Cheryl Eaves, Colby
- Felicitas Kreutzer, Colby

Dismissals

- Pauline Layland, Colby
 - Thelbert Boyd, Monument
 - Walter Forsythe, St. Francis
- Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003**
- Chris Lauber, Scott City

• None

Long-time resident will be missed

Russell Springs has lost a long-time resident - Gene Thacker, 76, died on Sunday, Dec. 20, 2002 in a Wichita hospital. His funeral services were on Friday, Dec. 27 in the Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley at 10:30 a.m. Burial was in the Russell Springs Cemetery.

Wyatt and Layton Werth, Brewster, spent Monday and Tuesday with Roger and Marge Ausmus.

They were all at Larry and Michele Werth's on Christmas Eve. On Christmas day, they all were guests of Lawrence and Louise Denning and their families in Sharon Springs.

Andy and Stacie Hansen, Kirsten and Kortney of Marion are enjoying the Christmas holiday with Dave and Judy Gfeller. Joining



Rosalie Bussen

- Winona Correspondent

them on Christmas Eve were Ken and Cindy Gfeller and children, Dennis and Jana Gfeller and children. On Christmas day, Dave and Judy served lunch for the Dennis Gfeller and Hansen families, and Helen Gates of Colby.

The Kent Gfeller family were with the Tom Schertz family on Christmas day.

Christmas guests of Pauline Smith were Velma Irish, Tom and Melissa Sparks, Dalton and Dillon

of Olathe.

Christmas Eve guests of Lavonne Baxter were Karen Baxter, Lina, Jasmine and a friend, Henry, of Garden City, Greg and Billie Baxter, Winona.

Rosalie Bussen motored to Quinter on Christmas day to be with her mother.

Returning home, her supper guests were Tanner Bussen, Twin Falls, Idaho and Darrius Bussen, Sharon Springs.

Thursday supper and overnight guest was Rodney Bussen of Weskan.

Alfred Ausmus of Colorado Springs, Colo. arrived at the Roger and Marge Ausmus home on Friday evening to visit family during the holiday.

Brewster families winding down as holidays come to an end



Sally Michael

- Brewster Correspondent

they are putting plenty of miles on. We are sure glad they all came for the special day. Phone calls from the ones that couldn't be with us were quite welcome, too.

After church, on Dec. 22, our church family all traveled to Oakley's Colonial Inn, for a special holiday gathering, and it was a fun time. There is certainly lots of goodies still on the cabinet, and I can attest that there are some tremendous cooks in this area. Can't figure out why everything that tastes so good has to have so many calories, though.

Everyone was planning lots of visits for Christmas, so I hope I have some to report on, after I get back to the Center tomorrow. I took an extra day, thanks to Nancy Hawkins and Joyce Crabtree minding the Senior Center. They've been busy working on jigsaw puzzles, and some of them are real challenges.

It's been awhile since Barry has been here and driven around town,

and the sight of Stuckeys missing really seemed to bother him. I'll bet he wasn't the only returning former local person that felt an emptiness when they saw those ash piles. I still feel a twinge when I see them, and hope something will replace the missing building.

Just a small scale of what the people in New York must feel when they see that enormous gaping hole where the Twin Towers once stood.

Sounds like several areas were blessed with some good moisture over Christmas, and I am happy they were. I will be glad when it is our turn, and seeing that the snow was so close makes me feel like it won't be long before we can have some of our own.

On Saturday, there was a surprise birthday reception for Lucille Lewallen, at the Lutheran Church. Roger and I stopped in to wish this very nice lady a Happy 80th year.

Lucille's daughter, Paula Fox, brought some of her family by the

Center yesterday. Cliff and Paula brought their daughter, son-in-law and grandson in, so they could see where the folks "hang out."

The son-in-law has just returned from a flight to Kuwait, and is home in Las Vegas, for a time. I didn't catch his name, but it impressed me that these young people are so alert and ready to go where necessary and do what they are asked to do, to keep all our families safe.

Maybe this stood out a little more than normal, because I had just received a photo album that had some clippings about WW II.

Included were articles that included letters from my brothers, Smitty and Bob, who were in the Pacific at that time. One was in the Coast Guard and the other was in the infantry.

I remember those times with the memory of a child, but even I remember the courage that those military personell showed. The letters are a treasure to me, and I am in the process of having them restored, so that my children and grandchildren can read about their uncles, and a little bit of what war is like.

Well, I got a little off track, but we get back on long enough to wish our good friend, Lucille, a very Happy

Birthday and a year ahead full of blessings and good memories. I will have a report about the family members that I am looking forward to meeting, in the next column.

When I went to the post office, a few minutes ago, I took a quick drive around town, and it looks like there are lots of kids that came home to see the folks.

Lore Depe has some of her boys here, and I know that is her favorite thing. Looks like Jane Keck has family here, and since she just hurt her ankle, I know she will enjoy having someone around, even more than usual.

Ruth and Duane Jones drove to Greeley, on Saturday, to spend Christmas with their daughter and family, Linda and Larry Hoffner, Brad and Melissa Hoffner and children, and Eric and Crystal Hoffner and Logan. They returned home on Thursday. It sounds like they were able to enjoy the great grandkids, and learn how to play the new games the kids got.

George and Roberta Luckert enjoyed the day at son, Don's home, with their daughter, Marilyn and Pete Peters, and granddaughter, Zanae Wright and two great grandkids, from Colorado.

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Community Calendar

SATURDAY, Jan. 4, 2003

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

SUNDAY, Jan. 5, 2003

Sunday Morning Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 9:30 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.

MONDAY, Jan. 6, 2003

Duplicate Bridge, airport, 1 p.m.
Quit smoking support group, 775 E. College Drive, 1 p.m.
Monday Afternoon Bridge, Meadowlark Manor, 1 p.m.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly, United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.; weigh-in, 6-6:30 p.m.
Rexford Lions, Rexford Cafe, 7 p.m. (2nd & 4th Mondays)
Pride of the Prairie Orchestra practice, Colby Community College Band Room, Cultural Arts Center, 7:30-9 p.m.

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