

Death

Violet Miller

Violet Miller, 82, of Colby, died Friday, Jan. 10, 2003 at the Prairie Senior Living Complex. Mrs. Miller was born on Jan. 5, 1921 in Thomas County and was a lifetime resident and homemaker. She married Gus Miller, who preceded her in death on Jan. 28, 2001. Survivors include a son Bill Adolph of Lakewood, Colo.; a daughter, Loretta Greene of Hoxie; stepdaughters, Phyllis Ager of Cheyenne, Wyo., Jennie Mae Pirtle and Patricia Koch both of Colby, and Kathy Cullen of Wasilla, Alaska. Preceding Mrs. Miller in death were her husband, a daughter, Joyce Jones and two stepsons, William and Donald. Funeral services were held today at 10:30 a.m. at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel with Rev. James Mardock officiating. Burial was at Beulah Cemetery in Colby. Memorials can be made to the Thomas County Historical Society and/or Prairie Senior Living Complex. Donations may be left at any Colby bank or Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel.

Longtime Rexford man remembered



Zula Horinek

• Rexford Correspondent

Sympathy is extended to the family of Jack Wark, a longtime resident and farmer of Rexford, who died Dec. 8 in the Assisted Living Center in Hoxie.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Black and family met in Hays for a belated Christmas on Dec. 27 at the home of Julie Black and sons, Jamie and Jeffrey Zerr.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Randy May, Andover, and daughter, Amy May, Kansas City, Mo.; and their son, Adam and Mandy May, Boston, Mass.; and John Black, Aurora, Colo. John's wife, Leslie, had to work and could not attend.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious buffet in Hays.

Adam May is a sophomore at the Goldman School of Dentistry in Boston.

He will start seeing patients in April. He and his wife were married April 6, during spring break in Boston.

They went to Paris, France, on their honeymoon.

Social Hour Club met on Jan. 8

with Clela Moeder.

There were eight members present and one guest, Mary Minnick, of Wichita, present. Merl Barnett visited Jack Minnick while the women were at club.

New officers elected include: Vesta Roth, president; Zula Horinek, vice president; Mary Leh, secretary; and Clela Moeder, treasurer. They played robber bingo. The hostess prize was won by Deb Stepper.

On Jan 9, five Royal Neighbors met at the community building with Deb Stepper as hostess.

Grace Cheney underwent cataract surgery at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Jack and Mary Minnick took Clela Moeder to Denver to visit Carrol Gould in the hospital.

They are getting him up in a chair now.

Margie Leh's aunt, Elsie Penny, of Wewoka, Okla., died last week. The health nurse informed us there are a lot of chicken pox in the schools in our area.

Christmas Eve guests of Ray and Berneda Zoberst were Kenneth and Tina Johnson and Scott, Brent Johnston of Hays, and Larry Zoberst of Hays.

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Christmas dinner guests of Ray and Berneda Zoberst on Dec. 29 were Ray and Barbara Farmer, Salina; Don Barnett, Rexford; Jessica Barnett, Republic; Sharrel Harrison, Foard and Bailey, Wallace; Greg and Tracie Bruggeman, Selden; Howard and Judy Herges, Colby; Derek Vaughn, Kansas City; Robert and Shawndra Wright and Harley Jean, Oakley; Shelly Barnett, Colby; and Sharleen Barnett, Goodland.

Hearing loss clues and prevention highlighted

At first you may not notice any change. You simply turn up the volume on the car radio or unconsciously stand closer to people to hear them. One of the first clues that your hearing isn't as good as it used to be may come when you're at a party and can't make out what your friends are saying. Or maybe you nudge your telephone answering machine blinking with a message that was left when you were home and didn't hear the phone ring. When these sorts of experiences occur regularly, there's no denying that you have hearing loss. It's time to seek help. Nearly 28 million Americans, have some degree of hearing loss. A major cause is age. One-third of people age 65-75, and half of those age 75 and older, are hard of hearing. But hearing loss isn't just a condition of advancing years. In fact, it's on the rise among people from their teens to their 40s.

Healthy Happenings

• Thomas County Health Department

That's because the single biggest cause of hearing loss is also on the rise: loud noise. The world has become a noisier place in recent years, with much of the pumped-up volume coming in the form of entertainment, like the sophisticated sound systems in movie theaters, and convenience devices, such as blow dryers, leaf blowers, and snow blowers, loud noise degrades sensory cells in the ear, cells that don't grow back and can't be replaced. And because these cells naturally deteriorate with age, the damage done by loud noise makes age related hearing loss even worse. More than 30 million American children and adults are exposed to dangerously loud noise on a regular basis

according to National Institutes of Health. The last several years have also seen advances in the treatment of hearing loss. Hearing aids are smaller and less obtrusive than ever before, helping to erase the stigma of wearing them.

New forms of surgery are enabling people with profound hearing loss to hear words, music, and other sounds that, until recently, they had no hope of hearing. The ultimate goal is to find ways to cure hearing loss and, ideally, to prevent it. The recent identification of mutations in many genes that predispose people to hearing loss was a significant step forward. Meanwhile, there are many things you can do now to preserve your hearing. One is to protect your ears from loud noises. Don't blast the music on your headphones. Use ear plugs when operating leaf blowers, riding snowmobiles, and working with

other noisy equipment. Also, learn to recognize the signs of hearing loss and have your hearing checked regularly.

Early detection and treatment is a proven way to help you make the most of the hearing you've got. For questions, call 462-4596.

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Thursdays - Two 2-topping Reg. Calzones - \$10
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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 15, 2003
 Genesis Thomas County pickup, 350 S. Range, 10 a.m.-noon and from 1 -4 p.m.
 TeleFriend Information meeting, 5:30 p.m. (call 462-6996)
 Solid Rock Junior High Youth Group, Armory, 7-8:30 p.m.
 Pinochle, American Legion, 7:30 p.m.
 Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous & Al Anon (non-smoking), 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, Jan. 16, 2003
 Kiwanis, Student Union, noon
 Family History Center, 1145 S. Franklin, 7-9 p.m.
 Tumbleweed Chorus, United Methodist Church, 8 p.m.
 Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous, City Hall basement, 8:30 p.m. (non-smoking)
 Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 5-8 p.m.

Hospital

Citizens Medical Center
Friday, Jan. 10, 2003
Admissions
 • Barbara Brunson, Colby
Dismissals
 • William Bremenkamp, Colby
 • Barbara Harper, Atwood
Saturday, Jan. 11, 2003
Admissions
 • Tena Wimer, Colby
Dismissals
 • Wilberta Erickson, Colby
 • Gordon Shadle, Colby
Sunday, Jan. 12, 2003
Admissions
 • None
Dismissals
 • Druccella Hashenberger, Colby

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
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Soybeans	\$5.12

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APPETIZING OFFER & Open House

Benefit Barbecue

Sunday, January 19th
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