

# Family

## Happenings

### Weigh-in Saturday

The Thomas County Extension Office is reminding 4-H youth that the beef weigh-in day is scheduled for Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon at the Thomas County fairgrounds.

### Thomas County Club Days

All Thomas County youth, ages 7 to 19, are encouraged to participate in Country Club Days. The event is planned for Friday, March 14, at Sacred Heart School in Colby. Youth are given the opportunity to showcase their talents, said D'Ette Sholtz, extension agent. Examples include areas such as public speaking and presentations, dances, skits, piano, vocal, reading and more. Top ribbon placers will be able to participate in Regional Club Days on Friday, March 28 in Brewster.

### Free adult education classes offered

For those wanting to "brush up" on their basic skills, Colby Community College is offering free classes in Adult Education. Help is available in subjects to include reading, writing, math, computer, employment skills and GED preparation is available. Call, 462-4663 for questions or to enroll.

### Colby College play scheduled in April

*The Pied Piper of Cheesville* is this year's spring production at Colby Community College, said Walter Yuhre, drama instructor. Performances will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 10, 11, and 12. There will be a Saturday performance for the public in the Cultural Arts Center on the college campus.

# Sacred Heart Parish celebrates World Marriage Day

By Jeannie Solko

## Sacred Heart News

Sacred Heart Parish celebrated World Marriage Day by honoring couples at all the weekend masses who have been married for any length of time on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 8 and 9.

After the communion prayer, Fr. Galen Long, pastor, went through a schedule of years and asked those married that length of time to stand.

He and the parish gave special recognition to those couples married 50 years or more.

Those couples married over 50 years were invited to come forward

and receive a flower from the parish as congratulations for their loving example of commitment to each other.

A couple who is married for 50 years is Rick and Pat Tremblay.

Jay and Marilyn Donelan were recognized for their 51 years of marriage.

Couples celebrating 53 years together are Hubert and Jean Cooper, Jay and Margene Griffin and Jerry and Rita Martin.

A couple cherishing 54 years together is Al and Kit Gerstner. Couples who have enjoyed 55 years of marriage are John and Fritz

Ostmeyer and Bob and Pat Nelson. Clarence and Clara Tubbs, Bob and Mary Helen Bixenman and Bob and Shirley Maxwell are among those enjoying the milestone of 56 years of marriage.

Leo and Elizabeth Berens and Raymond and Jean Mallory are congratulated on their 60 years of marriage.

The couple who has been married the longest in Sacred Heart Parish at this time is Lloyd Sr. and Eva Cersovsky who are congratulated on their milestone of 66 years of marriage.

Jeannie Solko, Sacred Heart Par-

ish minister, presented the flowers to the couples as they came forward who had been married over 50 years.

Three couples, who were visitors, were also presented a flower for being married for over 50 years.

Fr. Galen then had a blessing for all married couples and then as a period of reflection and meditation the song, "I Swear" by John Michael

Montgomery was played.

An arrangement of fresh flowers with two gold rings and ribbon displaying "World Marriage Day" was part of the art and environment in front of the altar.

The Liturgy Commission of Sacred Heart parish assisted in organizing this special recognition of World Marriage Day to honor the couples.

# Fairview Estates has Valentine party

A lovely Valentine's Party was held at the Fairview Estates on Friday afternoon.

Different games were played so everyone could take part with prizes given to the winners.

One table was reserved for pictures of weddings, anniversaries, family or any that brought back memories of our younger days.

This display was very interesting.

A delicious lunch of sandwiches, snacks of many kinds, punch and coffee was served by Cheryl Stich, Poppy Dean, Jennie Cersovsky, and Karen Hodson.

It was a great afternoon of fun and we extend a big thank you to all who helped make it happen.

Joan and Dean Smith of Bird City



Lula Thieler

- Fairview Estates

came to visit Ardis Boersma on Monday, February 10th. Guests of Ardis the past weekend were her grandchildren: Kenna, Bobbi and Sean Novacek and friend Matthew Olsen, all of Denver, Colo.

Sympathy is extended to Irene Kehlbeck whose sister, Betty Gleason, passed away last week.

Memorial services were held for Betty on Monday morning in Bird City.

Sharon Mead of Wichita visited her aunt, eileen Dible, Sunday

afternoon. Sharon is spending several days with her parents, Don and marceil Mead.

Verla Moser of Russell Springs visited her mother, Florence Schertz, on Monday.

Emerson Layman's birthday was February 15 and everyone wished him a happy birthday.

His wife, Mary, returned home this week after being in the nursing home following an illness.

Guests of Tillie Depperschmidt this last weekend were her son and wife, Leo and Connie Depperschmidt from Derby.

Guests of Pete Morrison last week for several days were his son and wife, John and Judy Morrison of Algonquon, Illinois, which is close to Chicago.

# Fiance talks about drug use before wedding

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "Doug," just revealed to me that for the past six months he's been using drugs. We've been together almost four years and our wedding is scheduled for next month. We are both in our early 20s.

Doug confessed that he has been using money we set aside for bills to buy drugs.

He said he has also stolen money from our best friend for the same purpose.

He came to me on his own to tell me all this. Doug has always been a sweet, caring guy.

I love him with all my heart, but I've lost my trust in him. Now I don't know what to do. I can hardly believe this is happening. I still want to marry him, but don't want to marry someone I don't trust. What should I do? I need an answer in a hurry.



Abigail Van Buren

- Dear Abby

### commitment.

DEAR ABBY: Friends of ours, "Cindy and Josh," are moving a few states away and throwing a goodbye party for themselves. Are my husband and I required to take a gift to the party?

They were married a few months ago, and we were very generous with their shower and wedding gifts.

Josh has been unemployed for more than a year. According to Cindy, he doesn't like to job-hunt, so he's waiting for something to "fall in his lap."

On the other hand, Cindy has a well-paying, full-time job. They live rent-free in a house his parents own, and spend their money on sports memorabilia, stereo equipment, electronic gadgets, etc.

Neither one has a job waiting in the city where they're relocating, but they were given money by Cindy's parents to cover moving expenses and rent for the first few months. Cindy is hinting broadly

that she expects cash as gifts.

I thought gifts were required only at housewarmings — not farewell parties. However, my husband doesn't want us to appear cheap. Your thoughts, Abby?

— QUESTIONING COUPLE IN MISSOURI

DEAR QUESTIONING COUPLE: Although you are not required to take a farewell gift to the party, a token gift would be thoughtful. A small "jam jar" might be appropriate, because I predict they'll encounter more than one along the way. (A book on money management would also be appropriate — and helpful.)

DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old freshman in high school. My problem is that my math grades stink. Each night I try hard to double-check my math homework, but when it gets graded the next day, I always end up missing six or seven out of 10 questions.

I've asked my parents for help. They say it's been too long since they tackled math, and it's beyond them. Help!

— GOTTA GET GOOD GRADES IN WYOMING

DEAR GOTTA GET GOOD GRADES: You need a tutor. A

junior or senior math-whiz who's patient could help you turn things around.

Talk to your math teacher or school counselor before you fall further behind. They're there to help. Good luck.

## Markets

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### Thank You!

The family of Scott and Bridget Murray would like to thank everyone for the flowers, food, cards, and thoughtful words during the time of our sorrow. A special thanks to Brad Kersenbrock of Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel for his thoughtfulness and caring help.

Scott & Bridget Murray  
Jim, Bernice, Melissa and Matt Murray

## Community Calendar

### TUESDAY, Feb. 25

Rotary, Student Union, noon  
Alcoholics Anonymous, city hall basement, noon (non-smoking)  
Ladies cards and social, Country Club, 5:30 p.m.  
Weight Watchers, United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.  
Sweet Adelines International, Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.  
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26

Genesis Thomas County pickup, 350 S. Range, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.  
TeleFriend Information meeting, 5:30 p.m. (call 462-6996)  
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