

Family

Club

Pi Gamma Club

The General Federation of Women's Club - Pi Gamma met at the home of Diana Schiffner on Jan. 3, and Mike McVay of Colby College gave an informative and lively discussion on cancer prevention and awareness. A video on breast-cancer awareness was shown, and Mrs. Ann Friesen provided refreshments.

The Prairie Museum of Art and History hosted Pi Gamma's Jan. 17 meeting, and Judy Kleinsorge gave a tour of the wonderful exhibit of antique toys and the new ABC Collector's Exhibit, after which members had a show-and-tell of their favorite childhood toys. Many members brought dolls, and some remembered their baseball mitts

and bicycles as Mrs. Beverly Eicher served a chocolate-cherry pie.

On Feb. 7, Pat Criss both hosted and co-hosted Colby High School counselor Doug Finley's presentation on the SOS organization. *The Colby Free Press* was kind enough to cover this event in a front page article, detailing the ways young-people in our community are trained to assist their peers with a variety of issues. The last meeting of February was held in Lana Johnson's studio, "Made of Iron," in downtown Colby. Mrs. Johnson said some of her techniques, and said she has been gratified by the demand for her creations. She said "sometimes it's hard to get motivated to come down here and be cold and alone.

Jennings to hold soup supper; bingo is tonight

Jennings Lions Club sponsors soup supper

The Jennings Lions Club will be hosting a benefit soup supper and concert at the Prairie Heights School in Jennings on Saturday. A freewill offering will be taken to help send two students to Lions State Band Camp and also to Lions International Band Camp this summer.

The soup supper will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The Bridge Band from the Norton United Methodist Church will offer the free concert at 7 p.m. in the gym.

'Smokefree' Bingo tonight

The Colby Jaycees and the Com-

munity Awareness Team are sponsoring "smokefree" Bingo tonight beginning at 7 p.m. at the Jaycee Center.

There will be many rounds of Bingo played, organizers said, and the prizes will include items such as DVD players, CD players, VCRs and much more. The event is free and everyone is welcome.

The Dresser sets fashion show "Blooming Into Spring" will be the theme for a fashion show scheduled at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 6, at The Gateway meeting room in Oberlin, sponsored by The Dresser in Oberlin. The Dresser is in its tenth year as a specialty store in Oberlin and is managed by Karen Metcalf

and Judy Shirley. The board is planning some fun things for intermission. Tickets are available at The Dresser or at the door. Proceeds will go to the Oberlin Tree Commission.

Share delivery Saturday

Coordinators of the SHARE program are reminding everyone participating this month that the time for delivery has changed. Distribution for March will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Colby Sacred Heart gymnasium. For questions or information about the program, call 460-3579.

Music/vocal contest Saturday

Regional Music Contest for solos and small ensembles will be held on Saturday, in Oberlin and not on

Saturday, April 5 as previously noted in the school calendar. The contest is for both vocal and instrumental high school music students.

Endowment event Saturday

The Colby College Endowment Association's annual banquet and auction Saturday with doors opening at 5 p.m., at City Limits Convention Center.

Transportation van available

The general transportation van is available to anyone in Thomas County for trips to the doctor, to visit friends, to meal sites and other events from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For reservations, call 462-2901 by 11 a.m. the previous business day if possible.

Monthly shower examination can help catch testicular cancer early

DEAR ABBY: Two months ago, I discovered a hard lump in my husband's testicle. I urged him to see his doctor, but he put it off for many weeks. He finally went two weeks ago.

The doctor diagnosed him with testicular cancer. That same day, my husband underwent surgery to remove his testicle. Two days after that, he underwent CT scans of his chest, abdomen and pelvis. The five days of waiting for the results were excruciating.

Thankfully, his cancer had not spread. He must undergo scans every four months for the next two years, but his chances for a full recovery are excellent.

After reading about Lance Armstrong (four-time winner of the Tour de France cycling race), I had encouraged my husband to practice regular testicular self-examinations.

He did not. To me, this was as simple as my monthly breast self-exam.

Had I not known the signs, my husband's treatment might have come too late. We are inundated with information about breast cancer, but testicular cancer is rarely mentioned.

Abby, please suggest that your male readers practice monthly testicular exams.



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

My husband and I have heard stories of men from 17 to 70 with this cancer.

The cure rate is very high and the cancer is fairly easy to detect.

— A LOVING WIFE IN OREGON

DEAR LOVING WIFE: I'm pleased your husband's prognosis is a good one. He is blessed to have such an alert and caring spouse.

The American Cancer Society informs me that testicular cancer is highly curable when diagnosed early.

Testicular exams are quick and simple and can easily be performed in the shower. For more

information, contact the American Cancer Society at (800) 227-2345.

Web site: www.cancer.org.

DEAR ABBY: I have recently started dating "Jack."

He's someone I feel strongly about. Jack appears to be quite fond of me, although I'm not sure his feelings are as strong as mine.

Ever since I've known him, he has talked about his past girlfriends. He enjoys discussing their relationships, including intimate details about their sex lives.

I've never been the jealous type, so I'm not really offended — after all, those women are a part of his past.

However, I don't understand why Jack feels compelled to tell me everything he does. Other men I've dated haven't regaled me with their escapades.

I understand a man talking about his most recent romance, but some

of Jack's stories go back 20 years. What do you think, Abby?

— TOO MUCH INFO IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR TOO MUCH: Jack is no gentleman.

Describing that kind of personal information is a sign of immaturity and insecurity.

Now I have a question for you: How will you feel after your relationship is over knowing that Jack is telling the next woman in his life all about YOU?

If I were you, I'd run for the hills!

DEAR ABBY: I take exception to the advice you gave "Mrs. Smith in Marietta, Ga."

She asked how her name should appear on her tombstone, given the fact that she remarried after a long and happy marriage.

You told her she could use both husbands' last names — "Jane

Smith Jones."

Please don't take away her real identity. She was not born with the name Smith. Her tombstone should read something like this: "Jane Brown/Wife of Robert Smith/Wife of Vernon Jones."

A monument producer explained this to my mother and me many years ago. A tombstone is a historical document of sorts, and a wife's maiden name should always appear.

— JEANNE G.

BOBROWIECKI, SUNRISE, FLA.

DEAR JEANNE G.: I like your solution.

Everybody has equal billing — even the deceased.

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Thank You
I want to praise the Lord for giving me such a beautiful day to celebrate my 80th birthday. I want to especially thank my sons, family, relatives, and friends for all the beautiful cards I received. It sure was beautiful and very much appreciated.
*Thanks again,
Lore Depe*

*Come celebrate
Helen Frahm's
90th Birthday
Saturday, March 29
United Methodist Church
Reception: 1:30-4:00 p.m.
~ No Gifts Please ~*
Cards may be addressed to Helen at: P.O. Box 362, Colby, Kansas 67701.

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