

# Family

## Deaths

### Kathryn O. Howell

Kathryn O. Howell died in Medford, Ore., at the age of 85. She was born on Dec. 9, 1917 at Damar, the daughter of Geroge and Emma (St. Peters) Belisle. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Harley B. Howell. Private family graveside services were held at Beulah Cemetery in Colby on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003. Harrison Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

### Vera M. Sroufe

Vera M. Sroufe, 75, of Colby, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2003 at Lantern Park Manor in Colby. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19 at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby with Pastor Norman Voss officiation. Burial will be at Valley View Cemetery in Garden City. Visitation continues until 9 p.m. today at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel.

Mrs. Sroufe is survived by her husband, Bill Sroufe of Colby, a son, Jim Sroufe of Colby; three daughters, Robin Hermann of Garden City, Dee Carroll of Bountiful, Utah and Wilma Albers of St. Louis, Mo.; three brothers, Kenneth Mulligan of Salisaw, Okla., Russell Mulligan of Naples, N.Y. and Clifford Mulligan of Garden City; three sisters, Leona Bauer of Casper, Wyo., Vivian Eaves of Hugoton and Lena Ray Gibbons of Lamar, Colo.; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was born Sept. 14, 1928 in Garden City. She was a homemaker. Memorials are suggested to the Finney County Historical Society and donations can be left at any Colby bank or Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel.

## Clubs

### Sorosis Club

"Five dollars? What can you buy for five dollars?" Those were a couple of comments heard by members of the Sorosis Club when they were informed that was the price limit for the Christmas Gift Exchange.

They were pleasantly surprised when gifts were opened at the Dec. 12th meeting held at the Quality Inn of Colby.

It was a luncheon meeting with Betty Brenn and Margaret Chick, co-hostesses. The table was decorated for Christmas and the lunch was good. Members answered roll call by telling of their Christmas plans, then the gifts were opened. They ranged from a box of home made candy to Christmas towels, to Christmas decorations to scented soaps. It's amazing the ingenuity of the members in stickign to the \$5 limit for gifts.

The meeting closed with an exchanged of Merry Christmas and

# Senior Progress Center announces holiday hours

## Senior News

The Senior Progress Center, 165 Fike Park, will close at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 24. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m. with home delivery as usual. There will be no bus after noon on Wednesday. The center will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 25 and Friday, Dec. 26, with no home delivery for meals and no bus

service. Have a Merry Christmas and be back with us on Monday, Dec. 29.

Activities for the week are sing a Christmas song on Monday at 11:40 a.m. The Christmas Party has been

rescheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 23. Exercise will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, there will be no line dancing. Lunch will be at 11 a.m. with regular home meal delivery. The center closes at noon.

Everyone over 60 is welcome to eat lunch at the center. Donna Schielke, director of the center, says

no special invitation is needed to join in the lunchtime fellowship and all are welcome. She did remind everyone that a reservation is needed by noon the previous day. The menu for the next week includes: Monday - hot dog or Polish sausage, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, bread or bun, rosy

applesauce. Tuesday - ground beef stroganoff, California blend veggies, plums, noodles, bread, crispy rice bar. Wednesday - ham and beans, coleslaw with carrots, cornbread, ambrosia fruit salad.

The building is also available for rental for events. For information on lunch reservations, call 460-2901.

# Thomas County Extension annual meeting honors many

The Thomas County Extension Council held its annual meeting in December at the Thomas County Office Complex.



Peg Tole

Special guests at the meeting included Dan O'Brien, Northwest Area Extension Director and the David Pabst family.

The Extension Executive Board was elected at this meeting.

Elected to serve on the Thomas County Extension Executive Board for 2004 were Bill Shields, chairman; Kenneth Johnston, vice-chairman; Mark Beringer, treasurer; Larry Werth, secretary, Jeff Horlacher, Stan Strange, Tom Rundel, Relda Galli and Dave Evert.

The Extension Appreciation Award was presented to David Pabst for his many years of service

to the fair board and to the extension program.

David served on the fair board from 1987-2002.

He worked with numerous community groups, served as the head of the fairgrounds, helped with countless responsibilities at the fair and assisted with the Thomas County 4-H program.

David was thanked for being an exemplary Extension volunteer.

Peg Tole, who has served as the Extension Board Chair for the past

three years, was also recognized for her dedication and support to Extension. Extension council members who served their term and were recognized for their years of service included: Larry Maxwell, Dawn Schultz, Leland Wilson, Mike Woolfer, Steve Ziegelmeier and Les Brown.

The Agriculture program development committee for 2004 include: Tom Rundel, Scott Schneider, Stan Strange, Jeff Boardman, Kenneth Johnston and

Larry Werth.

Extension Council members serving on the Family and Consumer Science program development committee: Relda Galli, Sue Harter, Linda Pabst, Karla Haggard, Brenda Mattson and Rhonda McLaughlin.

Thomas County residents elected to the 4-H and Youth Program development committee: Dave Evert, Deann Shields, Michele Werth, Mark Bredemeier, Elaine Breckenkamp and Jim VonLehe.

Extension Council members serving on the Economic Development Committee: Mark Beringer, Lynette Koon, Mike Wiens, Jeff Horlacher, Bill Shields and David Voss.

# String students perform at Garden City festival

Six string students from northwest Kansas joined with other string students at the Western Kansas Orchestra Festival held recently in Garden City.

The festival culminated in a concert Saturday night that featured outstanding performances by these young people.

Courtney Ress and Elizabeth Waterman from Colby, Bethanie Holste and Andrew Vrbas from Atwood, Andrew Peterson from Monument and Nicole Boucher from Sharon Springs attended the

festival. Colby string instructor Jan Wolf helped them prepare.

At the festival the young people were divided into four orchestras and each orchestra was directed by a nationally recognized director. The directors worked with the students for 10 hours in a 24-hour period before the performance on Saturday night. They provided tips, ideas and shared their knowledge of professional performances.

"My students worked hard to prepare for the festival," Wolf said.

"The festival itself is very demanding both physically and mentally. These students showed that they could maintain intense con-

centration over an extended period of time and were able to compete with students who have an orchestra program in their schools."

This festival has been in exist-

## Happenings

### Recital planned Saturday

A Merry Christmas Piano Recital will be presented Saturday, December 20, 2003, 10:00 a.m. at the Methodist Church. The students of Sharon Kriss will perform piano pieces interwoven into the "Christmas Story" and "Twas the Night Before Christmas". The public is invited.

Happy New Year between the members.

Next meeting will be Jan. 9, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. It will be held at the Pioneer Memorial Library.

### Railroad Club


The Northwest Kansas Model Railroad Club will be having a Christmas Open House Saturday, Dec. 20 and Sunday, Dec. 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. both days.

The layout is located in the Colby Public Schools Administration Building on Range Ave.

Please use the west entrance. Because the club is moving out and has no place to meet, this will be the last opportunity to view the layout.




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