

Family

Clubs

Sorosius Club meets

The Sorosius Club of Colby held their Nov. 12 meeting at the home of Keela Case with nine members present to answer roll call by telling of a Thanksgiving Memory.

For many of us, it was a time for family and friends, good food and football games. A reminder of how in some ways, our lives haven't changed too much although it seems at times that Thanksgiving has become very commercialized along with Christmas.

After a short meeting, the meeting closed with a salute to the Flag of the United States of America. Lee Fleckenstein, then, introduced Gerry Fulwider who gave a presentation on the work of the Thomas County Economic Development Alliance, their mission and the reasoning for the sales tax which was passed during the November 2nd election.

Their mission is to enhance the economy of Thomas County through business retention, expansion and development. At the October meeting the members of the club were introduced to new words and the need to protect the security of our identity.

Fulwider added the AEPW to that

which means the Average Earnings Per Worker. He presented a graph comparing Thomas County with composite counties in the area and where we rate. The reality is that this is a fanning area and times are changing.

Thomas County has an unemployment rate of 2 percent, which is less than the neighboring counties, yet there is a need for more jobs or enterprises which can help keep the economy building. Thomas County has two positives, according to Fulwider, that of being on 1-70 and the Colby Community College. Another of the graphs showed the need to create jobs that pay more than the average and this is a focus of the Thomas County Economic Development Alliance.

He gave us a better understanding of the reasoning behind the request for a sales tax and what they hope to achieve with the money and with grants they will be pursuing. A Question and answer session followed.

Next meeting will be a Christmas Luncheon December 10th at the Quality Inn in Colby.

The preceding club news was written by Keela Case, club reporter.

Request for police DNA prompts controversy

WICHITA (AP)—Investigators looking for Wichita's most notorious serial killer are asking former Wichita police officers to provide samples of their DNA.

In a newsletter to retired police officers, lead detective Lt. Ken Landwehr said officials will use the samples to exonerate officers who worked during the time of the BTK killings. Specifically, Landwehr said, investigators want to head off potential legal maneuvers once a suspect has been arrested.

BTK, which stands for "Bind, Torture, Kill," is the nickname self-coined by a serial killer connected

with eight unsolved homicides between 1974 and 1986. BTK resurfaced in March after sending letters to area news media, Wichita police and other officials.

One former police officer has balked at providing a DNA sample because he says it's an invasion of privacy — not just his, but that of his family and generations of descendants.

Retired Detective Frank Cummins, 71, said he is concerned the department could use the samples to develop a permanent database of DNA for all of his family, without giving family members a choice.

American Indian center in financial straits again

WICHITA (AP) — The Mid-America All-Indian Center is in financial trouble again, and city officials are considering the fate of the riverfront facility.

When the center couldn't meet payroll last week, museum director Chris Dendurent gave up his own paycheck so his four employees could get paid.

That incident has observers wondering whether the 28-year-old center, which provides social services and entertainment to American Indians in a wide swath of south-central Kansas, can remain open without

financial assistance.

Representatives of the center met with Wichita city officials Friday to discuss the problems, but City Manager George Kolb said the city hasn't decided what it wants to do.

Earlier this month, the city, which owns the building that houses the center, requested a number of documents, including financial and insurance records, board minutes and a list of current programs. Officials said they are reviewing the records. City police and the FBI are looking into the center's finances after money was discovered missing.

Correspondent returns from Arizona

I am back from Arizona and it sure feels good to be home, which reminds me of things that we need to be thankful for, like salvation, health and family! We are also thankful for the new moisture that we received.

Opening day of pheasant season was fairly successful around here. Shawn and Dennis Spresser had about 40 people at their home for dinner on Saturday. Among the guests were Tanner Gillum, Manhattan; Gary and Clara Gillum, Jennings; Kelsey and Ben Rhodes, La Grange, Wyo.

The hunters bagged 69 birds!

On the subject of hunting, Clara and Gary Gillum have had bow hunters as house guests for the last 3 weekends. Clara said that she didn't realize how very serious these guys are.....up at 5:30 a.m. and sitting in a tree, waiting patiently for just the right deer. Since there are plenty to chose from, they carefully select the biggest and perfect one.

Koffee Klatch attendees this week were Grace Cheney, Berneda Zoberst, Eunice Sanford, Freda Ketchum, Margaret Arasmith, Delores Dible, Vesta Roth, Darla Dible, Jean Hawkins, Deb Stepper, Liz Rall, Hulda Wark and Sondra Barnett.

November birthdays around town are Ray Zoberst and Lawrence Juenemann, 17th; Gene Rogers, 23rd; Grace Cheney, 24th; Eileen Dible, 26th; Marguarite Black, 27th; Jean Hawkins, 29th; Rex Carswell, 30th. Happy birthday to you all and to anyone else that I missed, Pat and Chuck Williams celebrated their 40th anniversary this week. Congratulations Joan Todd has been spending time in Colorado with her mother, who has had health problems. Joan reports that she is doing better at this time.

Pastor Lane Purcell and Patty went to Great Bend, where Lane officiated in the wedding of his friend's daughter. Liz Purcell, who is a nursing student at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, OK, also attended the wedding and is spending some time at Rexford at the home of her parents during Thanksgiving break.

Jami Wark and 19 other girls went with their instructor Kolleen Barrett, to a dance conference/



Sondra Barnett

• Rexford Correspondent

workshop at Denver over the weekend. Kolleen owns "The Dance Place in Colby. The event was put on by L. A. Dance Magic from Los Angeles, CA, and the students learned new moves and dances.

Berneda and Ray Zoberst celebrated his 85th birthday at their home with guests Kenneth, Teena and Scott Johnston.

Ray and Berneda Zoberst were guests at the home of Berneda's son, Don and Sharrel Barnett, Forde and Bailey, Sharon Springs to help celebrate the 14th birthday of Jessica Barnett, Belleville. Other guests were Greg and Tracy Bruggeman, Selden.

Cleda Moeder's grandson, Taylor Moedertook 1st place for 12 and under, 70 pounds, in Tulsa at the Cliff Keen Athletic Kick-Off Classics Tournament over the weekend. There were 1300 wrestlers from 36 states present. Cleda recently acquired a copy of the Cliff Keen Athletic, Wrestling USA and World of Wrestling report for last year. Taylor has some impressive accomplishments to his name, such as 1st in the Mid-America, second in Tulsa Nationals, and second in Reno. He was selected No. 1 wrestler in the nation for 64 pounds. He wrestles kids from all over the United States. Taylor is the son of Shelly and Tim Moeder, Colby.

Jeannette Benken and her sister Carlene Bruggeman, Selden flew to Boston for a five-day visit Carlene's daughter Renee, who lives in that area. They toured into New Hampshire and Maine and visited many historical sites in the area, as well as the ocean. It was a very enjoyable vacation for them.



Rex and Betty Carswell attended the Carswell reunion at Alton.

Four members of The Worthwhile Club met at the barn with Betty Carswell as hostess. The other members are Grace Cheney, Edna Colson, and Glendora Bastin. Their Christmas meeting will be on the 8th of December with a noon pot luck and Edna Colson as hostess.

Darrel and Darla Dible, and Jolene Hansen delivered 107 shoe boxes, filled with goodies from the Rexford Church to Colorado Springs to be distributed by Operation Christmas Child. They also took 14 boxes from a Bird City group and 2 boxes from Gem.

Ellis Walker, Fort Collins, Colo. was here for a brief visit with his sister Nancy and Jay Dahl.

Timmy Dahl and Jake Gould went to Denver to visit Jake's brother, Matt Gould for the weekend. Jake is to leave for boot camp at Great Lakes, Ill. this coming week.

The Shepherd Staff served the noon meal to 103 people on Saturday for the League of Ministries at the Gateway in Oberlin.

Twin sons were born to Tony and Lisa Bice on Friday at Presbyterian Hospital in Denver. Dalton Anthony weighed 5 pounds and his

brother Dylan Michael weighed 4 pounds, nine ounces, which was a nice size, considering they were several weeks early. They will remain in the hospital in Denver for a while. The grandparents are Mike and Kay Peterson and Candy Emery, Stockton; and Jeff and Jill Emery, Stockton. Anyone wanting to send a note to Tony and Lisa can contact them at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center 1719 E. 19th Ave. Denver, Colo. 80218.

Makin' It Happen: Hats off to the National Honor Society of Golden Plains! The nine members entertained the elementary school children for an hour and a half with story time, crafts and snacks. The National Honor Society members are Kristin Wark, Niki Spresser, Darcy Spresser, Jesse Miller, Valerie Broeckelman, Ashley Albers, Scott Johnston, Jennifer Eatherly, and Jessica Shaw.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat	\$3.25
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