

# Family

## Deaths

### John Francis Helm

John Francis Helm, 89, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004 at Citizen Medical Center in Colby. Mr. Helm was born Aug. 19, 1915 to Walter H. Helm and Susie M. Malleck Helm at Red Willow Station, Red Willow County, Neb.



J. Helm

They moved to a farm near Bartley, Neb. in 1920. He attended Bartley schools and graduated with the class of 1933. In January of 1941, he joined the U.S. Army serving in England, and France. He was discharged as a Master Sergeant in September 1945. He was married to Helen Margaret Sughroue in October of 1942 at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Indianola, Neb. and they became parents of eight children. They lived four years in the Indianola area, and then bought a farm and moved to the Lyle community in March 1949. Mr. Helm served on the Grant Township board, Spring Branch School Board, and was on the board of directors for Wheat Growers Association for Decatur County when it was established. In 1959 he

### Wanda Lynn Melton-Hanson

Wanda Lynn Melton-Hanson, 54, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004 in Selden. She was born on Feb. 23, 1950 in New Orleans, La., the daughter of J.C. Melton and Rosemary Rigis. Mrs. Hanson was raised and educated in New Orleans and later moved to Sante Fe, N.M., Denver

### Phyllis A. Seaman

Phyllis A. (Adams) Seaman, 78, Goodland, died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004, at Logan County Hospital in Oakley. She was born on Nov. 29, 1926 in Hoxie and lived in the area most of her adult life. Mrs. Seaman was a retired beautician. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Kenneth Thompson, one infant daughter, her daughter, Karen Synder, one infant

received the Bankers Award in Soil Conservation.

He was a lifetime member of Jack Helt American Legion Post, the Beaver Valley VFW Post, the McCook Elks Club and the Knights of Columbus.

He attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin and St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Indianola.

He was a cattleman and farmer, an avid reader and enjoyed dancing. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife Helen, four sons: Jim of Danbury, Neb.; Fred of Hilo, Hawaii; John of Redmond, Wash.; Mike of Norcatur; four daughters: Mary Helm of Tucson, Ariz.; Kathy Brashears of Curtis, Neb.; Ceanne Rinehart of Colby; Laurie Helm of St. Joseph, Mo., 18 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Memorials are being accepted in his name.

Mass of Christian Burial was today at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Indianola with Father Nicholas Baker and Father Dana Clark officiating. Burial will be St. Catherine's Cemetery.

Carpenter Breland Funeral Home of McCook was in charge of the arrangements.

and then Selden. She was a nurse's aide.

Preceding her in death were her parents. Survivors include Steve Kruse of Selden and a brother, Peter Melton, Houston, Texas.

Services were held Tuesday at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden. Inurnment will be at a later date.

sister, and her brother, Keith Adams. Mrs. Seaman is survived by her daughters, Linda Terry and Janet Schreiber, both of Goodland; her sisters, Mary Daise and Peggy Adams, both of Goodland; 7 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

There was cremation and services will be held at a later date. Harrison Chapel, 190 S. Franklin Ave., Colby, is in charge of arrangements.

# Social Hour Club member hospitalized

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

Lula Theiler, one of the Social Hour Club members, who is still in the hospital, was again missed when other club members met at the Colonial Steak House for a meal and Christmas gift exchange.

They also received cute little knit bags from the president, Vesta Roth. Inside was a variety of candy and the name of their new mystery pal.

Those present: Fran Leach, Zula Horinek, Grace Cheney, Marge Leh, Ruth Luna, Clea Moeder, Vesta Roth, Jean Hawkins, Eilene Dible, Deb Stepper, Hulda Wark, and Sondra Barnett.

Royal Neighbors met at the Colonial Steak House to have their Christmas party and gift exchange. Those present were field representative, Jim Huston, Loomis, Neb.; Marguerette and James Edmundson, Colby; Dorothy Renner, Oakley; Wilma Getz, Quinter; Darlene Robben, Hoxie; Betty and Rex Carswell, Darrell and Marjorie Leh, Zula and Lawrence Horinek, Grace Cheney, Jean Hawkins and Deb Stepper, all of Rexford.

The Worthwhile Club met for their Christmas covered dish dinner and gift exchange at the Barn. Besides the four members, Grace Cheney, Glendora Bastin, Edna Colson and Betty Carswell, guests that ate dinner with them were Rex Carswell, Kenneth Bastin and Fran Leach. Next month, the hostess will be Betty.

Clea Moeder and Buck Harper went to Logan to visit Hazel Richardson. Hazel was real happy to have guests with her.

The Red Barn Gang band has had a rest this week from their heavy schedule of travels.

Betty Nichols, who plays the melody for the group on the piano, went to Colorado Springs. She called and said they had a heavy snow, so she will delay her return home for a couple of days.

Marge Leh is really excited that her 22 year old granddaughter, Kelly Hiatt finally received two new lungs. Kelly was born with cystic fibrosis and was given little chance of reaching adulthood. Her dad George Hiatt put her name on a waiting list for new lungs in 1996 and on Dec. 5 the surgery took place.



### Sondra Barnett

• Brewster Correspondent

Kelly is a college student in McPherson. There were about 40 of her friends praying for her.

December birthdays around here are Andy Black on Dec. 3 and Freda Ketchum on Dec. 17.

Rex and Betty Carswell spent the weekend in McPherson with their daughter and son-in-law, Terry and Steve Salter.

While there, they attended a birthday party for their one-year-old great grandson, Camden Carswell in Salina.

Jake, Ashley and Marcus Anderson, Goodland, were weekend guests at the home of their grandparents, Nancy and Jay Dahl.

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

By-the-way, a person doesn't have to drink "koffee" to come and join the group! We would welcome new people.

The bridge club met for lunch at the China Buffett and then went to the home of Marguerette Edmundson, hostess, to play cards. The prize winners were Marguerette, Bobbi Young and Berneda Zoberst. In January they will meet in Oberlin, with Bobbi Young as hostess.

Saturday, Vicki Allison will host a cookie exchange and open house. Everyone is welcome to come between the hours of 1:30 and 5 p.m. All guests are asked to bring as many cookies as they would normally make for the Christmas holiday and then trade some of them for other kinds.

It sounds like a great way to try new cookies and get together with friends and neighbors, not to mention, getting to see the Allison's new home!

There were less than 60 guests at the Christmas dinner on Saturday, sponsored by the Seniors In Action in Rexford. People came from

Selden and Colby, as well as Rexford and the outlying area. Christmas carols were sung following a delicious meal, which was a choice of turkey or ham, served by the Shepherd Staff. Lion's club of Gem served their annual Pancake Day meal. A number of Rexford people attended, as well as folks from other towns in this area.

Former Golden Plains student, Landon Truetken has been honored by being one of 6 students chosen (plus 6 alternates) to help with the ground operation and maintenance of the "GlobalFlyer Mission", through the KSU Salina Aviation school.

The special plane is designed to fly around the world, non-stop and without refueling. The trip should take less than 80 hours. Plans are for the ground work on the project to begin next week, with the tentative date for the flight to be the first week of January.

Landon won't get the Christmas break that most college freshmen will be enjoying, as the team will be working during that time. His parents are Lad and Lori Truetken, Selden.

There will be a pinocchle tournament at the American Legion Hall on Saturday the 18th. All players are welcome.

Jean Hawkins and Vesta Roth took advantage of the nice weather and went shopping in Hays recently. They were surprised to meet up with some old friends that have been active in Lions, Marvin and Louise Greensburg, Smith Cinter. Mr. Greensburg used to teach school in Rexford.

The youth groups that meet on Wednesday at the Rexford Church will be going to Colby on the 15th for a caroling party. They will sing at the Lantern Park Manor and the Prairie Living Complex.

The high school was represented in Colby at the Scholar Bowl. They won three rounds and lost three

rounds and didn't make it to the finals.

Music students from Golden Plains, grades 6-12 went to Hays for a Kansas Music Education Association training day. The event concluded with a concert.

There was a Christmas concert, both vocal and instrumental for grades 6-12 at the school on Wednesday. The middle school girls and boys will play basketball here against Wheatland at 3 p.m. on Thursday.

The high school boys and girls took part in the Sagebrush Shoot-out tournament in Brewster this week. The girls took 4th place & the boys took 3rd.

During one of the evenings, the Golden Plains cheerleaders danced at half time. This week, the Golden Plains Bulldogs (both girls and boys teams) will take on Brewster here in basketball. The cheerleaders will perform a dance routine during the boys game at half time. Cheerleaders are Kristin Wark, Jami Wark, Liz Staats, Amanda Rall, Jennifer Eatherly, Ashley Albers, and Megan Juenemann.

Friday, Dec. 17, will be the last day of school for this semester. Classes will resume on Jan. 3.

*Makin' It Happen: Hats off to the group of 120 Teens for Christ from Northwest Kansas and Southern Nebraska.*

*They "invade" (their words, not mine) our town on the second Saturday evening of each month for their area meeting. This Saturday evening, they blanketed the whole town (maps in hand) to sing some Christmas carols at the different homes. It was an unusually pleasant December evening and it was so refreshing to hear those pure, sweet voices of young people, both guys and gals! What a blessing you were to us! Thanks!*

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## Experts urge limiting debt

MANHATTAN — Using a credit card wisely to pay for holiday gifts requires self-discipline, said Becky Wallace, Kansas State University Research and Extension family and consumer sciences agent in Hamilton County.

### Correction

Colby Grade School first grader Alex Young was incorrectly identified as Ryan Seymour in the Wednesday, Dec. 9 edition of the Colby Free Press. This was not a reporting error.

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

People who charge purchases can have a false sense of their ability to pay, said Wallace, who offered these tips for wise credit card use: Use one card; set a spending limit; keep a running list of charges, along with the receipts, and stop spending when you reach your limit.

"Holiday bills commit future earnings needed for other purposes," she said.

More information on managing money successfully is available at county K-State Research and Extension offices.



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