

Family

Many events planned at Senior Center next week

Wednesday, Oct. 19 will be "Farmer John Day" at the Senior Progress Center, 165 Fike Park. This is a chance to dress like a farmer in overalls, straw hats and the like.

There are plenty of other activities scheduled at the center for the week of Oct. 17-21, including a paint class with Fritz Ostmeier at 9 a.m. Monday and "Name That Tune" at 11:50 a.m. Tuesday exercise is at 9:30 a.m. and bring family or a friend to lunch today. Wednesday is "Farmer John Day" and Watch the Clock Day. Tell everyone what time it is. Exercise is at 9:30 a.m. Thursday. There will also be a flu clinic from 1-3 p.m. by the Thomas County Health Department.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center in Colby wishes to invite those 60 and older and their guests to attend daily luncheons in Colby Monday through Friday. Reservations may be made by calling (785) 460-2901 the day before. Home delivery is also available for those unable to attend due to social or physical disabilities.

We also invite those working who would like to pick up a meal. Those meals are available at noon to be picked up. For individuals 60 and over a contribution of \$2.25 per meal is requested. We also invite those under 60 years of age to attend or

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pick up a meal at a cost of \$4.50 per meal.

The menu for the next week includes: Monday - macaroni and cheese with little smokies, winter mix veggies, beets, bread, peach cups. Tuesday - chicken fajitas, four seasons fruit cup, tortilla, applesauce bar. Wednesday - beef stew, broccoli salad, biscuit, plums. Thursday - crispy baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, apricots, bread, birthday cake. Friday - Philly steak sandwich, green bean casserole, cantaloupe or Mandarin oranges, bun, cook's choice complement.

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

The Thomas County Public Van is owned by the county but is scheduled and dispatched by the Senior Progress Center. The van is not a taxi service. It will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

It must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance of its use and be ready at least 30 minutes in advance of appointment. Sometimes there are four to six calls per time frame.

Calls for the van need to be made between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday.

Winona receives hurricane 'refugees'

Preparing for what Bill and Angie Sroufe thought would be a four-day weekend they packed four changes of clothes, Gabby the dog and perishables from the fridge. Hurricane Rita was soon to be an uninvited guest. They left Lake Charles, La. and drove six hours to Jackson, Miss. and spent five days with the mother of a colleague of Bill's. When the evacuation of Lake Charles was extended they decided to come to Kansas. Bill said, "When disaster came, family was the first thing I thought about. That's when I realized how important it is to be near my family." Bill and Angie live on the edge of the historical district of Lake Charles and still have no word whether or not their house is still standing. Angie teaches in the Calcasien Parish and their school is closed until further notice. Bill will graduate from McNeese University in May.

"Lack of communication makes it stressful," Angie said.

They check on the Web site several times a day and will have to return on as short a notice as when they left. They hope to never experience fleeing from another hurricane. They said, nearly in unison, "We'd rather spend a few hours in a basement or shelter waiting out a tornado and know immediately the fate of our home and belongings than to wait for several weeks not knowing if our house is still there."

Social Security seminar planned

A seminar on "Solving the Disability Puzzle" will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19 at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. Fifth in Colby. The seminar, sponsored by High Plains Mental Health Center, will help participants better understand the application process for Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income.

Discussions will include questions and answers on documentation, policies, claims, appeals and other issues. The seminar should be of interest to mental health providers, case managers, social workers, social service agencies and anyone serving clients who are in need of



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Bill is the son of Daylene Bartell and grandson of Joyce Bartell.

Former resident Hazel Koons celebrated her 99th birthday Monday, Oct. 10. She resides in Lantern Park Manor in Colby. She misses her Winona friends and would be delighted to have you visit or send a card.

Word has been received from George and Shirley Collings who live in Wheat Ridge, Colo. of the death of their brother-in-law, Donald Bergman, in Florissant, Mo. His wife Wana Lou (nee Collings) and daughters Merideth Ann and Donna Lou survive. "Buck," as he was known, graduated with the Winona High School class of 1941. Wana Lou's address is 4444 Cloverbrook Drive, Florissant, Mo. 63033-4214.

Another former Winona resident and graduate of WHS, Pete Goebel, died in Valley Falls, Kan. in September. He graduated in 1938.

Lola Bretz and Opal Breta assisted Pastor Mike Eurit and served snacks to the Son Shine Kids Wednesday.

The Winona U.M. Women met

Wednesday. Maxine Kirk had the lesson and served refreshments.

The Three Little Kittens will make an appearance in the Triplains auditorium Thursday, Oct. 13 at 9:30 a.m. The talents of the Wichita Children's Theatre are well known at Triplains. It is made possible through the Western Plains Arts Association and the Kansas Arts Commission. Local sponsors are Triplains School, The Bank, Prairie Land Insurance, Winona Feed and Grain, Gfeller Town and Country

and area WPAA members.

The last minute update on "refugees" Bill and Diana Sroufe is they will be returning to Lake Charles, La. the first of the week. They just received word there had been no damage to their home and contents. They have been staying with Bill's grandmother, Joyce Bartell.

Violinist Andrew Peterson will present special music in the morning worship service at the Winona U.M. Church Sunday, Oct. 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Vada Marie Glasco Pancake 1918 - 2005



Vada Marie Glasco, daughter of John William and Fern Marie Glasco, was born July 1, 1918, north of Gem, Kansas. She passed away October 6, 2005, at age 87 at the Lantern Park Manor rest home, Colby.

Vada spent her youth on her parents' farm southeast of Bird City and then spent a few months working in Colorado Springs.

In September 1941, she married Joseph L. Pancake, a farmer southeast of Atwood, Kansas. They had two children, Samuel J. and Mary Ann.

For the next forty-odd years Vada was a combination housewife, mother, driver (the one-room school was 5 miles away), gardener, dairymaid, poultry chef, nurse or cowhand, as needed. She found pleasure in attending the local Lone Star Church and later the Atwood Methodist Church. There were frequent Sunday dinners with relatives as she had six siblings and her husband had seven. She enjoyed preparing a "dish" for such events. She often checked out books from the Atwood Library. These varied from romance novels to a biography of Einstein. In later years, her reading became increasingly religious as she became more concerned for the less fortunate.

By the 1980s, she and Joe began to cut back on their cow herd and then rented the farm out and eventually moved to Colby. She entered Lantern Park Manor rest home in 1992 where she resided until her death. She is survived by her son, Sam, of the Washington, D.C. area; a son-in-law, Don Coffee of Oregon; brothers Glenn and his wife Millie of Bird City; Rex and his wife Mary Ellen, Tucson, Arizona; sister-in-laws Lavaughn Glasco of Goodland and Mary Glasco of Benkelman, Nebraska; brother-in-law Clarence Kamla of Missouri, and numerous nieces and nephews. Vada could often find humor in the midst of difficulties. She would surely be amused that the weather and the unpaved roads that had been such a trial in her years on the farm once again have interfered with her plans. But this time she doesn't have to worry about being late. And as she would note, "We sure need the rain."

Services were held Tuesday, October 11, 2005 at Harrison Chapel in Colby, Kansas. Pallbearers were Lynn Glasco, Terry Mann, Jonathan Pancake, Gary Lovelace, Kent Ward and Delmer Pancake. Mrs. Pat Ziegelmeier was the organist and Mrs. Bobette Maier was the soloist. Pastor Gene Rothfuss officiated. Vada's final resting place was the Lone Star Cemetery, Gem, Kansas. The funeral was conducted by Harrison Chapel in Colby, Kansas.

Student activity at library

Every third Tuesday of the month, students in middle school (grades 6-8) will be able to meet at

the library once a month for guided activities, games and snacks. The next date is Tuesday, Oct. 18 and will be an "Unfortunate Event."

Other dates are: Nov. 15 - Imagination Chronicles and Dec. 20 - Ho-Ho-Holiday Humbug. Participants meet in the library basement from 3:45-5:15 p.m.

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