

Family

Rexford kids welcome Santa

Santa Claus made it to town Saturday afternoon to deliver sacks of candy and have personal visits with the 32 children at the Community Hall.

The Rexford Lion's club assisted the children in making ornaments: a Christmas mouse and kitty, for them to hang on their tree at home. The club members wish to express their appreciation to the mothers and fathers who helped to make this a special day. There was not much outside activity Sunday and Monday due to the winter storm but Tuesday many residents were out helping their neighbors scoop snow from their walkways and driveways.

The snowfall that came with the storm has been great for the pheasant hunters. They are reporting getting their limit easily and my family has enjoyed the meals of pheasant I have prepared. Wednesday was open rifle season for deer and David Dible of Rogers, Ark., and sons, Shawn Rogers of Arkansas and Brad of Columbia, Mo., had come to hunt the area. Before leav-



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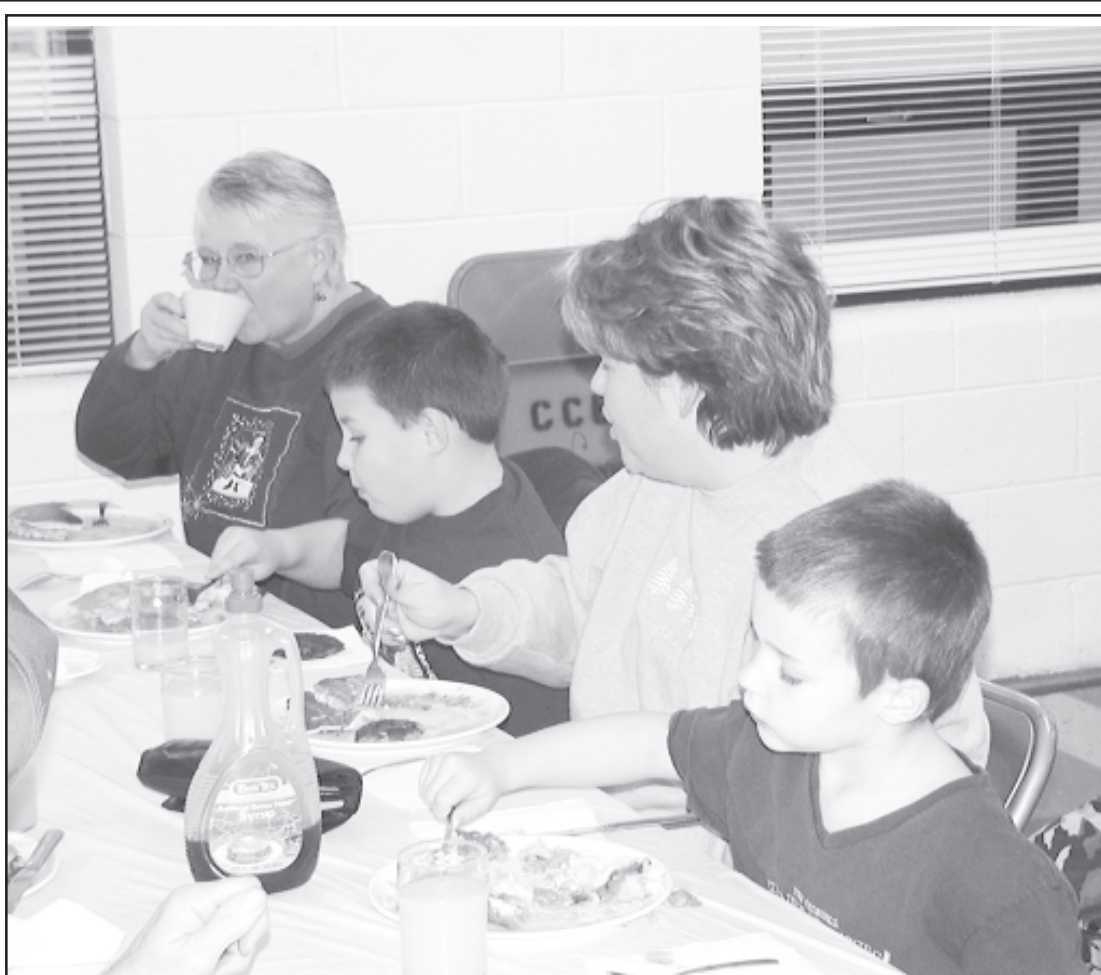
ing town they stopped to show Chad Wark, nephew of David, the nice rack from the buck they had tracked. Robby McCurdy's mother, Sidsel (Sid), has moved to Rexford and is making her home on Spruce Street. Welcome Sid, we are glad to have you in our community and hope you enjoy living in Rexford. Jean Hawkins' 80th birthday was Nov. 29 and there was an open house in her honor at the Red Barn Saturday, Dec. 3. Her children, Linda Stewart of Plantation, Fla., Steve Hawkins of Apopka, Fla.; Sandra Dean and husband Larry, of Garfield, Ark.; sister, Vesta Roth of Rexford; nephew, Rick Roth and his children, Chris, Jason and Eric, of Stockton; nephew, Dan Roth and his wife Janice of Abilene were here to celebrate this special occasion.

Sunday, Carl Barnett drove Jean to take Linda and Steve to the McCook, Neb., airport.

Darrel and Marjorie Leh thank those who brought food to the house, the sympathy cards and visits they have received since her son's death and during Darrel's recovery. Those at Koffee Klatch Friday were Vesta Roth, Jean Hawkins, Berneda Zoberst, Steve Hawkins, Linda Stewart, Dlores Dible, Eunice Sanford, Freda Ketchum, Ruth Luna, Deb Stepper, Grace Cheney, and Pat Williams.

Golden Plains School happenings: Friday was the first basketball game of the season with Greeley County at Rexford. The girl's junior varsity and varsity teams defeated the Jackrabbits but the boys lost both games. The Bulldogs traveled to Almena Saturday and defeated Northern Valley all four games.

Janell Antholz took four of her vocal students: Valerie and Andrew Broeckelman, Brittany Ritter and Jordan Rogers, to Hays to sing in the KMEA Honor Choir.



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Senior Center to remember Pearl Harbor

9:30 a.m., Tuesday: Exercise; Streaked Hair Day, streak those strands red or green.

Wednesday: National Pearl Harbor Day, wear red, white or blue.

9:30 a.m. Thursday: Exercise; favorite Christmas, tell what made it special.

9:30 a.m. Friday: Exercise; 11:30 a.m. Young at Heart; denim Friday. The Thomas County Nutrition

Senior Center

Center in Colby invites those 60 and older and their guests to attend daily luncheons in Colby, Monday through Friday. Reservations may be made by calling 460-2901 the day before.

Home delivery is also available for those unable to attend due to

special or physical disabilities. Those working are also invited to pick up a meal. Meals are available at noon to be picked up. Those 60 and over a contribution of \$2.50 per meal is requested. Those younger than 60 are invited to attend or pick up a meal at a cost of \$4.50.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat	\$3.44
Corn	\$1.73
Milo	\$2.69
Soybeans	No bid

Film creates debate

Associated Press

During the 42 years since his death, the prolific C.S. Lewis has never failed to lure hordes of fans through his writings — nor has the Oxford and Cambridge literature scholar ceased to rouse antipathy from religious skeptics.

Now Friday's release of the lavish Disney-Walden Media film "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," based on the first of Lewis' seven children's novels, is creating a new round of Lewis mania.

Beside parallel marketing blitzes for religious and secular audiences, new editions of Lewis' works have been published, as have numerous books and articles about him and the film. There are new study guides, lectures, Internet chatter, audiotapes, music CDs, games ... and one legal threat.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State has informed Florida Gov. Jeb Bush that he offended the U.S. Constitution by choosing "Lion" for his state's annual student reading campaign because it's "filled with allusions to Christianity."

True enough, the lion of "Lion" is a Christ figure and the other novels are filled with biblical themes — though like many young readers, "Harry Potter" creator J.K. Rowling says she "adored" Lewis' stories and only grasped their Christian inspiration as an adult.

The Narnia series, published from 1950 to 1956, originated while Lewis was suffering from physical exhaustion and caring for his alcoholic brother, Warren, and the ailing

mother of a deceased Army buddy.

The books have achieved permanent stature as children's classics, with 85 million copies sold. That far outpaces the still-steady readership for his more overtly Christian titles including "The Problem of Pain," "The Screwtape Letters," "The Great Divorce," "Miracles" and "Mere Christianity."

At least modest movie success seems assured, considering the box office for good-vs.-evil fantasy epics like the Harry Potter movies and the "Lord of the Rings" series, based on books by J.R.R. Tolkien.

Tolkien and Lewis were close Oxford colleagues whose friendship eventually cooled. Lewis was a "Rings" enthusiast while Tolkien loathed the Narnia books. Yet Narnia probably wouldn't exist without Tolkien.

As a young don, Lewis was a thoroughgoing skeptic who dismissed Christianity, in part, because it resembled ancient pagan myths about dying-and-rising deities.

In 1931, the devoutly Roman Catholic Tolkien and another Christian scholar spent a long evening with "Jack" Lewis arguing religion. Lewis wrote a friend that they had convinced him "the story of Christ is simply a true myth: a myth working on us in the same way as the others but with the tremendous difference that it really happened."

Earlier, in 1929, Lewis had come to belief in God, though not Christ. As his autobiography recounts, "I gave in, and admitted that God was God, and knelt and prayed: perhaps, that night, the most dejected and reluctant convert in all England."

Community Calendar

Tuesday, Dec. 6

4 p.m., Colby High School C, junior varsity and varsity basketball at Hays.

7:30 p.m., Colby Middle School band concert at high school auditorium.

7:30 p.m. Colby Community College vocal music concert.

Wednesday, Dec. 7

10 a.m.-noon 1-4 p.m. Genesis Thomas County, 350 S. Range. 1:40 p.m., sophomore and senior "Communities that care survey," CHS auditorium.

7 p.m., CHS all sports booster club, Colby High School.

8:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous & AlAnon, 1275 West 6th.

Thursday, Dec. 8

1:30 and 7 p.m., fourth-grade music program, CGS auditorium.

1:40 p.m., sophomore and senior "Communities that care survey" CHS auditorium.

4:30 p.m. seventh and eighth-grade basketball vs. Oberlin, elementary gym.

6:30 p.m. junior varsity, varsity wrestling vs. St. Francis, high school gymnasium

7 p.m., Colby Community College men's basketball vs. Lamar, Colby Community Building

Family Night Storytime, Pioneer Memorial Library, 7 p.m.

Kiwanis, Student Union, noon

Alcoholics Anonymous, City Hall basement, 8:30 p.m.

Come and get em'

Judy Hart of Grinnell, Austin, Melanie and Zach Hart of Colby all enjoyed pancakes and sausage Saturday at the High Plains Lions Club

pancake feed at the Colby Community Building. The annual event is a fund-raiser for the club's various service projects.

Card Shower

for

Moya Bieker's

75th Birthday

December 12, 2005

Cards may be sent to:
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Chino, CA 91710

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Letters To Santa

Calling all kids!!

Bring your Santa Letter by the office or mail to:

Colby Free Press
155 W. 5th St.
Colby, KS 67701

Deadline for letters is Mon., Dec. 12th

Your letter will appear in the paper on Thurs.

Dec. 15th so Santa can read it.

