

Family

Death

Wayne Charles Hedden

Wayne Charles Hedden, 84, of Roswell, Ga., died at his home in Roswell. He was a former Colby resident. He was a U.S. veteran and retired hardware store owner. He had also lived in St. Cloud, Minn. and Green Valley, Ariz.

Mr. Hedden is survived by two daughters, Elaine Hedden of At-

lanta, Ga. and Marge Lange and husband Reuben of Prior Lake, Minn.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Darlene.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday at Roswell Funeral Home in Roswell, Ga.

Babies

Zane Howard Betz

Travis and Sarah Betz of Colby announce the birth of their son, Zane Howard Betz on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Zane weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and is 19 1/4

inches long.

Grandparents are John and Mert Strecker of Colby and Randy and Vicki Betz of Ness City.

Zane was welcomed home by sister Mya.

Adoption

Kayleigh Anne Jing Kistler

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kistler of Monument announce the adoption of Kayleigh Anne Jing Kistler, 5. She was adopted on Nov. 2, 2005 in Nanjing, China. She was born Sept. 20, 2000 in Lianyungang City, Jiangsu province.

Sisters Landee and Haley of the home and sister Harmony of Garden City welcomed her home.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kistler of Colby and the late John Wade and Vivian Wade of Hoxie.

New year promises many activities in the community

We are off and running for a new year and look forward to a fulfilling one. We are very pleased with the acceptance and glowing reports we receive about the Colby Visitors Center. We want to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who have given so many hours to make our visitors feel welcome in Colby.

Sports activities are the main attraction during January. January 6-7 are the dates for the Colby Community College wrestling Tourna-

Leilani Thomas

● On the Road Again

ment of Champions at the Community Building.

This will be your opportunity to see top-notch wrestlers from all over the country. Another annual favorite is the Orange and Black Classic to be held Jan. 19-21 at the Community Building. This tournament is a huge favorite and brings many visitors to town. Western Kansas Liberty League basketball will be playing at the Community Building Jan. 13 and 14. There are also several college and high school basketball events.

Non-sporting activities include the Pheasants Forever dinner and

I pray that the meaning of Christmas has been renewed in the hearts of mankind during this holiday season while celebrating through fellowship, giving, song, food, laughter, worship, and memories with family and friends.

The Red Barn Gang traveled to Hoxie Dec. 19, Oakley Dec. 20, Hill City Dec. 21, and Quinter Dec. 22. The members enjoy playing for our people in the nursing homes from Goodland, Atwood, Oberlin and all the above places from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on each trip.

Congratulations to the winners of the Post Office gift drawings: Ron Shaw, Loretta Trevino, Bill Luna, Deb Stepper, Mabel Lugo and Tammy Roehl.

Rexford residents received a generous gift from the city council of no city utility fees for the month of December. Thank you!

There were 42 at the Edna Colson family Christmas get-together pot-luck dinner held Dec. 4 at the community hall in Rexford.

Pastor Lane and Patty Purcell and children, David and Liz, spent the week of Dec. 19 through 23 with Patty's parents in Minnesota.



Vicki Allison

● Rexford Correspondent

The Rexford Community Church held a candle lit Christmas Eve service and handed out nuts and candy to everyone after the service.

Christmas Day guests of Gary and Kay Cheney were Grace Cheney; Karen and Arron Derbonne, Greeley, Colo.; Matt and Lyn Cheney and girls, Amanda and Amie.

Pat and Charles Williams, Ron and Janette Dible and Dan Withers were Christmas guests of Eileen Dible's at Colby.

Cindy Stepper, of Kansas City, spent time with her mother, Deb, for a few days. They went to Salina to visit relatives on Christmas Day and also visited Irma Hibbs while there.

Guests of Jean Hawkins on Christmas were a cousin, Jerry Adams, from Hutchinson and aunt, Marie Adams from Colby.

Vesta Roth's children were here for Christmas Day: Dan and Janice

Roth, Abilene; Rick Roth, Stockton; and Eric Roth, Smith Center.

Hulda Wark and Sondra Barnett, Dennis and Vicki Allison and Kristin and Jami Wark were holiday guests of David and Gloria Dible in Rogers, Ark. Dec. 23, 24, 25. Sondra was there a few days ahead of time to help Gloria and Dave prepare for the Wark family Christmas while Hulda spent three days with her son Roger in Topeka. Dennis, Vicki, Kristin and Jami also spent some time in Owasso, Okla. visiting David (Vicki's brother) and Lori Anderson, Sage and Sophie, on their way to and from Rogers.

Christmas guests of Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper were Robert and Marsha Moeder of Hutchinson and son Chris from Yale University; Tim and Shelly, Taylor and Peyton Moeder of Colby; Lubo from Bulgaria, a student at Colby College.

Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper attended Cleda's brother-in-law's funeral, Elmer Zadow of Oberlin, on Tuesday, Dec. 27. Also attending were Robert, Marsha, and Tim.

Guests of Dennis and Vicki Allison during the week were Dan

and Debbie (Vicki's sister) Thompson, and son, Aaron Morton, and his friend, Clayton Arnold, from Round Rock, Texas. Tuesday evening Vicki and Debbie's brother Shawn Anderson and his wife Nikki from Kansas City stopped by to visit before heading home the next day.

Saturday, Dec. 31, the Anderson family gathered at the Red Barn for their Christmas celebration. Those present were Debbie and Dan Thompson, son, Aaron Morton and his friend, Clayton Arnold, Round Rock, Texas; Dustin and Frances Anderson, Maranda, Paige, Dustin Jr., and Brooke, Brewster; Tim Anderson, Colby; Marty Anderson and April, Colby; Dennis and Vicki Allison and Jami Wark; Kristin Wark, University of Kansas; Rebecca Wark and Chance Rains and Jaren, Hays; Chad and Desiree Wark and Morgan, Rexford; Mark Ohlrogge and Mitchell and Shane, Levant; Tina Ohlrogge, Gem; and Madonna Anderson, Gem. The Thompson's left for Texas 4 a.m. Sunday with a temperature of 28 degrees and arrived home at 4 p.m. with 92 degrees weather.

Bev Vaughn has finished school at Hays with a bachelor degree in business with emphasis in accounting. Jan. 30, Bev will have another spinal stimulator surgery. Bev's husband, Max, will be playing with other band members at the Midwest Energy building in Hoxie Sunday afternoon, Jan. 8.

Red Barn events: There were 10 card players meeting for Barnswallows Dec. 26. Come on Down had two tables of pinocle players on Thursday, Dec. 29. This week for Coffee Klatch there were 11 ladies including a guest, Gail Walter, from Halstead, Kansas.

A change of diet is a New Year resolution for many of us; I will leave you with the Italian Pasta Diet:

You walka pasta da bakery.
You walka pasta da candy store.
You walka pasta da ice cream shop.
You walka pasta da table and fridge.

May the blessing of a New Year be a good one for each of you!

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