

Family

February offers sports, concerts and more

February is truly a month filled with both college, high school and middle school basketball culminating with Sub-State tournament play at the Colby Community Building the last two days of the month. The Oasis Basketball tournament returned Feb. 4 and 5 at the Community Building. This tournament is for fourth and fifth grade boys and girls. The Bill Voss Novice Wrestling Tournament is also scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 11 at Colby High School. Support the youth as they compete and the groups who hold soup suppers and sell concessions to support their projects.

Other activities include the Diplomats Ladies Luncheon to be held Feb. 22 at the Prairie Rose Restaurant at noon. They promise an outstanding speaker and menu. This is always a fun event. Western Plains Arts Association brings the Bethany College Handbell Choir at 3 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Cultural Arts Center and the Vienna Boys Choir to Colby High School Feb. 26 at 3 p.m. The concerts should be on everyone's calendar. Angela Bates of Nicodemus will be speaking at Colby Community College Feb. 8 at 9:15 a.m. in honor of Black History Month. Angela is always a pleasure to hear.

As you read this Leilani will just be returning from working a travel show at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver. We will be working at the Wichita Travel Show the weekend of Feb. 18-19. We will also be attending a legislative breakfast in Topeka Feb. 9. This will be followed by seminars on transient guest tax and signs. It promises to be a full and interesting day.

The Leadership Thomas County Class will also be traveling to Topeka in February with the Leadership Sherman County

Leilani Thomas

On the Road Again

class. A full agenda is planned which should be educational and enjoyable for all.

Leadership Thomas County met Jan. 11 at the Holiday Inn Express for their fourth session. The focus of the day was rural health care. Teams interviewed personnel from Citizens Medical Center, Jennifer Scott, director of ancillary services and Jeff Grauerholz, director of nursing; Colby Medical and Surgical Center's DeAnna Sulzman; Scott Focke of Family Center for Health Care and Tawny Stover of Slaven's Family Practice. Other interviews included the Wal-Mart pharmacist, Kathy Arnberger; Luke Tubbs, chiropractor; Jeff Morrison, optometrist; Tammy Swartz of Swartz Veterinary Hospital; Pat Ostmeyer of Northwest Kansas Insurance and physical therapist Tina Harris. We thank all those who took the time from their jobs to share their passion and concerns for rural medicine.

A Web Visioning exercise was lead by Diana Wieland and Robb Ross of USD #315 showing the importance of having a vision and all working towards the same end results. Following another short visioning exercise, the class began to plan their project for youth.

Plan ahead to the Chamber of Commerce annual meeting and banquet on March 17 at City Limits Convention Center. Marci Penner, the speaker, will make you so happy and proud to be a Kansan. She is passionate about this state and especially rural communities. We promise you a very pleasant evening.

Babies

Boston Allen Tubbs

Nick and Angela Tubbs of Colby announce the birth of their son, Boston Allen Tubbs Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Boston weighed 6

pounds, 12 ounces and is 19 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Gerald Tubbs, Jr. of Colby, Jodie Tubbs of Colby and Bill and Donna Bennett of Colby.

Baptism

Anna Marie Brown

Father Dana Clark baptized Anna Marie Brown Friday, Jan. 27 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby.

Anna is the infant daughter of Michael G. and Bonny A. (Diederich) Brown. Godparents are John Brown and Jennifer Vap.

65th Anniversary

Couple celebrates 65 years

Keela Irene (Jones) and Cleo Case will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Thursday. They were married on Feb. 8, 1941 in Colby.

They have children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren spread across the United States in California, Colorado, Louisiana, Kansas, Pennsylvania and Texas.

Their family wishes them a "wonderful and happy 65th anniversary."



Cleo and Keela Case

Eagle forensics team earns second place at meet

The Colby High School forensics team was in action again on Saturday, Feb. 4th at the Hill City Invitational Tournament. The Eagles once again brought home the second place trophy. First place went to Quinter and third place went to Norton.

The Eagles moved nine entries into the final round amidst some

Card Shower

A card shower is being held for Jerome Martin's 80th birthday on Tuesday, Feb. 7. Cards may be sent to 820 W. Fourth, Colby, Kan. 67701.

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Birthday surprise for Rexford resident

A surprise open house was given in honor of Hulda Wark's 85th birthday on Saturday by her children, Sondra Barnett, Rexford; Gloria Dible, Rogers, Ark.; Roger Wark, Topeka, and Tamera Searls, Quinter. The granddaughters, Kristin Wark and Kelly Wark, from Lawrence were the cake attendants. There were about 75 friends and family members from Nebraska, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Kansas who came to help celebrate the event. Sondra says she is so proud of the town for helping to keep the party a surprise for Hulda.

Weekend guests of Sondra Barnett were Linda Barnett, daughter-in-law, and Tiffany and Michael from Holcomb. Michael played in the basketball Shoot Out held in Colby and Sondra went to watch Michael's Sunday game. Holcomb placed third.

The Country Store has reopened under new management. Dick Kyle, from Menlo, and his brother Kevin, will offer mechanical service along with the convenience store. An open house is planned for Saturday, Feb. 11.



Vicki Allison

• Rexford Correspondent

Ronnie and Janette Dible have returned home after spending three weeks touring parts of the states of Missouri, Tennessee, Louisiana and Mississippi. They visited Chattanooga and Memphis, Tenn., attended two evenings of a Southern Gospel Music Concert in Monroe, La. and toured Civil War sites in Vicksburg, Miss.

The Colby Berean Church Board held a meeting retreat at the Shepherd Staff on Friday and Saturday.

Betty Carswell is home after having gall bladder surgery on Tuesday.

Red Barn events: There were nine people at the card tables for Barnswallows on Monday.

The Social Hour Club met Tuesday with Jean Hawkins as hostess. The hostess prize went to Hulda Wark.

The Ladies Bible study has started a new lesson and they meet

on Wednesday mornings from 10-11:30 a.m. Jolene Hansen is the leader of the group.

Grace Cheney brought delicious cookies to share with the other nine ladies at Koffee Klatch on Friday. Velma Barnett from Gem was a special guest. Happenings at Golden

Plains: The eighth grade scholar's team placed second at the Grinnell meet on Monday.

The middle school "B" girls basketball team and the "A" boys basketball team won their games against Northern Valley at Rexford on Monday.

In remembrance of Bryan Highland
a fellowship will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2006 from 3-5 p.m. at the Senior Progress Center, 165 Jike Park St., Colby.

Memorials are suggested to his children's education fund and can be left at any Colby bank.

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