

Family

Deaths

Frances E. Rader

Frances E. Rader, 90, of Oakley, died Sunday, March 4, 2007, at Hays Medical Center in Hays.

Services are pending with Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

Juanita Alvena Robinson

Juanita Alvena Robinson, 93, of Ottawa, died Saturday, March 3, 2007, at Village Manor Nursing home in Ottawa.

Mrs. Robinson was born July 14, 1913, in Rexford to William L. and Alma (Christie) Jackson.

She grew up in Rexford and lived in San Francisco and Richmond, Calif., for 11 years before moving to Ottawa in 1950.

She married Ewltia W. "Shorty" Robinson Dec. 25, 1937, in Rexford.

She was a homemaker and worked at Willis Nursery and Osburn's Greenhouse and house-keeping at Ottawa University.

She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Ottawa.

Mrs. Robinson is survived by two sons, Michael Robinson and wife

Joanne of Ottawa and Larry Robinson and wife Beverly of Gladwin, Mich.; 10 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Ewltia W. "Shorty" Robinson; daughter Linda Miller and three brothers, Clive Jackson, Arden Jackson and Wesley Jackson.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Highland Cemetery in Ottawa. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Dengel and Son Mortuary in Ottawa. Memorials are suggested to Midland Hospice or Church of the Nazarene, and may be sent in care of Dengel and Son Mortuary, 235 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kan., 66067. Condolences may be left online at www.dengelmortuary.com.

Garden attracts butterflies

MANHATTAN — A butterfly garden is simply one that encourages butterflies to visit in summer by providing the basics those "fluttering flowers" need.

"The only problem in planning one is the fact that different butterfly species prefer different flowers as food," said Ward Upham, horticulturist with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

Gardeners who hope to attract a certain species usually have to do some study on the Web or in the library to learn the best plants to try. They may end up having to experiment a bit, too, Upham said.

Following the rules below, however, can help lure butterflies to any yard:

- Plant groups of the same plant variety together. Detecting a single plant is hard for butterflies.

- Choose a variety of plants with bloom times that vary by time of day, as well as time of year.

- Remember butterflies are cold-blooded. Plan for open areas where they can sun themselves on cool days and shaded zones where they can cool off when the sun is intense.

Upham recommends a simple way for gardeners to maintain a butterfly water supply, without creating a mosquito breeding site: Fill a bucket with gravel and bury it to the rim. As needed, add enough water, sugar water or sweet drinks so that butterflies can land on the gravel, yet also reach the liquid.

"If you're not fussy about the species who visit, you can just aim for variety or plan your plantings from the lists of known butterfly favorites," the horticulturist added. Those favorites include:

- Annuals - ageratum, cosmos, French marigold, petunia, verbena and zinnia.

- Early-blooming perennials and shrubs - allium, chive, forget-me-not and lilac.

- Mid-season perennials and shrubs - bee balm, butterfly bush, black-eyed Susan, buttonbush, butterfly weed and daisies.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat	\$4.59
Corn	\$4.05
Milo	\$6.76
Soybeans	\$6.44

Rexford streets becoming passable

The streets here in town, as well as the roads in the country, are now passable due to the warmer weather we received during the week, which hastened the process of melting the snow.

Sunday was a good day to get outside and clean up the broken limbs and branches from trees damaged from the winter storms.

The primary election was Tuesday and on the general election ballot, April 3, will be William Dible and Dennis Allison running for mayor. Thank you Evelyn Johnson, Jean Hawkins and Vesta Roth for working the poll booths.

Morgan Dawn Wark celebrated her third birthday with 29 guests at her home, Saturday afternoon. Morgan was the center of attention as she thanked her family and friends for coming and for gifts she



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received. Special friends attending were Cameron and Kiley Stevenson and parents, Matt and Cassie of Great Bend; Kassie, Kaycee, and Kami Miller and mother Tammy of Rexford; cousin Jaren Rains and Aunt Rebecca and Uncle Chance, Victoria; Dana Juenemann, Selden; Aunt Kristin Wark, Lawrence; Great Aunt Norma and second cousin, Sydney Niemeyer and Linda Pointer, Larned. Those attending from Colby were Sam (Sandra) Lode, grandmother; Don Lode, grandfather; Aunt Shaly

Niemeyer and Nolan Hull and Donna Sweet; Dustin Warta, Scott City, Kansas; Aunt Jami Wark, Grandpa and Ya-Ya, (Dennis and Vicki Allison), Rexford; younger sister, Hayden and mom and dad, Chad and Desiree.

Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper spent the weekend in Pratt visiting Cleda's cousin, Bernice Patton, to help her celebrate her 92nd birthday. Bernice lives with her son and wife, Don and Sandy Patton. Jack and Mary Minnick of Wichita visited on Sunday. Cleda says they survived the 70 mile an hour winds on Saturday.

Ronnie Dible is home recovering from back surgery.

A "Happy Birthday" celebration goes out to Janette Dible, March 6 and to Mark Miller on March 10.

Congratulations to the Golden

Plains Lady Bull Dogs who placed first after defeating the Rawlins County Buffalos, 61-50, at the Class 1A Sub-State tournament held in Colby. The Lady Bull Dogs, (23-1), will play at Hays on Wednesday against Randolph-Blue Valley, (19-6).

At the Red Barn: Those attending Barnswallows to play pinochle were Jean Hawkins, Deb Stepper, Rex Carswell, Betty Carswell, Darlene Robben, Grace Cheney, Lawrence Horinek, Lane Purcell and Dick Sanford.

Friday's Koffee Klatchers were Cleda Moeder, Darla Dible, Delores dible, Margaret Arasmith, Berneda Zoberst, Jean Hawkins, Grace Cheny, Vesta Roth, Edna Colson and Evelyn Proffitt.

Until next time, make your week a memorable one.

Clubs hear presentation on wellness center

By Susan Haines

Club Reporter

Feb. 9, 2007, found members of Sorosis, Shakespeare, and Pi Gamma clubs at a joint meeting at Pioneer Memorial Library. Eric Eicher of Thomas County Community Foundation surprised all the ladies with a card trick he called an experiment. "Experiment" because he didn't know how it would turn out. However with the Community Foundation he knew that Thomas

County would always be on the positive side with individual or group donations. Eric, as our quest speaker, expressed the need as a community to work together for a positive influence on donations. Mr. Eicher is a very motivational speaker and wants us to enhance our community through donations. Bev Eicher, Pi Gamma President, called the meeting to order with the collect recited.

Diane Schiffner read the minutes and they were approved as read.

Mary Smith had no changes in our bank balance and will have next year's budget at our March 9 meeting. Vanesa Eicher suggested that our joint club should establish a name that would be recognized by members, newspaper and city. All members are to submit name ideas by the March meeting. In following Valentine's Day theme, Sharon Kriss initiated an innovative way for all members to get acquainted and bond with each other. Meeting closed with members repeating the flag salute.

Members submitted three favorite recipes to Sharon Kriss, who will compile recipes for a "mini-cookbook."

On Feb. 23rd, hostess Diane Schiffner and co-hostess Pat Kriss greeted Pi Gamma, Sorosis, and Shakespeare members at Pioneer Memorial Library. President Bev Eicher led us in convening our meeting with the collect. We welcomed Dr. Lynn Kreider, president of Colby Community College, as

our quest speaker. He brought an overview of the proposed wellness/activities center. It would be a welcome addition to our beautiful campus. If Colby wants to be a forward thinking, progressive community which promotes higher education for body, mind, and spirit, we must vote for our CCC expansion project. After Dr. Kreider answered a lot of questions, we all enjoyed a raspberry creme delight and delicious cinnamon hazelnut coffee. Roll-call was "The most disastrous meal you have ever tried to prepare." We answered with many amusing stories. Joanne Calhoun and Mary Smith volunteered to bring dessert to our next meeting.

For our March meeting, members will submit their ideas for our combined club name. Reports on budget, Elder House, and Nominating Committee will be forthcoming at the home of Janice McCart when she will share her quilts and a quilting program. H-MM intriguing! See you there.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

Seventh and eighth grade scholar's bowl at Oberlin, 4 p.m.
Colby middle and high school spring vocal concert, Colby High School auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall basement, noon

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Genesis Thomas County pick-up, 350 S. Range, 10 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.
Parent Teacher Organization meeting at Colby Grade School, noon
Diplomat Ladies Luncheon, Colby Country Club, noon

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

Third grade music program, Colby Grade School auditorium, 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous, City Hall basement, 8:30 p.m.



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