

Family

Comets 4-H

Parents of the members of the Colby Comets 4H club switched places with the 4H'ers for the Jan. 19 meeting to celebrate parents' night.

Parent parliamentarian Annette Wetter demonstrated how to conduct the proper order of business. Bonnie Dizmang filled in as secretary to read the minutes of the Dec. meeting, and parent song leader Angela Zimmerman led the group in Yankee Doodle Dandy. She also gave a project talk for her daughter Alex.

Color shading techniques were demonstrated by Andrea Dizmang and Melissa Reed and Reed's son Dustin demonstrated how to make hamburger cookies.

The club is busy preparing for the upcoming County Club Day on Mar. 27.

Daughters of Isabella

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Circle of the Daughters of Isabella met at Sacred Heart Church on Feb. 5.

President Ceanne Rinehart called the meeting to order. A remembrance candle was lit for members who have died.

The opening ode and the pledge to the flag were done as a group. Rinehart read a spiritual reflection about love from the International Chaplain's Guide.

It was reported that the biscuits-and-gravy-and-fruit breakfast was a success. Another is planned.

The Pennies From Heaven project was collected.

Joan Albers reported visiting the sick. Joan Ziegler has printed cards with the St. Anthony Claret novena on them and she has distributed many of them.

Margaret Denneler and Florence Horinek plan to walk on Feb. 14 for the benefit of Rachel's Vineyard Retreats. A donation was given for that cause.

Albers told about the 40 Days for Life Crusade beginning Ash Wednesday. The web address is 40daysforlife.org.

Feb. 27, the daughters will serve their first soup supper after the Lenten service at 6 p.m. Rinehart has a list of those volunteering.

There was to be a table with information about the group at the Matthew Kelly talk.

Rhonda Rogers has invited the circle to her home for the March 5 meeting.

The obligation was said as a group, the closing ode sung and the meeting adjourned.

Marge Mowry and Theresa Aschenbrenner served brownies and coffee for the time of visiting.

Puppies love Girl Scouts



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Autumn Lorthanke, a member of Girl Scouts Junior Troop 10185, got a wet puppy kiss from Three Sticks. "Stick" (for short) is a 3-month-old mixed-breed puppy. He may be one leg short, but he's long on love. The Scouts were at the Orscheln farm store Saturday to help raise awareness of the needs of the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter in Goodland, helping fill requirements for their Bronze award.

High Plains Lions Club

The Colby High Plains Lions hosted their annual Valentines' Sweetheart Dinner on Feb. 9, when area Lions from Atwood, Gem and Colby gathered for a steak buffet at Colby Community College. Elmer Lawver gave the invocation. Mary Hurtt led the singing.

After dinner, Pat Ziegelmeier and three members of the college's Sunflower Singers, Katherine Jones and Andrea Born from St. Francis, and Brittany Ritter from Dresden, provided the entertainment. They played and sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" to the couple who had been married the longest, Bill and Jeannie Beamguard, 48 years, and to the couple who had been married for the shortest time, Pete and Rose

Ann Ziegelmeier, six months.

Sheryl Brenn led games and carnations were given to everyone. Norm Whitaker had homemade heart-shaped peanut brittle and his chocolate fountain was a big hit. Lion Whitaker also displayed a scrapbook of old valentines his mother had collected.

A drawing for a necklace and matching earrings was won by Shawn Carney, and table decorations were given away. President Roger Hale wished everyone a happy Valentines day.

The next meeting will be at

6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 23, at the Student Union.

Woman Writes Historic Letter to Her Congressman

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Deaths

Sylvia J. Wachendorfer

Sylvia J. Wachendorfer, 72, a Selden homemaker and farm wife, and sister of John (Agnes) Urban of Colby, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

She was born on June 21, 1936, to Ralph and Eleanor Kundysek on a farm southeast of Atwood, attended school at Rawlins County District No. 48 and lived in Atwood and Selden. She was married to Darell Lamb, then Henry Focke, and later, to Dennis Wachendorfer. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands Henry Focke in 1974 and Dennis Wachendorfer in 1999; two daughters, Ethel and Jennifer Lamb; three brothers, Bennie, Franklin and Delvin Urban, and a sister, Roberta Urban.

Besides her brother, survivors also include four sons, Craig Lamb of Ludell, Darell Lamb of Leesburg, Va., Charles (Sarah)

Focke of Kearney, Neb., and Chad (Mandy) Focke of Selden; two stepsons, David Wachendorfer of Roseville, Calif., and Dan (Melissa) Wachendorfer of Selden; two daughters, Jan (Ken) Badsky of Oberlin, and Kim (Dennis) Franklin of Atwood; a stepdaughter, Karen Focke of Atwood; two sisters, Donna Frandsen of Oberlin and Mary (Harry) Depe of Trenton, Neb.; two sisters-in-law, Jacqueline Urban of Atwood and Willa Urban of Oberlin; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden with the Rev. Dan Scheetz officiating. Burial will be in the Selden Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and after 9 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

The family suggests contributions to the Selden City Park, in care of the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

State budget vote today

TOPEKA (AP) — The Kansas Legislature was preparing to vote on a compromise bill for eliminating a state budget deficit today.

The measure makes about \$326 million in cuts and adjustments to the budget for the current 2009 fiscal year, which ends June 30.

A little less than half of the "adjustments" are spending reductions. The rest result from accounting changes and refinancing state bonds.

The House was scheduled to vote on the measure first, with a Senate vote to follow. Approval

in both chambers would send the bill to Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, but some senators don't like the bill as it emerged from negotiations.

They're upset over a \$28 million cut in state aid to schools. That figure doesn't include a cut in special education funds of more than \$4 million.

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