

Help with Medicare offered at Red Barn

Assistance with Medicare Part D prescription drug plans will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Red Barn.

In October, Waddell and Reed representatives were at the Red Barn and offered assistance in comparing Part D plans for those on Medicare or soon to be eligible. Many who took advantage of this free service found it very helpful. Thursday, they will be coming back to again offer this information, plus help with the enrollment process.

A clothing drive sponsored by the Rexford Lions Club continues through the month. Drop-off locations will be at Jokers Country Store, the Red Barn, Golden Plains High School and the Elementary School in Selden. On Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Rexford Community Building, items will



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be distributed.

Red Barn weekly activities: Barnswallows, 2 to 5 p.m. Monday.

Ladies' Bible study, 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Come on Down, 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday.

Koffe Klatch, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday.

Every second Saturday of the month there is bingo for the 50-plus crowd.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

School group ponders new suit against state

WICHITA (AP) — The 57 school districts that make up the Schools for Fair Funding coalition are considering whether to sue the state for more education money as frustration grows over spending cuts.

John Robb, lead attorney for the group, which has been fighting in court since 1999 for increases in school spending, said the districts fear budget cuts will harm students and see another lawsuit as the "lesser of two evils." *The Wichita Eagle* reported Sunday.

Lawmakers insist Kansans can't afford another court battle, however.

"It's just not the time, when people are hurting, to take our tax dollars and file a lawsuit in the court just because they

don't get their way in the Legislature," said Sen. Susan Wagle, R-Wichita, who sits on the Senate Education Committee. "We are doing our best."

School have taken two rounds of cuts since January as officials seek to balance the budget amid a recession that has shrunk state revenues, though they were cut far less than other programs.

The governor is expected to decide in the next 10 days whether the state will withhold more money. At issue is \$100 million that districts say they are owed this school year because of increases in enrollment and low-income students.

Cuts by the Legislature and the governor have resulted in a \$135 million reduction to the education budget this year.

High Plains Lions Club

The Colby High Plains Lions learned about the renewed Buffalo Park in south Colby when the club met at the Colby Community College student union Nov. 9.

Troy Koon showed photographs of his Eagle Scout project and some of the things he had done to make improvements.

They included redoing the slide, replacing chain ladders for the slide, placing sand under play equipment, repairing park benches and placing a bench under the gazebo, plus painting the equipment. Koon is a junior at Colby High School.

President Justin Burrus called the meeting to order with the flag salute. Mary Hurr led singing of patriotic songs to commemorate Veterans Day, and the group sang happy birthday to Melda Moore.

Moore made a presentation on Penny Cranston's 17 years of Lion Pins and her Colby Lioness vest and Lions vest. Cranston, who was a member of the Lions International Colby Lioness Club, died

a year ago.

Moore also presented the club the Colby Lioness bell and gavel that the High Plains Lions Club had given the women's club when it started. They will have two glass cases made for a display at the Prairie Museum of Art and History.

Sheryl Brenn read a thank you from Pam Rundel for the club's donation to her school classes.

Members were reminded of the Rexford club's soup dinner Saturday. Upcoming events were discussed, included the pancake feed on Saturday, Dec. 5, and the Christmas parade the next day.

Hazel Estes will take information about diabetes to the Wallace County Health Fair in January.

Morton asked for volunteers to help serve the grade school Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 19, because of a shortage of workers due to budget cuts.

Moore won the drawing. The next meeting will be at 6:30 Nov. 23 at the Student Union.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Thursday

- 2:31 a.m. — Arrested Anthony Spencer on warrant.
- 3:01 a.m. — Two officers assisted sheriff's office with sexual assault case.
- 11:20 a.m. — Assisted ambulance on call.
- 3:09 p.m. — Caller fired subject at Maurice's, want-

- ed officer in case situation turned bad. All OK.
- 4:56 p.m. — Subjects using air rifle in the 100 block of W. Seventh not found.
- 8:47 p.m. — Shots reported fired in the 1300 block of W. Fourth not found.
- 11:46 p.m. — Welfare check.
- 11:47 p.m. — Loud music at Friendly Acres No. 82 not found.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Thursday

- 3:01 a.m. — Sexual assault incident reported in the county. Report filed; deputy assisted at Citizens Medical Center.
- 3:06 p.m. — Served arrest warrant on Jose Alberto Jimenez-Ramirez.
- 3:14 p.m. — Served arrest warrant on Roger

- Wright.
- 5:01 p.m. — Injury accident between semi and grain cart being pulled by Yak in the 2200 block of County Rd. 27 (north of Gem), assisted Kansas Highway Patrol on call.
- 9:40 p.m. — Possible drunk driver on U.S. 24 mile 67. Not found.

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