Family

Friends invited to 50th

The children of Ralph and Betty Hansen invite friends and family to join them to mark their parents' 50th wedding anniversary at an open house from 1 p.m to 4 p.m. Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 855 E. Fifth St. Cards will reach them at 215 N. Mission Ridge, Colby, Kan., 67701.



Betty and Ralph Hansen

Babies

Lillian Grace Beckman

Lillian Grace Beckman, daughter of Amy Knipp and Brent Beckman of Menlo, was born Sunday, Center. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 20 inches.

Brother Caden Knipp welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Frank and Dec. 13, 2009, at Citizens Medical Donna Knipp of Damar and Stuart and Anita Beckman of Menlo.

Jesus Armando Beltran

Jesus Armando Beltran, son of ounces and measured 19 inches. Oscar Beltran and Eva Moncayo of Rexford, was born Sunday, tonia Moncayo and Luis and Mir-Dec. 13, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds, 11

Grandparents are Jesus and Anna Beltran, all of Mexico.

Mackoy Matthew Hemmert

Mackoy Matthew Hemmert, 5 ounces. son of Sage and Sheena Hemcal Center. He weighed 7 pounds,

Grandparents are Fred and Trumert of Colby, was born Tuesday, di Kuntzsch of Scott City and Kirk Dec. 15, 2009, at Citizens Media and Debbie Hemmert of Oakley.

Ty David Fenner

Ty David Fenner, son of Bran- ane Carter of Jennings and Brian weighed 9 pounds, and measured 21 inches.

Sister Jayden and brother Trent welcomed the baby home. Grandparents are David and Di-

don and Jennifer Fenner of Hoxie, and Joey Fenner of Hoxie. Greatwas born Dec. 2, 2009, at Citi- grandparents are Eleanor and the zens Medical Center in Colby. He late Cleo Morel, Jennings; the late Willard and Naomi Carter of Jennings; Vola and the late Albert Fenner of Goodland; and Herb and Doris Wood, of Wray, Colo.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Thursday 1:21 a.m. - Security check at

1:39 a.m. – Erratic driver east-

bound on Fifth from Range. 2:09 a.m. - Tire needed for a semi in the 600 block of U.S. 83.

Provided phone number for Mit-1:32 p.m. – Dog at large at Col-

by House turned over to owner. 1:38 p.m. – Violation of protection from abuse order: ex-wife keeps texting him.

3:36 p.m. - Hit and run on vehicle parked at the high school.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Thursday 6:20 a.m. - Fingerprinted sub-

9:46 a.m. - Transported juvenile from Trego County Juvenile Detention Facility to Colby.

1 p.m. – Insufficient fund check

report on Kari Anne Trail. 2:20 p.m. – Insufficient fund

2:34 p.m. - Clerk at J-J Oil reported possible drunk transient

check report on Justin Lynn Alex-

there that they want removed. 3:29 p.m. - Mel's Motor re-

quested assistance with traffic control at U.S. 83 and County Rd.

4:25 p.m. - Oakley police advised of a possibly intoxicated person walking in traffic north of I-70/U.S. 83 junction.

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Rexford council has new appointee

The Rexford City Council held its last meeting of the year after a nice meal prepared at Montana Mike's. In old business, enforcement officer Jan Ackerman reported that eight abandoned and untagged vehicles had been moved.

Terry Preston was appointed as a council member, replacing Gary

After a closed-door session. the council voted to give Bill Scott and Jolene Hansen each a \$200 bonus and a 5 percent pay increase.

The next council meeting will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the Rexford City Building.

To honor Edna Colson's 90th birthday, her daughter, Grace Kauk, would like to have a birthday card shower. Cards can be sent



Vicki Allison

Rexford

Correspondent

to Edna Colson, in care of Roberta Colson, 223 W. Fifth, Goodland, Kan., 67735.

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 is bingo.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Auto insurance rates stay bargain in Kansas

TOPEKA - A new report shows Kansas ranks sixth lowest in the nation for average auto insurance costs, says Sandy Praeger, state commissioner of insurance. This is the fifth consecutive year the state has been ranked as a leader in lower rates.

Information from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners shows Kansans spent an average of \$568 per vehicle for insurance in 2007, the last available reporting period. That figure is down \$11 from the previous survey average a year ago.

"The ranking and the lower cost-per-vehicle figure show that Kansas has a healthy, competitive climate for vehicle insurance buyers," Praeger said. "With more than 160 auto insurance companies vying for customers statewide, the competitive rates are certainly advantageous to Kansas consumers."

Last year's report had Kansans spending an average of \$579. All figures are rounded to the nearest

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The ranking assumes all insured vehicles carry liability coverage but not necessarily collision or comprehensive coverage. Consumers in Kansas aren't required to carry collision and comprehensive, but coverage may be required by the lender making a vehicle loan.

In the latest report, North Dakota is lowest with an average auto insurance expenditure of \$512, followed by Iowa, \$518; South Dakota, \$534; Nebraska, \$554; and Idaho, \$564.

Behind Kansas in this area are Oklahoma, \$646; Missouri, \$658; and Colorado, \$738. The national average is \$795.

The average cost of a policy that contains all three types of coverage (liability, collision, comprehensive) is \$713 in Kansas, according to the report. The state ranks as the 10th-least expensive in the nation in that category.

The commissioner's 2006/2007 Auto Database Report, which contains the figures listed above, is designed to provide information and analysis for insurance regulators, consumers and policy mak-

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Deaths

Mildred Chaffin Goke

Mildred Chaffin Goke, 94, Colthe Morton County Care Center in Colby, (785) 462-7979.

Services are pending with the by, died Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009, at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in

Road and weather info easy to find on website

How are the roads east of To- Byways and more. peka on I-70? Where are work zones on Kansas highways? These are questions that drivers can find answers to, thanks to KanDrive (www.KanDrive.org).

KanDrive, operated by the Kansas Department of Transportation, connects travelers to information to plan safe, enjoyable journeys across the state. Features include:

• An interactive map of Kansas roads, work zones, traffic incidents and weather conditions at 511.ksdot.org

Snapshots from more than 30 cameras along I-70 between Topeka and Colorado and other highways in the state, as well as camera views from the KC Scout system.

 Messages displayed on roadside dynamic message signs that advise travelers of key driving issues, including weather, accidents, work zones and Amber Alerts.

• Links to related transportation resources, including KC Scout; the future Wichita Traffic Management Center; state, county and city travel maps; links to neighboring states' travel information, Kansas Turnpike information and resources on preparing for winter travel, rest area locations, Scenic

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op

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name in the Wednesday movie listings for 2 free

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"KDOT created KanDrive to increase awareness among travelers, commuters and truck drivers of our intelligent transportation services, especially the roadside cameras, message signs and 511 system," said Barb Blue, department spokeswoman. "KanDrive reflects KDOT's commitment to using technology to benefit the safety, convenience and awareness of motorists in the state of Kansas.'

The KanDrive portal displays information from the department of transportation's traveler information technology, including highway cameras, dynamic message signs, traffic management centers and 511 phone, online and mobile information (511mm.ksdot.org). It will also include Wi-Fi connections and kiosks planned for some rest areas and state parks.



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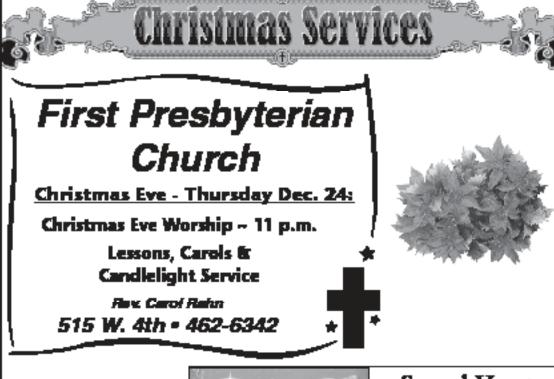
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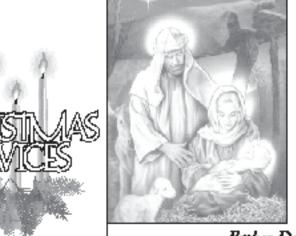


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Sacred Heart Catholic Church Christmas Eve

Thursday, Dec. 24 Services: 4 p.m. 7 p.m. (Children's Mass)

Christmas Day Friday, Dec. 25 Service: 9 a.m.

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