

Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

What wonderful moisture we have received, along with some heavy breezes!

We extend our sympathy to former Rexford residents Allen and Ruth Morton of Wright, and Rex and Billie Morton of Sahuarita, Ariz., for the death of their son and grandson, Sgt. Benjamin Morton, 24, who died in Iraq while serving in the U. S. Army.

Deborah Gamboa and Hulda Wark went to Quinter for the high school graduation of Hulda's grandson, Brandon Searls, son of Tamera and Ken Searls. There was a reception in his honor after the ceremony.

Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper went to the home of Buck's son, Keith and Kathy Harper and family, for a farewell party for Buck's granddaughter and family who are moving to Kansas City. Cleda and Buck then went on to Lawrence for the graduation of Cleda's grandson, Christopher, from Kansas University.

Christopher graduated with high distinction in the top ten at a special ceremony held separately that morning, to which only four guests per student were allowed. Christopher's parents and grandmothers were the four guests he chose. In the afternoon, Christopher "went through the tower" with about 5,000 other graduates, a tradition reserved for graduation. Some of the professors, special teachers, and representatives from several branches of our armed forces stood at the tower to honor and congratulate them.

Following graduation ceremonies, there was a reception at the Country Club in honor of Christopher given by his parents, with about

40 guests. Later the family went to Christopher's duplex where they celebrated Cleda's birthday. En route home on Monday, Cleda and Buck visited former Rexford residents, Dale and Virginia Mustoe, at their Topeka home.

Fran Leach is back in Rexford after spending a month in Illinois and California. She visited her daughter, Sharon and Bob Seeberger, Ben and Matt, and attended the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tennis Championship matches at which Matt was the men's champion last year. This year his college, the University of California at Santa Cruz, hosted the national event. For the first time in NCAA Division III history, one college (the University of California) took the Triple Crown, winning the Team Championship, Doubles and Singles. Matt took the Singles Championship again this year as a sophomore and was part of the Doubles team that took the championship along with the team win. Fran then returned to Hopewell, Ill., to attend the high school graduation and reception of her grandson, Jonathan Lawson, and spent time with her other daughter, Joyce and Dave Lawson, and Caleb.

Sondra Barnett went to Elkhart last weekend for the high school graduation of her grandson, Kerry Barnett, son of Todd and Mandy Barnett. Kerry was part of the Elkhart Charter School, an on-line education system. Afterward, there was a reception in honor of Kerry at his parent's home in Garden City. That night Sondra went to Liberal, where she spent the next several days, making curtains for the church there, then she brought Lori Barnett,

Elijah and Joshua and Tabitha Barnett back to Rexford to spend a few days.

Margaret and Bill AraSmith attended the graduation of their son, Pat AraSmith, from the Kansas Technical School in Goodland. He obtained his degree in welding.

Lane Purcell returned from a two-week trip to Israel. There were only nine people that toured many of the sites in Israel with Obe Hokansan, a professor at the College of Biblical Studies in Houston. The trip counted as six credit hours for those pursuing college credit.

There is still time to get signed up for the city-wide garage/yard sale to be held on June 11. The \$5 charge is due by June 8 to Sondra Barnett. Country folks may also bring their items and reserve a spot.

Grace Cheney, and Gary and Kay Cheney went to Minden, Neb., for the 95th birthday celebration of Grace's cousin. They also visited the cemeteries where Grace's parents, two brothers and a sister are buried.

Royal Neighbors Lodge met with Marjorie Leh as hostess. Others present were Deb Stepper, Darlene Robben, Betty Carswell, Grace Cheney, and Jean Hawkins. They decorated the deceased members' graves at the cemetery.

Those Barnswallows who played pinocle were Lawrence Horinek, Betty and Rex Carswell, Darlene Robben, Deb Stepper, Jean Hawkins, and Grace Cheney. Jean furnished cake and ice cream for the May birthdays.

Koffee Klatch attendees were Freda Ketchum, Margaret AraSmith, Delores Dible, Cleda Moeder, Doris Jean Oliver, Deb Stepper, Hulda Wark, Liz Rall, Grace Cheney, Berneda Zoberst, Eunice Sanford, Fran Leach, Lori, Elijah and Joshua Barnett, Tabitha Barnett and Sondra Barnett.

Several met with a Hays Daily News reporter, Stacie R. Sandall, at the city building to tell her about some of the positive points of Rexford. Those present at the meeting were Bob Leach, Cleda Moeder, Doris Jean Oliver, Nancy and Jay Dahl, Lane Purcell, Bill Dible and

Sondra Barnett. Afterward, Stacie was given a tour of the town. We'll all be looking forward to seeing the article.

On June 7, a lawyer from Kansas Legal Service will be at the Barn to help anyone with preparing living wills, advanced directives and medical power of attorney. This service is free to anyone over 60.

Doris Jean Oliver has been spending time in McCook, helping her daughter, Mary Lambing, and family. Mary is still having a lot of problems with her lungs after pneumonia and still needs our prayers.

There were two extended family dinners in Rexford on Memorial Day. The Dibles had a covered dish dinner at the Barn. Those present were Delores, DeAnn, Darrel, and Darla Dible, Ronnie and Janette Dible, Dwight Williams, and John Ray Gould, Rexford; Gayle and Linda Dible, and Merle and Delma Dible Oakley; Grace Tice, Hoxie; Jeff and Ruth Sperling and Karis, Newton; Jan and Mike Haughawout, Fort Worth; Justin Dible, Missy North and Diana Dible, Hays; Dale and Bonnie Dible, Meggan and Layton, Cambridge, Neb.; Eileen Dible, and Kent and Bradley Dible, Colby.

There was a Barnett family covered dish dinner at the community building in Rexford. Those present were Linda Barnett, Michael, Tiffany, Lacey and Megan, Holcomb; Velma Barnett, Gem; Bryan and Lori Barnett, Elijah and Joshua, Tyrone, Okla.; Cory and Tessa Barnett, Tabitha, Corban, and Obadiah, Liberal; Danny and Mary Kay Barnett, and Beth Barnett, Effingham; Kevin and Kerie Barnett, Tristen, Kensley and Konner, Oakley; Chet and Nina Hayes, Grinnell; Ray and Berneda Zoberst, Mirl Barnett, Hulda Wark and Sondra Barnett, Rexford; Earl and Opal Moss, Selden; Keith and Darlene Barnett, Atwood; Jay Barnett, Salem, Ore.; Ray and Barbara Farmer, Salina; and Cleo Bastin and Edie Bastin Adamson, Clay Center.

Makin' it Happen: Hats off to Mirl Barnett for the super clean-up job at the cemetery. It looks great!

WheatRidge News

The Forget-Me-Nots entertained twice last month. A pancake and sausage supper was enjoyed prior to monthly Bingo. Wade Juenemann, helped set up the games.

Residents invited guests to a chicken and dumpling luncheon on May 19. Guests were: Kenny Rydquist, Alice Bobbitt, Jen and Jeffrey Juenemann, Carmie Wickham, Florence Vavroch, Doris Sloan, Max and Veanna Carman.

The garden is coming up and the

number of thistles going down. Inquiries are up this spring with two prospect tours this month. There are 3 two-bedroom apartments available. Wheat Ridge was full in the early spring.

Residents are involved in many activities. Two canasta clubs meet here weekly. Bible study is at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Anyone is welcome to join us. The current study is, "The Purpose Driven Life."



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
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Aging seminars to be offered again

K-State Research and Extension, the Area Agency on Aging and county Farm Bureau sponsored "Full Circle - An Aging Expo" in Oberlin and Hays.

There will be a second round Thursday and Friday, Oct. 27-28, in Phillipsburg and Colby.

Adults with aging parents, aging adults themselves and professionals working with the aging are encouraged to attend.

Some information gleaned from the first expo had to do with recognizing the signs of aging in parents.

Adult children often fail to pick up on signs that their parents are aging. Many ignore the obvious, be it gray hair, an occasional lapse in memory or diminishing energy.

So what's a family to do? Here are some tips given at the expo:

- Talk, be observant and ask questions, but respect each other's dignity and privacy.
- Encourage parents to have regular medical checkups, and volunteer to accompany them, if you can.
- Encourage older parents to make a list of medications that they are taking and to carry it with them.

• Encourage brain exercise through talk, reading, word, games, social or volunteer activity, community service or a hobby club.

• Encourage physical activity — go for a walk or work in the garden together. Stay involved.

• Check the schedule, see if others from the neighborhood are enrolled and arrange transportation.

• Keep in touch with telephone calls, e-mail, or both, if distance or scheduling make it difficult to visit.

• Help make the home safe and accessible. Adjustments may mean adults can stay in their home longer. Something as simple as removing scatter rugs, installing grab bars, or adding night lights improves safety.

Children who see their parents caring for their grandparents usually learn respect.

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Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Family and friends honored Ralph and Norma Unger on their 40th wedding anniversary at an open house held Sunday afternoon at St. John's Lutheran Church and a barbecue Sunday evening at the home of Butch and Colleen Rittmann and family.

The celebration was planned and hosted by their three children, Colleen Rittmann, Rachelle Gorrell, and Ryan Unger, and their families.

Out of town guests attending were Rachelle Gorrell, Connor and Logan, Rolla, Mo.; Bob and Pat Mooty, Dallas, Texas; Bob and Shirley (Unger) Gaede, San Antonio, Texas; Duane and Lois Unger, Colby; Hertha Kelly, Cliff Raile, Darci Zwegardt, Dillon, Drew, Ty, and Brock, St. Francis; Carl and Arleda Gaede, and Paul and Mary Ann Oelke, Hoxie;

Sue Olson and friend, Neil, Goodland; Norbert and Nannette Zander, Topeka; Curtis Higgins, New Jersey; and Doyle and Pat Alcorn, Mankato. Among the local guests attending were Alvina Unger and Leo Mooty.

Robert and Dana Morton were Friday and Saturday overnight guests of Stuart Euhus. Dana attended her 30th alumni reunion with the class of 1975.

Harold Miller, Wenatchee, Wash.; Jolene Miller, Everett, Wash.; Max (class of 1945) and Marlene Miller, Gold Canyon, Ariz.; Larry Bremer (class of 1960), Laguna Hills, Calif.; Lyn and Linda Tomasch, Olathe; Kristen Bremer (class of 2000), Beatrice, Neb.; Mildred Holmdahl (class of 1940), Janeil Jensen and Shani Guzan were guests at the John Bremer home Saturday morning for brunch.

After the brunch, those with alumni anniversaries attended lunches and reunions with their classes. Stan and Deanie Moore, Florissant, Colo., were weekend guests at the Gaylord Shields home, and she attended her 50th alumni reunion with the class of 1955. Additional Sunday noon dinner guests were Hildegard Euhus, Stuart Euhus, and the Paul Shields family.

Saturday and Sunday guests of Karolyn Muirhead were Ruth Peters and Amber Saliba, Hays.

Sunday noon dinner guests of Mildred (Miller) Holmdahl were Harold Miller, Jolene Miller, Max and Marlene Miller, Janet Vermillion and Erik, El Dorado; Lyn and Linda Tomasch, Olathe; Randy Hutton, Plainville; Mike and Janeil Jensen, John and Dianne Bremer, Kristen and Jessica, Ron and Delma Miller and Joe, Great Bend, were Sunday evening guests at the Holmdahl home.

Allen and Neta (Wurm) Jeffus, Topeka, visited with family and friends over the Memorial Day weekend and attended the Alumni Banquet Saturday evening.

They joined Wilma May, Evelyn Olson, Jerry and Connie Olson and Kelly, Stean Olson, Hays; David May, McCook;

Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett and Gage, Eugene Wurm, Betty Bean, McCook; Judy Jordan, Christopher, Karyn, Sean and Daniel, and Brad and Shanna Long and Miranda for dinner at a local restaurant Sunday evening.

Weekend guests at the John Bremer home were Larry Bremer, Lyn and Linda Tomsch, and Kristen Bremer.

Craig Staff, Amarillo, Texas, was an additional guest at the Bremer home on Monday. Larry returned home Sunday afternoon and the other guests returned home on Monday.

Monday noon dinner guests at the John Bremer home following Memorial Day service at the cemetery were Arthur and Alice May, Lyn and Linda Tomasch, and Kristen Bremer and friend, Craig Staff.

Among those celebrating Decatur Community High School alumni anniversary years were Lois (Rezner) Carlson, class of 1940; Deanie (Euhus) Moore, class of 1955; Dianne (May) Bremer, class of 1970; Dana (Euhus) Morton, class of 1975; Colleen (Unger) Rittmann, class of 1985; Rachelle (Unger) Gorrell and Chris May, class of 1990; and Ladd Wendelin and Kristen Bremer, class of 2000.

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