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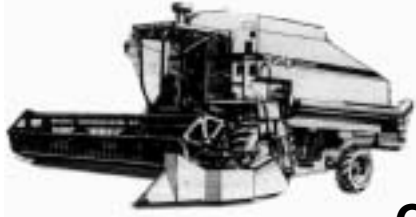
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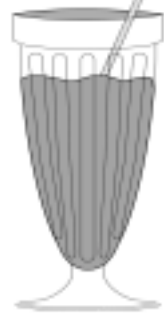
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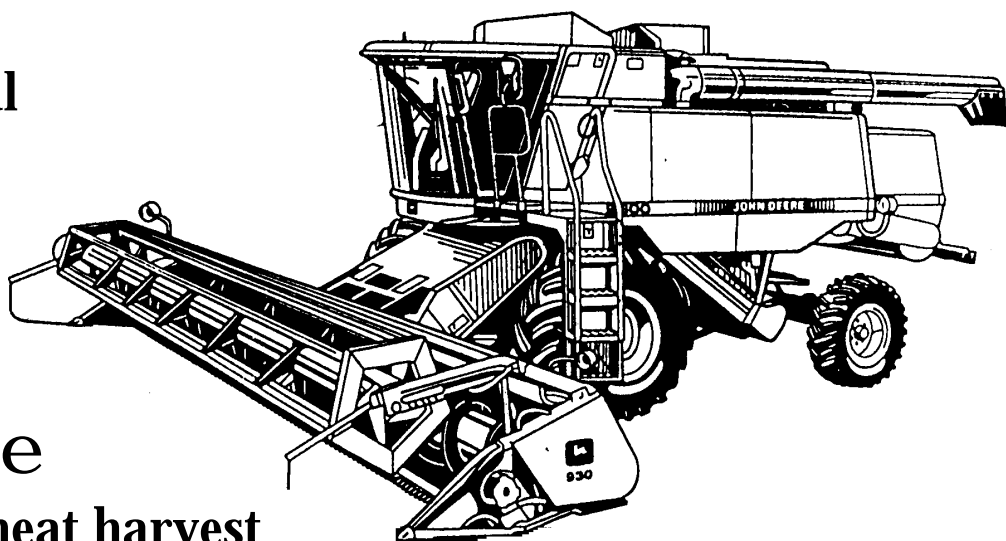
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Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

It won't be long at all until harvest is here in northwest Kansas. The combines were very busy west of Hays last Friday.

Marjorie Leh has returned from Oklahoma where she spent over three weeks with her sons and families. Her granddaughter, nine-year-old Elizabeth Jardin, came back with her and will spend several weeks here.

Scott Johnston, son of Teena and Kenneth Johnston, and Mark Juene-mann, son of Dan and Delores Juene-mann, went to Boys State at Lawrence along with about 400 other young men last week.

Edna Colson visited Cheryl Colson, Marcus and Brady in Colby on Wednesday. On Thursday, she spent the night with her daughter, Grace and Stan Kauk, Colby. On Friday the three drove to Kansas City, picking up Grace's daughter, Martha Elling, in Hays. On Saturday they all attended the wedding of Grace's son, Steven Elling and Elaine Gaither, at Shawnee, and the reception in Olathe.

Deborah Gamboa's granddaughter Aunysa Jackson, has spent two weeks with her. Last weekend Aunysa's mother, Tonya and Kentrail Fletcher, and Lani Jackson, Liberal, came to take her home.

A group of quilters, Pins and Needles from Oberlin, held an overnighter at the Shepherd Staff last week and worked on a quilt.

There will be a Creative Arts Camp at the Shepherd Staff from July 3-9 for children from 8-15 years of age. There are still a few spots available. For details, call Bob at (888) 687-2565.

Renee and Peter Hodges from Palisade, Colo., will be bringing fresh peaches to Rexford from their orchard some time in August. For details or to reserve a box (or boxes) call Fran Leach at the Barn at (785) 687-4646.

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Rexford Community Church this coming week, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Theme will be "Surprising stories from people that Jesus met." Children from four years to those entering the fifth grade are invited.

Kristin Wark and her mother, Vicki Allison, went to Lawrence last Monday and Tuesday for student orientation for Kristin's college studies. She will be in the Oread (honor) Scholar Program, which includes living in a dormitory reserved for honor students.

The grandchildren of Joseph and Julia Pavlicek met on June 12-13 for a reunion at the home of Doris Jean Oliver. Others in attendance were Donald Fortin and his fiancée, Maureen, of Topeka; Carol Bollig, Alieso Viejo, Calif.; Brenda Gordon, Pine Mountain, Calif.; Aremis Micek, Claremore, Okla.; Rita White, Fort Myers Beach, Fla.; Dean and Darlene McCall, Hurst, Texas; Tex and Charlene Shaw, Dennis and Marla Rogers, Selden; and Taryn Rogers, Dresden. There were three generations attending. On Monday, several visited the museum and Bohemian Hall in Oberlin.

Special teaching guest at the Rexford Community Church at 8 p.m. June 26-28 will be Obe Hokanson, assistant professor of Bible and theology at the College of Biblical Studies in Houston. He will teach about Israel, Jerusalem and the temples from a historical and Biblical view. Mr. Hokanson has held family camps at Maranatha Bible camp near North Platte, Neb., for several years. Come and join the group to find out why Israel is so important to the world today.

Gary and Mary Withers had a short visit last week from their daughter, Kristi and David Gray, and Derek, of Wichita.

Jerry Beltz of Omaha will hold evangelistic services at 7:30 p.m. at the Rexford church from July 14-17. He is a black-light artist and gives a beautiful down-to-earth message during the painting of a different original picture each night. He is originally from Arnold, Neb., the same place where Pastor Purcell was reared.

Ben and Kelsey (Spreser) Rhodes are home for the summer from Frontier College of the Bible in LaGrange, Wyo. While in Rexford, they have started a summer youth program for young people in grades 6-12 beginning a 7:30 p.m. each Thursday evening. During that time there is an adult prayer meeting at the church.

Evelyn and Mike Johnson and Juan Lopez, representing the Wesleyan Church in Colby, went to Lampe, Mo., recently. They volunteered a week of their time at a boys ranch, Lives Under Construction. The ranch is home for 19 boys between the ages of 9 and 18. Directors are Ken and Shela Ortman.

Among full-time workers at the ranch are John and Nancy Lueke, former Rexford residents and friends of Evelyn and Mike.

Social Hour Club was held last week at the Barn with Vesta Roth as hostess. Others present were Cleda Moeder, Deb Stepper, Deborah Gamboa, Hulda Wark, Grace Cheney, Fran Leach, Ruth Luna, Jean Hawkins and Sondra Barnett. Aunysa Jackson was a guest. Bingo winners were Grace, Fran, Ruth, and Jean. The hostess prize went to Sondra.

Two grandsons of Ruth Luna, Lorenzo and Mateo Luna of Fort Collins, Colo., have been visiting her.

Former Rexford resident Ruth Morton of Goodland and her daughter, Marilyn and husband from Mississippi, visited Deb Stepper.

Buck Harper and Cleda Moeder went to Trenton Lake last weekend. The wind was too severe to be able to get out on the lake, but several enjoyed a fish fry. Bob and Sally Seitz, Arvada Colo., had breakfast with them then came to Rexford to visit Sally's brother, Lawrence Horinek.

To help their mother, Vesta Roth, celebrate her birthday, Dan and Janice Roth, Abilene; Rick and Jason Roth, Stockton; and Eric Roth, Smith Center, spent Sunday with her and all went out for dinner. Then on the actual day (Wednesday), Rick and Jason came back, so she really celebrated this one up right!

Ralph Prater, Logan, came to visit Deb Stepper concerning a building her grandfather had built in Logan in 1905. The building was a mercantile business for many years, a joint effort of her father and grandfather. Then when Deb was young, her father had a grocery store and theater there. Some time ago the building was refurbished and soon it will become the Logan Museum.

At the Lions Club meeting last week, Michele Goscha, a recent graduate of Colby Community College and a 2003 graduate of Golden Plains, reported on her trip to China where she spent 16 days this summer. Michele went on the trip with a group called International Scholars Laureate Delegation on Medicine.

Each year the delegation takes a group of university students from the field of medicine to do a health care analysis of a different country. Last year Michele went to Africa. This year the emphasis was to compare traditional Chinese medicine to Western medicine. They visited hospitals, orphanages and medical universities, and enjoyed sight-seeing.

Michele will be starting classes at the Cleveland Chiropractic College in January. She is the daughter of Gloria and Terry Goscha of Selden.

There were 17 women at Koffee Klatch this week. This is the largest group we've ever had. Those present were Evelyn Proffitt, Eunice Sanford, Grace Cheney, Berneda Zoberst, Deb Stepper, Fran Leach, Vesta Roth, Jean Hawkins, Freda Ketchum, Doris Jean Oliver, Liz Rall, Delores Dible, Cleda Moeder, Sondra Barnett, Deborah Gamboa, Aunysa Jackson, and Hulda Wark.

Visitors of Fran Leach and Bob and Melody Leach last week were Ray and Mary Schrag, Inman, who were en route to South Dakota. The Schrags were missionaries in India for 40 years.

Donald and Colleen Rall went to Denver for the funeral of Louis Rico.

Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper went to Albert recently for the funeral of Dolores Dirks, mother-in-law of her son Robert Moeder, at a country Lutheran Church.

Sondra Barnett took a day trip to Great Bend to work with the new treasurer for Kansas West Area Aglow.

Hulda Wark had a visit from her daughter, Tamera and Ken Searls of Quinter, on Sunday afternoon. They also visited Vicki Allison and Sondra Barnett.

Don't forget to make plans to attend the Fourth of July celebration in Rexford. It will begin with a covered dish dinner at the park, providing the weather cooperates. More information will be forthcoming.

Makin' It Happen: Hats off to Gary Hibbs. It may sound a little strange, but I love the smell of the school in the summer! The building is getting a thorough cleaning, complete with paint, wax and other smells. Thanks, Gary, for doing a great job and being responsible for our school building in Rexford.

