

Family

Club News

GEM 4-H CLUB

The monthly meeting of the Gem 4-H Club was Aug. 2 at the Thomas County Fair Grounds in Colby. Roll call was, "Do you like not having a carnival?" Sixteen members answered roll call.

The club tour consisted of members and parents touring Gem 4-H member fair exhibits. There was no official business conducted. After touring member exhibits; the members along with their parents went to Pizza Hut for supper.

Next meeting will be Sept. 10.

ROTARY

President Brian Staats called the Aug. 21 meeting to order and after business, Introduced program chair Glen Kersenbrock, who delivered his own program. As a Thomas County Commissioner Glen became interested in economic development activities and is a member of the Thomas County Economic Development Alliance. The cost/benefit potential of incentive packages was illustrated by reviewing the numerous incentives Ellis County had offered Sykes Enterprises, and the economic activity their new business had generated for the Hays area. Glenn used this example to illustrate 'how business is done' in economic development these days.

When Thomas County and the City of Colby established their Economic Development Alliance, one of the first needs was additional residential housing. Thus, the Amber Waves project was an early activity, and more recently the Fairview Estates project has not

only provided a unique opportunity for older citizens but helped the housing situation for newcomers. The alliance has investigated and supported a variety of enterprises in the ensuing years. 21st Century Alliance, Sheleborne, Internet Kansas, US Premium Beef and McCarty dairy are familiar, but other projects such as strawboard manufacturing have not met with as much success.

One principle the county alliance has adhered to is to support all businesses in the county, not just startups. When aiding a new business they endeavor to avoid it becoming a direct competitor to an established county enterprise. This program has been associated with WKREDA, an economic development association for the western half of the state.

A current promotion is US\$83 as the North American Trade Corridor. This is an example of a long term project with great potential and relatively low involvement cost, but limited chances of total success.

Future prospects Include more dairy activity. Thomas County is bucking the area trend of contraction. Last year our county valuation increased over \$3 million. Thomas County with the City of Colby receives about \$100,000 a year in funds to operate, and currently businesses helped by the alliance pay \$200,000 in taxes.

Along with the increased patronage of other area businesses brought about by these new industries and their employees, it makes the efforts of Thomas County Economics Development Alliance look quite worthwhile.

Senior citizens warned to beware of sweepstakes scam

Here I go on my soapbox again, but the sweepstakes scam still bothers me. We got a notice in the mail, the other day, in one of those envelopes you have to rip here and rip there to open. Sometimes we get important mail that way. Anyway, on the inside, it says in large print, Call 1-800- etc. etc., regarding a \$1,000,000 sweepstakes. We have been trying to reach you. "This is on one side, and on the other, in very fine print, it mentions that "no purchase is necessary" and we have been approved "to receive magazines or credit."

I'm sorry, but things like this made me wonder how many of us 'senior citizens' think that we might have won something and when we make the call, we are sweet-talked into buying something that is not a bargain. Supposedly, the government has clamped down on



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these mailings, but this one seems deceptive, so I'm sure there are others. Okay, I'll let this go, but just wanted you to know that there are still rip-offs around.

Jan (Tygart) Davis keeps us updated on Mickey's condition. She is not always responsive, but has eaten and drank a little.

We have several folks on our prayer list this week. Nettie Mills, Violet Bowman, Kay Norton, Marge Westover, and Winfred Inloes, hus-

band of Margaret Lee Lewis.

The latest report on Marge comes straight from her. She had a pacemaker inserted on Tuesday, and she called today and said she would probably be home this weekend. We hope she'll soon be back to her old self.

Sydney Weirich of Lakin made an appearance at the Brewster Senior Center on Wednesday just before the potluck dinner. She brought her 'grandma,' Gloria Ribordy, with her. She has been visiting Grandma and Grandpa, Gloria and Ron Ribordy, for the past week, as well as great-grand and grandpa, Mary Ruth and Marvin Garrett. Her great-uncle and aunt, Mike, Dawn and Avery and Whitney Schultz, also helped entertain Sydney.

Lionel and Carol Gray have been

visiting their son and family, Jeff and Tanya Gray, Bryan and Jed, as well as friends, for a few days this week. They live in New Bloomington, Mo., now, but it seems quite natural to have them here in Brewster. I know Jed and Bryan enjoy having tow sets of grandmas and grandpas on hand. That is a special treat.

Inace Parker had a surprise visit from her niece and husband, Sharon and Dr. John Kaiser from Wichita. They were returning from a vacation in Colorado and stopped by the Senior Center on their way home, to see her.

School has been going on for more than a week, so everyone is probably used to the schedule. The first football game is just a day or so away, so we'll really get in the routine after that.

Sheridan County Library to host tour of water gardens

The Sheridan County Public Library will be hosting a water garden tour on Sunday, Sept. 9, from 1-4:30 p.m. in and around Hoxie. There are 16 water gardens awaiting your enjoyment, according to Cindy Eller, director. Proceeds will be used for some computer upgrades which will enhance Internet accessibility for patrons at the library. Tickets with a descriptive brochure and map are on sale at the Sheridan County Public Library, 801 Royal Avenue, or you can telephone to reserve your tickets at 785-675-3102.

The Golden Buckle Square Dance Club will host a square dance Sat. Sept. 8, 8-10:30 p.m. at the Colby Community Building. Bob Gentry of Tribune will be the caller. Visitors are welcome.

The Kansas World Organization of China Painters state show and convention will be Oct. 4-6 at the Best Western Holiday Manor Motel in

Happenings

McPherson. Suzie Thompson Zimbelman, guest artist from Missouri, will teach a paint-in, as will Daisy Muff of Kansas City. Karla Humphrey Pendleton, Texas; and Maryann Clarin, South Dakota, will demonstrate painting techniques. The event is open to the public and no admission fee will be charged. For information contact Lenore Postier, Box 305, Inman, 67546 lenorepostier@ourtownusa.net

The 2002 Governor's Conference on Aging Services, *Health, Home and*

Markets

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

Wheat	\$2.64
Corn	\$2.05
Milo	\$3.20

Community Calendar

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Brown bag Al Anon (non-smoking), 775 E. College Drive, noon
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Golden Buckle Square Dance Club, Community Building, 8-10:30 p.m.
Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

Kountry Kitchen

Fish is being touted as the "healthfood" of choice, so ... fish will be featured for the month of September.

Potato-Crusted Snapper

- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3/4 cup instant potato flakes, (not granules.)
- 4 (6 oz.) red snapper fillets
- 1 tablespoon margarine
- 4 lemon wedges



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• Correspondent

Combine first four ingredients in a shallow dish. Place potato flakes in another shallow dish. Dip fillets in buttermilk mixture; dredge in potato flakes. Melt margarine in a large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Add fish; cook 3 minutes on each side or until golden and fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.
Serve with lemon wedges.

Happiness, will be May 1-2, at Capitol Plaza Hotel, Maner Conference Center, Topeka. For more information call 800-432-3535.

Our grandparents swore by the *Farmers Almanac* to know when to plant, harvest, and other tips. The *Farmers Almanac Frugal Edition* offers suggestions and tips to get the most for your money all year long. For a free copy, please send a long (#10) business-sized self-addressed stamped envelope with two tamps on it to: *Farmers' Almanac*, Box 629, Burgin, Ky. 40310.

The In Home Rx Program makes available breathing medications and nebulizers to patients who may have

asthma, emphysema or COPD at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify. If you are an oxygen user at home or have severe problems with breath, please call 1-800-344-5764 for more information to see if you qualify. Or check the website at 222.inhomrxx.com for more information.

Hospital

CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER
Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2001

Admissions

Lisa Bomba, Colby
Raymond Luker, Levant

Dismissals

Karla Bruggeman, Rexford
Hulda Goossen, Colby

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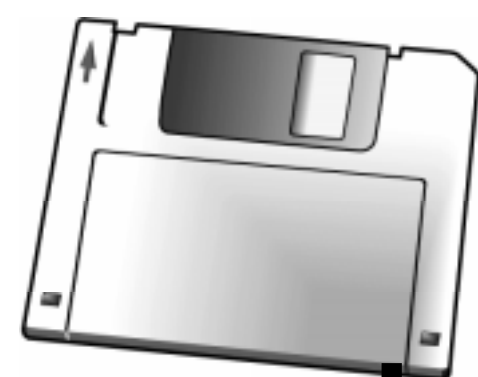
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