

## Death

### Dale D. Harkins

Dale D. Harkins, 77, well known Colby banker and resident, died Sunday, March 31, 2002, at Citizens Medical Center, Colby, following a prolonged illness.



Dale Harkins

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are by Harrison Chapel.

Mr. Harkins is survived by his wife, Jan, and daughter Sara Oliver of Lawrence; and one granddaughter. His daughter, Phoebe, preceded him in death.

Mr. Harkins was born and grew up in St. Francis. He attended local schools there and was a graduate of Kansas State University where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. As a veteran of the Naval Air Corps during World War II, he was a member of the American Legion and VFW.

Mr. Harkins was a prominent figure in western Kansas, Nebraska, and eastern Colorado when he was associated as a mortgage loan representative for Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., prior to acquiring the Thomas County National Bank from the late W.D. Ferguson. He also had a majority interest in the Citizens State Bank of St. Francis as well as ranching and farming interests in Cheyenne and Rawlins Counties.

Upon retirement from the bank in 1992, he remained chairman and presi-

dent of the Thomas County Insurance Company before retiring as president in 1997. In addition he was a partner in the Dunne Gardner Oil Company of Wichita.

At one time, he owned the Colby Free Press and Prairie Drummer.

Among his memberships were the Lions Club, Isis Shrine of Salina, Colby Country Club, the Goodland Elks Club, the American Bankers Association, the Kansas Bankers Association where he served on several of its committees, the Kansas Service League, a member of the board of the Thomas County Hospital, the Colby Chamber of Commerce and the Colby Economic Development Board.

Since coming to Colby in 1963 he not only believed in the Thomas County National Bank motto of "Community Builders," he professionally and personally actively supported community projects and activities, many of which were done anonymously.

He interests included flying, skiing and as a cattleman he was an accomplished horseman.

Pallbearers will be John Cranston, Ross Cranston, Don Cranston, Steve Molstad, John Dougherty and Tim Harkins.

Honorary pallbearers will be Travis Oliver, Ron Evans, Max Embree, Roger Langenheim, John Golden, Jim McLaughlin, John Sears, Bill Sroufe, John Elmore, Donnie Hughes, Dave Jennings, Larry McCants and Joe Henderson.

Memorials may be made to Citizens Medical Center Foundation, the American Diabetes Association or at a charity of your choice, and may be left at any Colby bank or Harrison Chapel.

## Historical Society plans dinner Happenings

Jim Hoy, folklore and literature teacher at Emporia State University will speak on *Home on the Range: Kansas Folklore* at the Thomas County Historical Society annual meeting. The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 12, in the Student Union. Make reservations by Friday, April 5. Reservations are 9:75 each and should be sent to the Thomas County Historical Society, 1905 S. Franklin, Colby.

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Michael Bradshaw, K-State Research and Extension Health Specialist, will present *Health Benefits of Exercise* at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday,

## Club News

### Brewster Prairie Gem

Sixteen members of the Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club were actively involved at the Thomas County 4-H Day at the Sacred Heart School in Colby on March 22. The members were successful as their goals were to become more comfortable with public performances.

The presentations included a piano solo, a vocal duet, two vocal solos, two readings, a project talk, and nine illustrated talks or demonstrations. Members represented all age levels beginning with juniors who are 7 to 9 years old. The intermediate level involved members between 10 and 13 years of age. The senior division was youth 14 years and older.

The 16 club members received three red ribbons, five blue ribbons, five alternate regional blue ribbons, and three regional blue ribbons for their efforts. Andrie Baird and Avery Schultz were the local members who were awarded regional blue status.

Andrie and Avery will be participating at the Regional 4-H Day at the Brewster School on April 5. Andrie will present a demonstration in the senior division. Avery, an intermediate level participant, will have a reading and a vocal solo.

The members of the Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club worked together to present a model meeting for County Day. Their efforts were rewarded with a blue ribbon. Most of the members of this club are junior or intermediate level in age. They are learning better parliamentary procedure each year. The members hope to improve on their rating at the model meeting next year. To continue perfecting their presen-

tation skills, some of the club members participated as the program for the Brewster Lions Club on March 27. For the evening entertainment, Audrey and Kasey Hoyt sang a Mark Wells tune called *Don't Laugh at Me* for their vocal duet. Melissa Baird presented her illustrated talk about horticulture that she had titled *Sprouting an Interest in Seeds. My ABCs of Calving* was the attention-getting title of a demonstration about beef breeding and was given by Andrie Baird.

## Pioneer Day set in Rexford

By LULA THIELER

*Rexford correspondent*

The annual Pioneer Day will be May 5 in the Rexford Community Building. This year's feature will be one-room school houses. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this potluck celebration.

The recycling trailer is now in Rexford all the time. It is parked jut north of the city building and all are urged to use it. Brewster has their own trailer.

Kelsey Spresser had surgery in Denver on Thursday this week.

The next Legion pinochle tournament will be April 13 at 7 p.m.

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## Community Calendar

### THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Preschool Storytime, Pioneer Memorial Library, 10:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

Kiwanis, Student Union, noon

First grade program, grade school auditorium, 1:15 and 7 p.m.

NW Kansas Corn Growers, Ramada, 7 p.m.; registration 6:30 p.m.

Family History Center, 1145 S. Franklin, 7-9 p.m.

Priscilla Club, Joan Adrian, 7:30 p.m.

Boy Scout Roundtable, Brewster High School, 7:30 p.m.

Tumbleweed Chorus, United Methodist Church, 8 p.m.

LAPM, 8 p.m.

Step-parenting discussion group, 8:30 p.m.; call Deb at 462-3870 or Randy at 462-7168.

Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous, City Hall basement, 8:30 p.m. (non-smoking)

# Easter Egg hunt turns out well; eggs all found

Both of the local Easter Egg hunts turned out good, yesterday. I don't know if all the 1000+ eggs that the 4-H Club hid, were found, but all 45 that Joyce and I hid, at the Senior Center, were found. There was one that remained hidden, for quite awhile, but when it was determined that it held one of the 'gold' dollars, it didn't take long to get discovered. (Just like every other year, it takes longer to hide them than it takes for them to get found.

There's been a few folks ailing, and we wish them a speedy recovery. Cornelia Baird spent some time in Denver, and also, in the Colby hospital, and we hope she is feeling much better now. Curt Bear also had a round

## Correction

In the Soil Conservation Edition of the Supplement to the *Colby Free Press* on Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, it was erroneously reported that Richard and Gwen Jones had inherited the farm from his parents. Jones reports it was not inherited, he paid for it. Mrs. Jones reports he did custom cutting for about 10 years, not five years, and that she does the mowing in her yard, as well as caring for the flowers. The *Free Press* regrets the error.

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Sally Michael

• Brewster Correspondent

of flu that put him in the hospital, and we hope that has all been cleared up. Nelda Foust also had a few days of hospital food, and when we visited her, she said it didn't taste too bad. Now that she is home, we hope things taste even better.

When we left the Senior Center, yesterday afternoon, it looked pretty well ransacked. The carpet layers will not have too much to move out of the front area, on Monday, but when it gets time to do the office, I'm afraid that might be a real challenge. Without the help of Barb Springsteen, Katherine and Nancy Mills (our helpers from Prairie Gem 4-H Club) Roberta and George Luckert, and earlier in the week, Joyce Crabtree, it would have been impossible to get things cleared out. So, a big "Thank You" to all of the above. And

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next week, we will be moving the furniture and things back in, so if you want to lend a hand, it won't be turned down. Just having a few folks makes such a difference, it's hard to get motivated when there is only one.)

Another interesting fact, from Betty's research. Last week, the annual Lion's Club Basketball game, was held for the grades 1-5. Do you know how long this has been a tradition, for Brewster? Would you believe 45 years of these little guys and gals, running down the court, heaving that ball with all their might, and making a basket (or not) to the delight of all the onlookers!? In the beginning, the boys were the players, and the girls were cheerleaders, and Betty has special memories of her daughter, Gloria, and Colleen Brooks Rail, and they were as excited about cheering and the boys were about playing. The proceeds from these games have helped past Brewster band members have the experience of join-

ing band members from all over Kansas, at the Kansas State Lions Club Band Camp. I have to share a memory from one of our kids in the games. Our youngest, Barry, was out playing, probably 2nd or 3rd grade, and I wondered where he got the wrist bands, but figured he'd borrowed them or something. Next cold day, when I went to put on my new crew socks, the tops were no longer attached, and the mystery was solved. One of those times when it was hard to be mad, and laugh at the same time.

## Hospital

### CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER

**Monday, April 1, 2002**

### Admissions

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