

Death

Ila N. Saddler

Ila N. Saddler, 92, died Wednesday, June 18, 2003 at Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby. She was born Feb. 6, 1911 in Hill City. Arrangements are pending with Harrison Chapel in Colby.

College gets high marks for adult ed

The Adult Education Program at Colby Community College is one of the best in Kansas, said Joe Mildrexler, dean of community services.

Following a site visit by state evaluators, the college was notified that Colby College tied for first place when compared to the 32 adult education programs in Kansas.

“A good rating is very important in terms of funding and expansion of our program,” said Joe Mildrexler, dean of community services.

The program is evaluated each year to review the Kansas indicators of a quality program.

Monitoring contractors review each measure of the indicators in great detail.

The college’s adult education staff members were required to provide evidence that the Colby program has met the standard for each measure of the nine indicators.

“Increased funding will allow the college to expand existing programs and implement innovative ideas,” Mildrexler said.

“The college is considering a fast-track GED program and expansion of our successful Employability Seminars to outreach sites.”

All adult education classes at the college are non-credit and free of charge.

For information, call the adult education office at (785) 462-3984.

Other questions about Colby College can be directed to Debbie Schwanke, public information officer or to instructors of specific programs.

Wheat harvest moves slowly

MAYFIELD (AP) — Mayfield farmer Randall Andra waited patiently at the elevator here for his turn to unload a tractor-trailer load of wheat as the harvest picked up speed earlier this week throughout south-central Kansas.

“Couldn’t be happier. Wonderful weather,” Andra said. “I don’t even mind waiting in line.”

Andra and his wife, Carol, started cutting their 900 acres of wheat with one combine last Thursday and expect to be finished within a week. His last load at the elevator had test weights of 62 pounds a bushel and he figured he is getting yields around 60 bushels an acre.

“I’ve got an excellent crop this year — it’s probably twice the crop I had last year,” he said.

While Andra still managed to get an average crop last year, many farmers in this area were not as lucky. A hail storm downed a lot of

Senior Progress Center offers activities, meals

Senior News

The Senior Progress Center of Thomas County at 165 Fike Park has many activities for the week of June 23-27. They include: Monday — Jewelry Day; Tuesday — Exercise at 9:30 a.m., book report by JoAnne at 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday — Line dancing will be at 10 a.m. and music at 11:30 a.m.; Thursday — no exercise, volunteer party at 11

a.m.; and Friday — Jean Day.

Everyone over 60 is welcome to eat lunch at the center. Donna Schielke, director of the center, says no special invitation is needed to join in the lunch-time fellowship

and all are welcome.

She did remind everyone that a reservation is needed by noon the previous day.

The menu for the next week includes: Monday — meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, Italian vegetables, bread and peach cups; Tuesday — Oven fried chicken, potato salad, cantaloupe, bread and blueberry

cobbler; Wednesday — Chef salad, 1/2 banana, bread sticks and gingerbread; Thursday — hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrifruit salad, bread and applesauce gelatin; Friday — Mexican lasagna, peas, cottage cheese salad, garlic bread and strawberry shortcake.

Meal reservations need to be made before noon, 24 hours in advance at 462-2901. Cancellations should be called in as soon as possible.

Menus are subject to change. For other questions about activities or center functions, call Donna Schielke, director, 462-2901.

Huelsman family holds reunion

The ninth Huelsmann family reunion was held May 25 at High Plains Camping at Oakley. It was hosted by Luetta Robben and family of Dodge City.

Over 135 members of the Heuls-mann family gathered for socializing and getting acquainted with new members.

Sunday morning began with a

special Mass at Angelus to honor the living and deceased members of the family.

The noon and evening meals were catered in by Elly’s Catering.

Our first entertainment was a talent show, which consisted of singing, telling jokes, juggling and tricks.

The rest of the day and evening

was spent playing bingo, cards, golfing, miniature golf, horseshoes and visiting.

The children enjoyed the swings and merry-go-round.

The next reunion will be held Memorial weekend, 2006.

It will be hosted by Bernie and Bonnie Huelsmann and family, according to family plans.

Tri-State Antique Show scheduled

The Tri-State Antique Engine and Threshers Association will host its 50th annual show July 31 through Aug. 3 in Bird City. The even will feature a daily parade of antique tractors at 1:15 p.m., exhibits, a tractor pull, quilt show, car museum, steam engines and many

other activities.

The first show was held in 1953 at the Roy Kite farm outside Bird City.

The event has grown from a small show with only a tent venue to an entire exhibition area featuring 45.7 acres complete with 14 buildings.

More than 200 tractors will be on display this year along with antique cars and steam engines. The steamers will be available to give rides.

For information, call 734-2785 or by the Web at <http://www.networkspuls.net/threshershow>.

Kansas officials continue monkeypox case

TOPEKA (AP) — State health officials said this week a young northeast Kansas woman likely has the state’s first case of monkeypox among humans or animals.

If confirmed, it would be the among the first cases of monkeypox outside of Wisconsin, Indiana and Illinois. Seven residents of Wisconsin have contracted the disease, as have four each in Indiana and Illinois.

Dr. Gianfranco Pezzino, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment’s state epidemiologist, said the Kansas woman was bitten by a prairie dog around June 1 while visiting a northwest Missouri man. Pezzino said health officials in that state believe the 38-

year-old man has Missouri’s first case of the disease.

The prairie dog at the Missouri home is still alive and not showing any signs of monkeypox, although a second prairie dog in the same household died.

The Kansas woman, who was not identified by age or hometown, became ill June 10 and was hospitalized Sunday. Pezzino said the woman was in fair condition at Saint John Hospital in Leavenworth and was not expected to remain hospitalized much longer.

Hospitals statewide were told to contact the KDHE if they detected any cases of monkeypox.

“It appears to be a very mild case,” said Pezzino, adding three family members who had contact with the woman have been offered

the smallpox vaccine as a precaution. Missouri officials have not yet received confirmation their case is indeed monkeypox, which was first reported late last week.

The man purchased his animals in Illinois, according to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

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FRIDAY, June 20

Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in, 485 N. Franklin, 5-8 p.m.
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, June 21

Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in, 485 N. Franklin, 5-8 p.m.
Bingo, Jaycees Center, 7 p.m.
Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, June 22

Sunday Morning Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 9:30 a.m.
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in, 485 N. Franklin, 2-8 p.m.
Higher Ground, High School Youth Group, Berean Church, 6 p.m.
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

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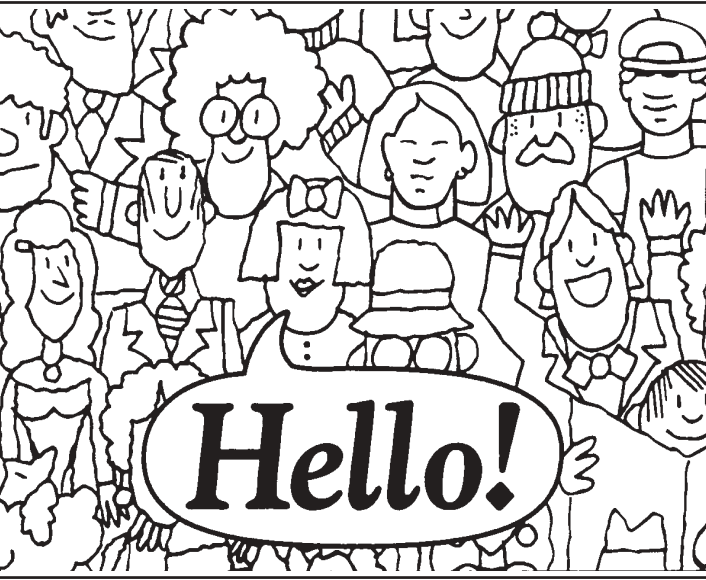
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