

# Family

## Death

### Sharon Smith

Sharon Smith, 51, of Norton, died Tuesday, May 11, 2004 at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. She was born March 18, 1953 in Los Animas, Colo., to Sylvester Lee and Louise (Nauer) Kincaid. She attended schools in the Densmore and Logan communities and in August of 1969, she and Bob Smith were married in Phillipsburg. In 1970.

Mrs. Smith was a member of the Heritage Quilt Club, Stitch Club, Norton Saddle Club, and was active in 4-H and FFA with her children. She was also a past member of the Kansas Foundation Quarter Horse Association.

Survivors include her mother and step-father, Louise and Clair Swank, Colby; her husband, Bob at home in Norton; three children, Travis of Norton; Troylin Frye, Paradise; and Tresadi, Stamford, Neb.; two brothers, Tom Kincaid, Sparta, Tenn.; and Charlie Kincaid, Norton; one sister, Leah of Martell, Neb.; six grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father and one brother, Darren Kincaid. Funeral services were held Friday, May 14, at the First United Methodist Church in Norton with interment at the Norton Cemetery.

The Sharon Smith Memorial Fund has been established and donations may be sent in care of: Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan., which was also in charge of arrangements.

### Scott Dean "Giggles" Armstrong

Scott Dean Armstrong, 41, of Fayetteville, N.C., died Jan. 14, 2004.

A memorial service is planned Saturday at 10 a.m. at Koons Chapel in Goodland.

# Residents attend Senior Center to hear barn band

Pete Morrison took Eileen Dible, Mary B. Grady and me to the Senior Center last Tuesday to hear the Red Barn Band from Rexford play.

They are a lively bunch and their half-hour program on those unusual instruments, the puppets performing and some action songs make a great program!

There was a good-sized crowd there.



### Lula Thieler

• Rexford Correspondent

We all enjoyed it very much. The Brewster Bridge Club met here on Wednesday afternoon for some good games and a chance to

visit with the Crumbakers who are members of the club.

Elizabeth Benjamin of McCook came Wednesday and taught several ladies to make cute little flower posies.

The flowers are used for the table decorations this month.

Guests of Bessie Calliham one day last week were Kathy, Christian, Chelsie and Suzie Calliham. They took their grandmother Bessie out for lunch.

The two Richards (husbands of

Kathy and Suzie) were trying to catch up with the field work.

On Wednesday afternoon Marge Leh of Rexford took Eileen Dible and me to Rexford to attend the Social Hour Club.

Cleda Moeder was the hostess with 11 members present for an afternoon of bingo, visiting and enjoying the delicious refreshments Cleda served.

Guests of Pete Morrison for dinner last Thursday were his nephew Bill and Nancy Nickel and their

daughter Renee from Denver.

Dean Smith and Ned Smith of Bird City visited their sister and aunt Ardis Boersma on Saturday.

Another special dinner was served on Sunday in honor Mother's Day.

The tables looked beautiful with pink tablecloths and the pansy posies the ladies made on Wednesday. It was a nice day for visiting with family and friends.

## Colby Visitor's Center holds grand opening

By LEILANI THOMAS

On the Road Again

It is an extremely busy time for the convention and Visitors Bureau and Convention and Tourism Committee. New to the committee is Julie Saddler who has been appointed to a four-year term. Also new to our family is Ralph Fischer who has been hired as the staff person for the Colby Visitors Center. His first official duty is to begin to move brochures and resource materials to the Center.

Grand Opening for the Center was Tuesday, May 11.

This was held during Tourism Week which was last week.

We felt it was very appropriate to open at this time. The purpose of Tourism Week is to increase awareness of the importance of the visitor and traveler as a positive tool for our local and national economies. Scott Allegrucci, director of Travel and Tour's Division for the state of Kansas, described the center as "the model that all Kansas Centers should look like."

He was very impressed but our true challenge is to make our future visitors feel welcome and want to see and experience more of our community.

Scott, Lisa Weigt who is the international travel expert and Julie Crotinger, director of the Goodland Travel Information Center were in Colby and not only visited the visitor's center but the Prairie Museum of Art and History as well.

We attended the Sampler Festival in Newton at the beginning of May. This festival is held yearly for Kansas to become more aware of the attractions and events that are right in our own backyard. We have had the opportunity to be at two conferences and a board meeting with Scott and can tell you there is a very exciting contest for Kansans traveling in Kansas to enter. You will be hearing much more about this. We can also tell you that Agri-tourism is very high on the priority list.

The 2003-2004 Leadership Tho-

See "TOURISM," page 5

## Community Calendar

### TUESDAY, May 18

Colby Grade School, 2nd grade program, Fike Park  
Spring Band and Jazz Concert, 7:30 p.m., Colby High School auditorium

Rebekahs, Betty Carney, 10 a.m. (2nd & 4th Tuesday)  
Rotary, Student Union, noon  
Alcoholics Anonymous, city hall basement, noon (non-smoking)  
Ladies cards and social, Country Club, 5:30 p.m.  
Weight Watchers, United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.  
Domestic Violence Support Group, 7 p.m. Call 462-2860  
Sweet Adelines International, United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.  
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, May 19

Colby 3rd Grade students go to McCarty Dairy, Rexford  
Genesis Thomas County pickup, 350 S. Range, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.  
TeleFriend Information meeting, 5:30 p.m. (call 462-6996)  
Caregiver Support Group, Colby College Student Union, 7 to 9 p.m. (1st Wednesday of each month) - Jennifer Anderson, coordinator, (800) 432-7422.  
Gem Lions, Gem Community Building, 7 p.m. (2nd & 4th Wednesdays)  
Solid Rock Junior High Youth Group, Armory, 7-8:30 p.m.  
Pinochle, American Legion, 7:30 p.m.  
Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous & Al Anon (non-smoking), 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

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