

Family

Death

Royal Raymond Chessmore

Royal Raymond Chessmore, 87, of Atwood, died Monday, Feb. 14, 2005 at Hays Medical Center. He was a lifetime resident of the area. Services were this morning at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atwood with Father Damian Richards as celebrant. Interment was at Atwood Fairview Cemetery. A parish vigil and rosary were held on Thursday at Williams Funeral Home in Atwood. Mr. Chessmore is survived by his

wife, Hilda of Atwood; four sons, Raymond Chessmore, Steve Chessmore, Corky Chessmore and Stan Chessmore of Atwood; three daughters, Marlena Vrbas of Colby, Becky Peck of Atwood and Stephanie Pelkey of Atwood; one step-son, Robert Brown of Indiana; two sisters, Mary Eileen Laur of Kansas City, Mo. and Katherine Elaine Keplinger of Denver, Colo.; 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Shakespeare Club meets

Colby Shakespeare Club met at the home of Phyllis Elliott on Friday, Feb. 11. The meeting was called to order by President Joyce Hansen. Lois VanHorn served as secretary in the absence of Delores Ary. The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated followed by the Club Collect. Roll call was answered by naming a favorite kind of sale. A guest, Janice McCart, was introduced. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer reported a balance of \$422.56.

In old business, possible service projects were discussed. This would replace the highway cleanup project that was recently discontinued. Kathy Calliham suggested checking with Pioneer Memorial Library about helping with a reading project. She will contact Judy Kleinsorge to see what the options are. Another suggestion was to work with Kids Port.

The nominating committee of Kathy Calliham, Lois VanHorn and Clara Barrett will report at the next

meeting, Feb. 25.

The president thanked Phyllis Elliott for being hostess and co-hostess. The next meeting will be at the Little House of Jeanne Thyfault on Friday, Feb. 25. Jeanne will be the co-hostess and will have the program "Getting Ready for Women's History Month." Roll will be answered by telling of a favorite historical time.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeanne Thyfault. It was seconded and carried.

The Vice-President, Jeanne Thyfault, introduced the program. Lisa Herbel talked about using the Internet for shopping, especially eBay. she described the procedure for using eBay. Precautions are taken by eBay to make sure the buyer and the seller are secure. Lisa handed out some Internet pages and gave the examples of eBay offerings. A discussion followed with experiences shared.

Following the program the hostess served dessert.

Philmont Scout Ranch trek in New Mexico planned

The Coronado Area Council is sponsoring a contingent to Philmont Scout Ranch located near Cimarron, N.M. Approximate dates are July 16-29 and include 12 days at Philmont Scout Ranch. The contingent will consist of three crews of 12 members, 36 total participants. Each crew will have three to four leaders (at least 21 years of age). All leaders and youth participants must be registered in a Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Team or Venture Crew. The minimum youth age is 14 by Jan. 1, 2006 (or completed the eighth grade and be at least 13 years of age by July 15, 2006) and the maximum youth age is not yet 21 years of age by July 29, 2006.

Philmont Scout Ranch is large, comprising 137,493 acres or about 215 square miles of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de

Cristo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rockies. The elevation ranges from 6,500 to 12,441 feet. Philmont has many hiking trails with specific programs to choose from.

Each crew will select a trail itinerary. Leaders chosen to be contingent leaders will be asked to serve on the contingent trek committee to decide transportation, trek training and more.

The estimated cost is approximately \$900 for this 13-day experience.

This fee covers transportation, pre-trek training, insurance, mailings, food down and back and more. Any remaining funds are refunded to participants. The initial registration fee is \$50.

For information, contact the Scout Service Center at (785) 827-4461 or at 1-866-950-7750.

Brewster basketball teams doing well

The main topic of conversation in any group is basketball and to be more specific, the Brewster Bulldog teams. They are having a tremendous year and undoubtedly there will be some tournament play in the next few weeks. It is good to see the teams working together like they are and winning from much larger schools as well as the teams that have been known to give them a hard time in past years.

And we have some future players in the wings as two shooters took first in their age brackets in the "free throw" contests in Goodland a few days ago. Spencer Holm took first place in the boy's 13 and up bracket and Kacie Hoyt took first in the 10-year-old girls bracket. Braeden and Brenna McKee were also entered in the contest and made a good showing.

Another major topic is the flu and other health ailments that are making the rounds. It seems that several are on the receiving end of this unpleasant visitor and there are also some cases of bronchitis, chicken pox, shingles as well as complications from surgeries that are attacking our local people. We need to keep these folks in prayer as well as any others that we might not know



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about right now. We don't need the names of people in need, we can just pray for the health of all our townsfolk as well as any other needs they may have. I was visiting with a friend about how many people have things that are pulling them down, whether it be sickness, loss of a loved one, financial crisis or about anything else we can think of. There is one thing we do know, there isn't anything that someone hasn't experienced and so there are those around that can help if they are asked.

I had a call from a gentleman in Georgia left on my answering machine the other day. His name is Leroy McGinley and he wanted to remind me that Leo Pargman passed away on Nov. 18. That was around the time Roger died and I may have overlooked mentioning it before so I will mention it now and hope that you will all understand. Leo was a classmate of Roger's, or at least in the same age group and I

know he is missed by his family. He was living in Olpe at the time of his passing. He and his wife, Marcia, lived here several years ago and had three children, sons Kim and Kevin and daughter Kellie. Marcia passed away in 1995 and it causes one to think about all the friends and loved ones who have gone on before us. Isn't it nice to have good memories of them?

Kathi Ryan was at in the Senior Center for the blood pressure clinic this month and she wants me to let you know that on March 15 she will be back with a short talk on "Medications." It is to let us know what we need to realize about the medications we are on and how they are to be taken and the side effects or complications of taking them in the wrong way. I think any of us that are on a daily prescription for any ailment should know all we need to about the effects this medicine might be having on our bodies. It will be at 10 a.m. on that morning. I will remind you again of this and I do want you to think about how important something like this could be to you.

I also want to let you know that Pam Bremenkamp will be having an Avon Easter Open House at the

Senior Center on Tuesday, March 1 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Be sure to come in and see the latest in cosmetics, scents and clothing and I am sure there will be some prizes awarded.

Just talked to my sister, Harriet Demaree, in Hays and she and Thurl are supposed to get into their own apartment by March 1. She said they are also battling some health problems but seem to be doing OK. They have resettled although they do miss their friends in Goodland. It is good to be flexible in our lives and not unwilling to make changes. I miss having them close by but know they are being looked after by their kids. That's not all bad, you know.

Won't be long before the lawns are going to be greening and growing. We had a day that was almost 70 degrees and that made spring seem even more inviting. I do hope we get some good rains and maybe even a few wet snows before too long. It seems that we were off to a great start but then all at once we got symptoms of drought again.

That's about all I have on my notes this week so I'll see you next time. Have a great week.

Markets

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

Wheat	\$3.08
Corn	\$1.87
Milo	\$2.93
Soybeans	No bid

Parents and teens can get along

Plain Sense

Being a parent of a teenager is not easy. But then, neither is it easy being a teenager. The influence of peers begins in elementary school and is very powerful by middle school. For most youth, as they mature to age 17 or 18, they become more their own person, and less influenced by others. And by their early 20s have a better understanding of their parents' concerns.

Even though the influence of their friends is strong during adolescence, parents need to stay involved. Research by Child Trends from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth indicates that most teens report that they think highly of their parents, want to be like them and enjoy spending time with them. The result of this research indicates that the majority of U.S. teens report positive relationships with their parents.

The report also indicates that

many adults feel their adolescents are influenced more by their peers than their parents. Due to this belief, there's a risk that parents will step back from being involved in the lives of their teens.

The Child Trends researchers explain that since research shows children develop better when they feel close to their parents, it would be a serious loss to all if parents acted as if they were no longer important once their children enter adolescence.

This research also indicates findings showing the link between quality parent-teen relationships and a wide range of positive outcomes for teens including better academic performance and less likelihood of engaging in destructive behaviors. These results also point to a strong



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