

# Family

## Death

### Vida Toburen

Vida Toburen, 95, of Colby died Monday at Citizens Medical Center, Colby. Mrs. Toburen was born Oct. 6, 1912. Services are pending with Harrison Chapel, 190 S. Franklin Ave., Colby

## Babies

### Coryl Elizabeth Carman

Curtis and Shana Carman announce the birth of their daughter, Coryl Elizabeth Carman, Tuesday, January 29, 2008, at Hays Medical Center. Coryl weighed 4 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 17 1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Carol and Gary Friesen of Scott City and Larry and Tonja Westerman of Kensington and maternal grandmother is Betty McElderry Tuxhorn of Kensington. Paternal grandparents are Steve and Helen Carman of Selden and paternal great-grandmother is Edith Carman of Selden. Oaklynn, 4, welcomed her sister home.

# Rexford Lions to host Easter egg hunt

By Vicki Allison  
Rexford News

An Easter Egg Hunt for pre-school through third grade children is planned at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, at the Rexford City Park. The annual hunt is sponsored by the Rexford Lions Club. The weather for this event has never interfered with the children's excitement for finding eggs. Those celebrating a birthday on St. Patrick's Day include Betty Barnett, Annie Staats, Vicki Allison, Marissa Mosier and Larry Zoberst. The Golden Plains High School National Honor Society sponsored

a Red Cross Blood Drive, Friday. Fifteen pints of blood was given saving 45 lives. I wish everyone a Happy Easter. Red Barn on-going activities: • Monday, 2 p.m., Barnswallows; • Wednesday, 10 a.m., Ladies Bible Study, 8 p.m., Men's Bible Study, led by Pastor Lane Purcell; • Thursday, 2 p.m., Come on Down; • Friday, 9:30 a.m., Koffee Klatch at 9:30am. • Second Saturday each month, 7 p.m., each month. Until next time, make your week memorable.

Golden Plains senior Caitlyn Moss donated blood to the American Red Cross at the Blood Drive held Friday at Golden Plains High School. This is the third year that the Student Council has held a blood drive at the school in Rexford. The blood drive is open to public and student donors throughout the day. The goal is to get 20 pints of blood out of the 26 people who have signed up. Student Council President, Andrew Broeckelman stated, "It's very important to donate blood to help save lives of others. We really appreciate everyone who participated today." If you'd like to donate blood or learn about more donation opportunities, visit [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543).



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# Free Staters to play March 29 in Oberlin

Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission will sponsor the Free Staters at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 29, at the Oberlin Gateway Center. This program replaces the KU Dancers, who cancelled their performance. The Free Staters took their name from the tough and determined men and women who settled in the Kansas Territory beginning in 1854. As the territory became a bloody battleground between those for and opposed to slavery, lines were drawn and sides were formed into "Pro-slavery" and "Free-State" or "Free Soil" factions. In every performance, the Free Staters strive to take their audience back in the nation's history when life was far less complex. It was an era when families spent time together gathered around the piano singing popular songs. Neighbors sat on their front porches tapping their feet and clapping their hands to the sounds of a fiddle, banjo and bones. The Free Staters combine fiddle, early fretless banjo, parlor guitar, and buffalo bones to recreate the music you would have heard coming from an American front porch in the 1940s. The Free Staters, who dress in period clothing, include Betsey Goering who plays the fiddle and began playing the instrument at age 3. Her violin was made at the turn of the 20th century. She was classically trained for 14 years

and has since learned to fiddle and play minstrel tunes because of her love of 19th century music. Also playing is Jonathon Goering who plays the guitar and minstrel five-string banjo and sings. He plays the banjo in the "stroke style", a method crucial in recreating the sound of early to mid 19th century music. His banjo was made by James Hartel of New York, complete with calf-skin head and cat gut strings. He plays a Ventura classical guitar with nylon strings. He and Betsey are married and live in Wichita. They play fast-paced, fun, popular music from 1850s America. Popular music by such composers as Stephen Foster came from this time period. Songs like "Old Dan Tucker" and "O Susanna" were also popular during this era. This is a season ticket event, For ticket costs, call Ella Betts (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218.

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