

Family

Death

Sada Munkres

Sada Munkres, 99, of Colby died Monday, July 21, 2008, in Arrangements are pending with Harrison Chapel, 190 S. Franklin, in Colby.

Rexford area 4-H clubs prepare for county fair

By Vicki Allison
Rexford correspondent

The county 4-H Club members are gathering up their past years projects and making preparations to display some fantastic projects for public viewing during the Thomas County Free Fair beginning next week, July 28 – Aug 2. There are also organizations and businesses preparing person-alized booths informing patrons of new products, their business and new ideas. GPCO (Golden Plains Community Outreach) will have a booth informing the public about the Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. The goal for the GPCO is to make available free books mailed to children age’s infancy to 5 years of age in all of Thomas County. Be sure to visit the booth with your young children and sign up for a book give-away each evening. A Story Time will also be held several times throughout the

evening hours. As a reminder, for those who have dogs within the city of Rex-ford and have not yet purchased a dog tag need to do so prior to Aug. 1 to avoid paying a double fee. The fee is \$3.50 per tag until July 31. There is a drop off box outside the city building for your convenience and a tag will be mailed to you. The city also needs a current rabies certificate for their files. A happy birthday to Desiree Wark who celebrated Sunday. Red Barn on-going activities: Monday, Barnswallows, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m., Ladies Bible Study and 8 p.m., Men’s Bible Study, led by Pastor Lane Purcell; Come on Down, Thursdays, 2 p.m.; and Friday’s Koffee Klatch at 9:30 a.m. Bingo has ended for the summer and will continue in the fall as well as the Pinochle Tournaments. Until next time, make your week memorable.

Markets

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Divorced mother concerned about time with children

Dear Plain Sense: I am recently divorced and my children will be spending part of the summer with their father, in another town. I hear about other families who have a lot of conflict over this. What can I do to make this a good situation for all of us? Your concern is well-founded, as custody and visitation issues are often a primarily source of conflict when parents are divorced, and too often, the children feel caught in the middle. Planning ahead is important. Often the anxiety involved comes from not knowing what is going to happen, so parents need to be sharing summer plans as early as possible. Good communication between all adults involved is vital, and a will-ingness to work together for the sake of their children. Children’s feeling about visita-tions vary depending on their re-lationship with the non-custodial parent, as well as their own per-sonal interests in how they want to spend their time. Younger chil-dren tend to eagerly anticipate the visit, and should be sent off with encouragement and a smile. As children get older, they may resent having to leave their friends dur-ing the summer and other activi-ties such as sports, in which they are involved in their community. It is very important for parents to recognize this change in attitude as their children get older, and to flexible in regards to visitation time. When the young visitor ar-rives, the non-custodial parent and family should allow some time for adjustment to the new

surroundings, household rules and expectations. Parents should also encourage their child to keep reg-ular contact with the other parent through phone calls, letters and emails. Summer visitations don’t have to be a time of dread if parents maintain a working relationship with each other in regards to the child. And children can relax and enjoy their time with both parents when they are included in the com-munication regarding plans, and feel encouraged and accepted. Contributed by Karen Schueler, MS, LCPC, Manager PEO - Pre-vention, Education and Outreach Department of High Plains Men-tal Health Center. The views ex-pressed here are those of the in-dividual writer and should not be considered a replacement for seeking professional help.

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Couple to celebrate

Winston and Marie Peterson of Troy, Ohio, were married Aug. 15, 1948, at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Page City. Their children are David Peter-son and his wife Ingrid of Lenexa, Kathy Swenson and her husband Dan of Manhattan, Kris Polan-sky and her husband Adrian of Topeka, Tim Peterson and his wife Rebekah of Monument, and Julie Peterson and her husband Brad Adams of Troy, Ohio. They have 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Winston farmed in Logan County, Kansas and also worked for the Soil Conservation District. He was a Logan County commis-sioner and on the board of the Kansas Wheat Commission. Marie was active in the local and state National Education As-sociation, serving as a delegate at the National Conventions. Marie served several times as a delegate to the National Democratic Con-



Winston and Marie Peterson
ventions as well. Marie taught in the Oakley and Monument Kansas schools for 35 years. Children and grandchildren are visiting and celebrating in Troy during the weekend of Aug. 1-3. Cards can be sent to: 2430 Corian-der Ct., Troy, Ohio, 45373

Fair game booths need help

The Thomas County Amuse-ment Association is seeking vol-unteers to work the game booths during the fair July 29-August 2. The shifts are from 6:45-9:00 p.m. and 9:00-11:15 p.m. twp people are needed per shift. If anyone would like to volunteer to work,

please call the Chamber office at 785-460-3401. It takes many businesses, organizations, and individual volunteers to keep the home owned carnival and games open. Please call and volunteer to work, we would greatly appreci-ate your help.

Facebook gets facelift

NEW YORK (AP) _ The pop-ular online hangout Facebook is sporting a new look to reflect changes in how its members communicate with each other and how they share photos and updates about their lives. Central to the redesign, to be unveiled Monday, is an expand-ed Wall, the section of a mem-ber’s personal profile page where friends can leave comments and photos. People will now be able to add items more easily, and the Wall will incorporate reports on a user’s activities previously found on a user’s “Mini-Feed.” The development comes as Facebook and rival MySpace from News Corp. vie to become the central hub of online com-munications. Both sites are reor-ganizing their layouts this sum-mer to reduce clutter and make information easier to find. Facebook, trying to avoid the type of privacy backlash that has accompanied major changes in the past, said it has been alerting users of the changes in recent weeks. The site first outlined the facelift in May and plans to let users start testing it this week. A complete switch won’t occur for at least another week or two. The changes stem from the growing comfort people have with sharing details about their personal lives more frequently

and in smaller bursts — such as on the “microblogging” site Twitter. Instead of creating a full photo album or blog entry, Facebook users are apt to share just a single image or update the one-sentence status message on their profile, said Mark Slee, lead product manager at Facebook. On top of that, Facebook profiles are loaded with information gen-erated from games and other ap-plications that Facebook started letting outside developers write last year. The Facebook redesign seeks to make these now-disparate pieces of information easier to find at a central location. Now the site will organize informa-tion into tabs to reduce clutter. And users will get more con-trol over what appears on their feeds, with the ability to add as well as delete individual items. Slee said no information about a user’s online behavior that wasn’t previously public would suddenly become posted to the Wall. That is a sensitive subject at Facebook, which faced pri-vacy criticisms when feeds first began, though now they are a staple of the site. Then last year a tracking tool called “Beacon” caught users off guard by broad-casting information about their shopping habits and activities.

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