



**THE WARK FAMILY** enjoyed an impromptu family reunion (above) after the auction in Rexford for the estate of the late Jack and Hulda Wark. The event included a supper, followed by a family get-together. — Photo by Gwen Griffiths

## Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

It was a busy week in Rexford, with many graduates and their loved ones celebrating. It's exciting to celebrate the accomplishments of each one and encourage them as they look to future endeavors.

The estate of Hulda and Jack Wark was auctioned off on April 28 at the their metal shop off of highway 83. Sondra and many friends ran the concession stand to benefit a mission in Mexico that she, her cousin Cindy Warner and her aunt, Velma Rasmussen had visited previously. The purpose was to raise enough money to buy an air conditioning system for the mission. Those who

visited the stand were able to see the poster-story of the work there. The goal was reached and even beyond. Everything at the concession stand was sold!

The day before the sale, Sondra learned that a couple of cousins were coming from quite a distance. So, word got out and they had an impromptu family reunion that night after the sale. They had supper together at Montana Mike's and then gathered at the Bill and Peggy Miller building in Colby for fellowship. Some of the relatives came to the sale only, some the supper only, but all enjoyed the chance

to chat and remember together.

The Goodland Bible Church youth group spent Saturday afternoon playing paintball at the Shepherd's Staff paintball course. They all seemed to have a blast, especially on the last round when their youth pastor tried to "defend" part of the course while the kids advanced. They had a campfire cookout to end their night.

There are two upcoming events to be aware of: Vacation Bible School will be held June 4-8 at the Rexford Community Church. Children age 2 through sixth grade are invited to attend from 9 am to noon. Kids will

be discovering the Rock of Ages through the Gold Rush theme.

The city-wide garage sale will be held June 23. This is a great chance to clear out the junk room and reclaim your garage. Those who wish to be listed on the map should call Gwen Griffiths at 687-2076 for information.

That's the news from Rexford this week! As always, I'd love to publish your special events. Just call 687-2076 or e-mail griffithsgang@gmail.com.

Have a great week.

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Gals gathering for a little chitchat at the Herndon Pool Hall Tuesday afternoon were Myrna Pettera, Eileen Unger, Voni Sattler, Julie Hafner, Sharon Ecker, Beth Chartier and Chris Wood.

Bob and Julie Hafner were Tuesday evening dinner guests of Keith Pettera and Les and Myrna Pettera.

The Herndon city-wide cleanup day scheduled for May 19 is postponed due to activities in the area. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, June 9 for the major work day. Branches will be picked up if left to the side of the street. As listed before, no appliances, no electronics, no hazardous waste. Please mow and pick up your own property for visitors on Memorial weekend.

On Thursday afternoon, Keith Pettera of Wheat Ridge, Colo., and Les and Myrna Pettera of Loveland, Colo., stopped for a visit with Hattie Toth and Shirley Williams in Atwood. Friday morning they visited Esther Pennington and Ann Solko in Herndon.

Vesta and Gwen Gilbert and Sherrel Adams, McCook; Kristal Payton, Indianola, Neb., and Lance Jording, Oberlin took Sharon Frick to the LandMark Inn at Oberlin to

celebrate her birthday on May 5.

Rawlins County Junior High Local Studies students, with teacher, Brenda Henry, toured Herndon on Wednesday afternoon. Judy Ketterl and Julie Hafner gave the students history information on Herndon High, St. Mary's Catholic Church and Nadine Green demonstrated incoming grain testing and facts at Decatur Co-op. Mrs. Henry drove by the City Jail, the Herndon Pool Hall, the former Commercial Hotel and the Dr. Rowland home, great-grandfather of Robert Hafner. Mrs. Henry, Julie and the students checked the Herndon Post Office for some interesting facts before enjoying a soda at Roger's Bar and Grill. They ended the tour by looking over Herndon memorabilia that Julie shared from her portable museum. Students attending the field trip and studying Rawlins County this quarter were Abbie Horton, Sidney Hillman, Mandilyn Horinek, Donovan Schroeder, Wyatt Britt and Jared Engel.

Kent and Chris Wood were guests of Les and Myrna Pettera for Saturday morning breakfast in Oberlin.

Dean, Deb and Neil Portschy hosted a graduation party for their son and brother, Marcus, on Satur-

day evening at their home. Many friends and relatives were in attendance to wish Marcus "good luck" in his future.

Weekend guests of the Portschys were Freddie and Shirley Reed, Scot and Denise Murchie, all of Stockton; Heather Murchie of Manhattan and Adam Murchie of Hays. Joining them on Sunday for lunch and the graduation at Rawlins County High School gym in Atwood were David and Karen Reed, Makayla and Isaac of Stockton, Jon Reed of Manhattan, and Pete and Eileen Portschy.

Bob and Julie Hafner attended the Confirmation Liturgy at Ave Maria Catholic Church in Parker, Colo., for two grandchildren on Saturday, May 11. Being confirmed were Allison Irene Therese Foxhoven and Caleb Joseph Isidore Foxhoven, daughter and son of David and Jacalyn Foxhoven. Caitlyn Foxhoven, sister, was sponsor for both. The Rite of Confirmation was given by Bishop Michael Sheridan of the Colorado Springs Diocese.

Congratulations to Herndon graduates of Rawlins County High School in Atwood on Sunday, May 13. St. Mary's Christian Mother's hosted a combination graduation and Mother's Day breakfast fol-

lowing Mass on Sunday for Kaelea N. Stoney, Marcus D. Portschy and Damian J. Kogl and for all mothers of the parish.

Kim and Todd Hoffman, Castle Rock, Colo.; Janine Campbell, Salina; and Stacey Dawson, Kaylynn and J.T. Nuss, Atwood, spent Mother's Day weekend with Jim and Sharon Vogel of Herndon.

Voni Sattler drove to Hays on Friday to attend commencement exercises for Pattie Park, who received her Master of Science degree in Education Administration. On Saturday, she attended Alexandria Johnson's graduation at Fort Hays State where Alex earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology.

Allan and Pattie Park, Alex, Breanna, Brittani and Nicholas returned with Voni to attend Joey Leitner's graduation party. Also attending the party were Danny and Benny Sattler, Wellington, Colo.; David Sattler, Kearney, Neb.; Denise Perrin, Arapahoe, Neb.; Deanna and Brandi Williams and Brad Williams, Herndon. Sunday they attended Joey's high school graduation in Atwood.

## Decatur Health Systems

By Becky Wilson

As the latter half of May approaches, it's time to wish the very best of luck and heartiest of congratulations to the graduates at Decatur Community High School. As you decide what path you are going to take next, we'd like to maybe nudge your thoughts toward the health-care field.

If you've been reading about our efforts to recruit more physicians, that can give you some idea of how vital you can be to the community you choose to live in. I'm not saying you have to be a doctor, though. Nurses, lab workers, nutritionists, social services — there is such a wide variety of careers in health care that there is something to suit nearly anyone. And once you've graduated, remember that there's a town here that could use your skills. We'd be proud to have you.

While we wait for the new graduates to complete the next stage of their schooling, however, we've arranged for two new cancer specialists to come to Decatur Health Systems in the meantime. Dr. Maria de Villa and Dr. Ahmed Awais are both arranging for Kansas licenses so they can come here a once a

month.

They specialize in oncology and hematology with the Callahan Cancer Center at the Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte, Neb. They will join our oncologist, Dr. Martin Rubinowitz, out of Denver on the list of doctors available through our Specialty Clinic. While we don't have a firm date on when they will be licensed to come to Kansas, this process should be shorter than the one Dr. Alex Platz is waiting through.

The other side of the coin, from new beginnings is departures. This will be the final week of work here for our director of nursing, Suzanne Ahlberg. She has been named the new director of nursing at Clay County Medical Center. This is a wonderful opportunity for her, and allows her to move closer to her family.

While everyone here is happy for Suzanne, and knows she will be a great success, she has been an important part of this hospital for many years, and she will be greatly missed. Good luck from all of us, Suzanne.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

What a busy month this is! Every weekend is full with something, either a graduation or a wedding, and then alumni on Memorial Day weekend. It is all good, but so busy.

May is also the gardening month, and I never know when to stop. I'm sure about the end of July I will be wondering what on earth I was thinking.

I just about have my front yard full with perennials thanks to one daughter that keeps bringing me something new. When I get the rest of the vegetables in and mulched, I will be happy. By the end of the week, I will be done with planting, then just maintaining.

Some of my planting will be to help promote the Farmers Market downtown, which will be starting on Wednesday, June 20. There will be a

food demonstration for our opening day. More information on that will come later.

The Citywide Garage Sale has been moved up to Saturday, June 2, instead of June 9 as planned. Some thought there was too much going on June 9, so the committee changed the date. The west room in the Golden Age Center is still available for those that want to bring their sale items inside. Call the Chamber office if you are interested or want your items on the Chamber list, (785) 475-3441.

Remember the burger and fry that at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 25, in front of the Museum. This is sponsored by the Oberlin Business Alliance. The Chamber board will be serving root beer floats for dessert.

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