

Family



Jennifer Van Nostrand sorted shoe boxes at KGCR Radio near Brewster last year, getting them ready to ship to children around the world. Area churches and groups are collecting donations this weekend for the annual drive. The deadline is Monday.

Shoebbox gifts to be shipped Monday

The spirit of giving will kick off the holiday season as area residents select gift items for needy children around the world for Operation Christmas Child.

Locations in all 50 states will collect gift items. Donations are being accepted through Monday.

The area coordinator is James Claassen of KGCR Radio in Brewster. KGCR is serving as the collection site for the area, coordinating pickup from relay sites at the First Presbyterian Church in Hoxie, Oakley Christian Church and the Federated Church of McDonald.

The collection schedule for KGCR this weekend is Saturday, 8-10 a.m., 2-4 p.m.; Sunday, 3-5 p.m.; Monday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Call (888) 882-5427 if you can't make it during these times or if you need

help with delivery. Check with other sites for collection information, or see the website at www.kgcr.org.

The program hopes to collect over 8 million personalized gift-filled shoe boxes to be hand-delivered to children in some 100 countries.

Boxes collected in northwest Kansas will go to the Philippines, Botswana, Indonesia, Ecuador, Togo and Madagascar.

How to pack a shoe box gift:

- Find an empty shoe box. (You may wrap it—lid separately—but wrapping is not required.)

- Decide whether your gift will be for a boy or girl and choose an age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

- Fill shoe box with gifts: school

supplies, toys, hygiene items, clothes, hard candy, a personal note to the child and a family photo.

- Enclose \$7 or more to help cover shipping and project costs.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has hand-delivered more than 61 million shoe box gifts to needy children in more than 120 countries. It is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham.

Read up for family gatherings

As the holiday season draws near, many of us have lots of family issues to work through. Today's families provide a wealth of opportunity for us to grow and learn how to navigate some challenging circumstances. Two books that I have read recently have allowed me to consider these realities through a prism of fiction.

The first book I chose was "Keep Your Mouth Shut and Wear Beige" by Kathleen Gilles Seidel. If you have ever heard that expression, you will understand the gist of the book.

A friend of mine used that expression when she felt she had no voice or input into an meeting, but was expected to attend, and have the pleasure of paying for it as well. It has always made me a bit leery of wearing beige!

This book is about a well-trained intensive-care nurse (Darcy) who had been married, has two almost adult sons and now an ex-husband who also needs to be part of many decisions in their son's lives. Jeremy, her eldest son and a medical student, decides that it's his time to be married. His fiancée comes from a wealthy family who must conform to protocol due the stature of the family.

Mike, the ex-husband, has recently brought into his life a very organized, up-and-coming designer of clothes and other household fabric items. She takes it upon herself to help influence the engagement party, brides' dress and the rehearsal dinner. On top of this, Darcy's youngest son Zack is graduating from high school and must decide on a college. Mike also has an opinion about that.

Darcy must work through all of these happenings. We find her deciding if she will wear beige, or become the woman of the hour. This is a captivating book. I ex-



Melany Wilks

• Library Links

perenced intrigue and laughter, but I told my husband that it would really be easier to stay married and work out the differences. Some marriages may not have hope of this, but this is what I'd rather see at the end of this book.

Another book that I read was "A Page Out of Life," by Kathleen Reid. Ashley, a mother of three, finds herself overwhelmed by the demands of her family. She calls a friend who advises her that she must get out of the house, take some time for herself so she can have more to give her family. Megan, her friend, insists that she attend a scrapbooking time with other ladies she knows.

Ashley finds herself rubbing shoulders with women who are really dedicated to the craft of presenting memories. Tara (one of the scrap book enthusiasts) and Ashley find out a secret that intermingles their lives. This drama alone holds the reader's attention.

These ladies become Ashley's confidants, allies, babysitters and sooo much more. If you are a scrapbooker, you'll enjoy the discussions, ideas and creations described in this book. I was amazed at the work and intricate details the writer put into this fiction just about scrapbooking alone.

The framework of these two books brings me to think of the subject of life. We have two new books getting ready to put on the shelves: "Real Life: Preparing for the 7 Most Challenging Days of Your Life" by Dr. Phil McGraw,

and "Love Your Life: Living Happy, Healthy & Whole" by Victoria Osteen. They are dramatically different books but each helps us examine parts of our life experience that we must grapple with:

making it through the unexpected and sometimes disappointing events of our lives.

My brother has just lost his wife of 25 years, and I was skimming through Dr. Phil's chapter on preparing for and understanding loss of a loved one. While I know my brother is not in a state to sit down and read this book now, he may be later. More important, I was able to get in touch with this topic so that I can be supportive of him.

Victoria Osteen's book is about you and relationships with others: Knowing your influence, recovering from offense and creating a rich life through building and loving others.

I would like to thank many of you, who have given through the year to Pioneer Memorial Library through memorial gifts for loved ones, or through just an understanding that helping the library provide certain materials such a large print books, audio books, and magazines, really does help to both enrich your life and others in the community. It is this spirit of generosity and sacrifice that marks the people of Colby and those in the surrounding county area. As the library director, I am extremely grateful and thankful for such caring, and want to express this especially during this Thanksgiving season.

The library will be closed on Thanksgiving and Friday, but will reopen for our regular hours on Saturday and Sunday.

Markets

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

Wheat (bushel)	\$4.83
Corn (bushel)	\$3.27
Milo (hundredweight)	\$4.78
Soybeans (bushel)	\$7.26

Thank You

Thank you for all the beautiful cards, telephone calls, gifts, Masses and visits for my 85th birthday. Especially thank you to all my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren for sharing my special day.

God Bless you all.

Eleanor Rogers

Norma Arnberger



Sept. 12, 1933 - Nov. 21, 1988

Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us everyday. Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed & very dear.

In loving memory of our mother & grandmother.

*Darrel & Vicki Arnberger,
Charlene & Reggie Honaker,
Rod & Terri Arnberger,
Kris & Kenny Robbins
and Our Families.*

SHARE the FAITH

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 460-2763, www.colbyberean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Awana Clubs, Wednesday, 7 p.m., Middle & High School, Wednesday, 7 p.m. @ the Heartland Christian School Gym

Schedule of church services

COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH, 730 E. 3rd (former Jaycee's building), Pastor Bernard Heinz, 460-0313, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 462-3041, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Evening Prayer, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September through May. Christian Education for Youth, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September through May

COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, Pastor, Jeremy Gundling, 245 W. College Dr. - 462-8234, Sunday School 9 a.m., Kids Church and Worship Service 10:15 a.m., Sunday evening Prayer Service 6:30 p.m., Wed 3:30 Rock out @ The Rock, Wed. 7 p.m. Youth @ The Rock. E-mail: cdag@st-tel.net. www.collegedriveonline.com

BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 460-2763, www.colbyberean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Awana Clubs, Wednesday, 7 p.m., Middle & High School, Wednesday, 7 p.m. @ the Heartland Christian School Gym

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Carroll H. Morony, Pastor, 615 W. Webster, 462-2867, Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.; Wednesday afternoon Bible Study: 3 p.m.; RC Club 2nd & 4th Sunday: 2 p.m.

COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, Pastor Tom Huffman, 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 460-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship services, 10:45 a.m.

MINGO BIBLE CHURCH, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Intern Pastor Pat Colley. Sunday School: 9:30AM - all ages. Sunday Services: 10:45AM. Sunday Nights: 1st Sunday of the month: potluck following morning service - no evening service; 2nd Sunday: services at 6:30 PM; 3rd Sunday: informal fellowship - bring a snack to share!; 4th and 5th Sunday: services at 6:30 p.m.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, 462-2179, Father Dana Clark, Pastor, Saturday Eve. Mass 5:30 p.m., Sunday Masses 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., Confessions will be heard Saturday 4:30-5:05 p.m. and from 7:30-7:45 a.m. and 9:25-9:40 a.m. on Sunday.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 462-6342, Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, 320 W. Pine - 462-8391, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:40 a.m., Sunday Evening Cell groups at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Youth Ministries, Kids Clubhouse 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 1145 S. Franklin - 460-6605, President Gary Slavens, 460-2656; Jordan Barrett, 1st counselor, 460-1101; Tim Wilson, 2nd counselor, 785-846-7796. Sacrament meeting 10 a.m., Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m., Priesthood, Relief Society, YM/YW, 12:10 p.m.; Family History Center open to public, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays or by appointment. Call 462-3571.

COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. James Mardock, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 460-6521, Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., Fellowship coffee 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., KXXX broadcasts 11:00 worship. www.colbyumc.org

REDEEMING LOVE MINISTRIES, INC., 345 N. Franklin, Dr. W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Equipping Class, Sunday, 10 a.m., Sunday worship, 11 a.m., Wednesday, R.L.M Training Centers (Bible School), 5 p.m. Shop online at: www.rlmregionalchurch.com

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 510 E. 4th, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday Eve. Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, (Disciples of Christ), Pastor Pat Stuart and Pastor Lyle Knebel, 385 W. 3rd - 460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. E-mail: fcclcolby@st-tel.net

OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH, Brewster, Sunday worship 9:00 a.m.; 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Rev. John L. Schmidt, East 5th & Country Club, 462-3497, Services, Sat, 5:30 p.m., Sunday; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:15 a.m.; Services, 10:30 a.m. Visit us at www.trinitycolby.com

PLEASANT HOME CHURCH, Pastor, Perry Baird, 785-890-3375, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH, 205 1st St., Pastor Jerry Vincent, 586-2376, Sunday School (classes for 3 years & up and 3 adult classes) 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)

BREWSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PO Box 250, Brewster. Pastor Dorine Chambers, 785-462-6044, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, REXFORD, Joan Dingworth, Director, 687-2565

REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

BREWSTER COMMUNITY CHURCH, Mike Pinkelman, Pastor, Brewster - 694-2720, Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Wed. mornings 6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Wed. 7:00 p.m. - Children's Ministries (Royal Rangers/Missionettes), Wed. 7:15 p.m. - Interspersory & Prayer, Thurs. 4:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study

This feature is sponsored by these business firms as a contribution to the religious life of the community.

To become a sponsor, call Heather or Jasmine today at 462-3963.

COLBY LUMBER
Bud Van Horn and Staff
1760 W. 4th 462-2181



COLBY FREE PRESS

155 W. 5th • Colby ~ 462-3963