

# Family

## Deaths

### Merle Francis Ekberg

Merle Francis Ekberg, 98, a Thomas County native, Colby, died Dec. 30, 2008 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

She was born January 21, 1910, to Mae (Harner) and Jack (Patno) Dawes in rural Thomas County. She married Morris Ekberg on December 3, 1927.

They lived on a farm until 1949 when they moved to Colby. She moved to Fairview Estates in May due to failing health.

She was a member of the Levant Community Church, where she remained active as long as her health permitted. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1988.

Mrs. Ekberg is survived by a

son, Robert (Dixie) Ekberg, and a daughter Jean (Duane) Dawes, both of Colby; two sisters, Esther Wieland, Colby, and Susan (Larry) Oskay of Castle Rock, Colo.; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, at the Harrison Chapel in Colby with Pastor Jerry Vincent officiating. Burial will be in the Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the chapel.

The family suggests contributions to the Levant Community Church in care of the funeral home at Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701.

### Timothy Mark Mills

Timothy Mark Mills, 55, Ingalls, former owner and president of Colby Bearing and Supply Inc., died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2008.

Mr. Mills was born Nov. 15, 1953, in Dodge City to Leo C. and Rita (Brown) Mills. He attended grade school in Ingalls and graduated in 1971 from Garden City High School. On May 30, 1980, he married Becky D. Flowers in Garden City.

He was a mechanic and machinist, working for Finney County farmers, and companies. In 1983, the couple moved to Colby to manage Colby Bearing and Supply and eventually purchase the company. He sold the business and partly retired in 2003, traveling the country with his wife and daughter.

He was a member of the Levant

Community Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert Mills.

He is survived by his wife Becky, of the home; a son, Sgt. Cody Mills, Fort Bragg, N.C.; a daughter, Jennifer Mills, Sagle, Idaho; two sisters, Francis (Wayne) Kendall of Ingalls, and Jayne (Raymond) Eves of Garden City, and a brother, Joe Mills, Jetmore.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, at the Garnand Funeral Home.

The family suggests contributions to the Salvation Army or the American Red Cross in care of the funeral home, 412 N. Seventh St., Garden City, Kan., 67846.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to [garnandfh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:garnandfh@sbcglobal.net).

### Wayne Deeds

Wayne Deeds, 86, Colby, a retired farmer and stockman, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008, at the home.

He was born June 29, 1922, in Cheyenne County.

Survivors include his wife Irma of the home; a son, William (Janice) Deeds, Hays; three daughters, Reva (Jon) Eicher, Brewster; Linda (Ray) Crumbaker, Overland Park; and Jeanie (Fred) Shields, Goodland; a brother, Ed Deeds, Goodland; a sister, Lorraine Brethower, Buffalo, Mo.; 13 grandchildren;

and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. John Schmidt officiating.

The family suggests memorials to Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasant Home Church in Brewster or the Brewster Community Project, all in care of the funeral home, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby,



Dr. Taylor Washburn

### Colby woman is chief resident

Dr. Taylor Marie Washburn, daughter of Dr. Larry and Joyce Washburn of Colby, has been selected by the academic faculty and her peers at the University of Colorado School of Medicine to serve as chief medical resident for the 2010 academic year.

She will be serving at University Hospital, Veterans Hospital and Denver Health Medical Center (formerly Denver General), on the Aurora campus.

Dr. Washburn graduated from the medical school in Denver in 2007 and is doing her residency in internal medicine there.

"As always, the ... selection process is challenging due to the depth and breadth of talent among our house staff," said Dr. Suzanne Brandenburg, program director of residency training in internal medicine.

Dr. Washburn earlier was chosen for the Kazarian Award, given to the intern who most demonstrates humanism in medicine. The recipient is chosen by the other interns.

Dr. Washburn is the granddaughter of Pat Nelson and Drucilla Washburn of Colby.

## Childbirth classes start

Citizens Medical Center will offer a four-week childbirth education class from 7 to 10 p.m. each Thursday in January, starting next week.

Women due to deliver before May are welcome, along with

with the person who will be with them during labor. The next series of classes will begin April 2.

For information or to register, call Jeanene Brown, registered nurse in the center's education department, at (785) 460-4850.

## Bridge Club

Winners for Dec. 30 Meadow Lake Bridge were:

- First, Margaret Denneler;
- Second, Mary Molstad;
- Third, Katie Melvin;
- Fourth, Larry Barrett;
- Fifth, Joy Davis.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$5.54
Corn (bushel)	\$3.67
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.39
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.63

## Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

### Cora Jean DeGood

Cora Jean DeGood, daughter of Darris and Adele DeGood of Colby, was born Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 20 inches.

Sister Paige Elizabeth and brother Dawsen Dean welcomed the baby home. Grandparents are Bonnie Cram and the late Ernest Cram and Owen and Charilyn DeGood, all of St. Francis.

### Aubri Lynn Lilly

Aubri Lynn Lilly, daughter of Cody Lilly and Amanda Mason was born Dec. 29, 2008, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured

20 3/4 inches. Brother Cameron Samuel Lilly welcomed the baby home. Grandparents are Mickey Miller, Colby, and DeAnn Dreitz, Pueblo, Colo.

### Nathan Anthony Schroeder

Nathan Anthony Schroeder, son of Kriss and Lisa Schroeder of Colby, was born Dec. 19, 2008, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Brothers and sisters are Kristi Bird of Wichita, and Nikole, Luke, Josh, Chelsy, Brett, Julie, Laura, Kurt, Danielle, Justin, Lexie and Eric, welcomed him home. Grandparents are Conrad and Betty Kough of Scott City and Dan and Janet Schroeder of Colby.



N. Schroeder

### Jannelly Alexandra Soriano

Jannelly Alexandra Soriano, daughter of Cynthia Soriano of Colby, was born at Citizens Medical Center on Tuesday, Dec. 30,

2008. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 20 inches. Her grandmother is Maria de la Cruz of Colby.

**We want your local news: e-mail to [colby.editor@nwkansas.com](mailto:colby.editor@nwkansas.com)**

*Thank You*

The Family of Tom Bowen would like to thank everyone for the prayers, emails, phone calls, cards, and other acts of kindness during this difficult time. From his illness in February until his death the outpouring of support and concern for us has been overwhelming. That is why we love this community and don't refer to it as Colby, but rather we call it "home".

Thank you again for everything. We will never forget your kindness.

*Mary Kay Bowen  
Missy, Joe, Max,  
& Maddie Surmeier  
Shelly Bowen*

## Card shower planned



M. Sloan

In honor of his 80th birthday on Jan. 9, the children of Maurice Sloan would like to honor him with a card shower.

Friends and relatives are encouraged to fill his mail box with cards to mark the event.

Randy (Sherry) Sloan, Bruce (Connie) Sloan, Nanci (Dennis) Dye and Lynda (Don) Schneider, grandkids and great grandkids will all help him celebrate the day.

## Friends plan card shower

Edith Schaffer, who taught in the Monument and Oakley schools for 40 years, will be 87 on Jan. 5, and would like to hear from friends and former students.

Her friends are organizing a card shower. Send cards in care of the Logan County Hospital at 211 Cherry, Oakley, Kan. 67748.

## Senior Center

Wednesday the Thomas County Health Department will be at the Senior Progress Center doing blood pressure checks.

Activities for the week are:  
Monday: 10:30 a.m., shuffle board.

Tuesday: 10 a.m., exercise; board meeting and election following lunch.

Wednesday: 10-12 a.m., health department blood pressure checks.

Thursday: 10 a.m., exercise; 10:30 domino game.

Friday: 10 exercise; 10:30 dart game.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch Monday through Friday at the senior center. Home delivery is available, as is pick-up service. A contribution

of \$2.75 per meal is suggested for seniors, \$5 for others. For anyone under 60, home delivery is \$5.75.

Make reservations at (784) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

Senior Progress menus for next week are:

Monday: sausage patty, hash brown casserole, corn, bread, apricots;

Tuesday: hamburger stew, gelatin with fruit, biscuits, cook's choice complement;

Wednesday: salmon loaf, creamed peas, fruit cup, bread, strawberry shortcake;

Thursday: swiss steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, bread, peaches;

Friday: turkey slice, sweet potatoes, 5 cup salad, rolls and cookie.

## Farm scholarship available

The board of Farm Credit of Western Kansas offers a scholarship for one student each year, who will receive \$500 renewable for up to four years of post-secondary schooling.

High school seniors who are children or grandchildren of Farm

Credit members may apply by Feb. 16.

For information, contact the high school counselor or Cathy Hawk at the Farm Credit administrative office in Colby, (785) 462-2382.

# SHARE the FAITH

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



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](mailto:cdag@st-tel.net) www.collegedriveonline.com

### 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](mailto:cdag@st-tel.net) www.collegedriveonline.com

**BEREAN CHURCH**, 1000 S. Franklin, 460-2763, www.colbyborean.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, 10a.m. Sunday worship, 11a.m., Wednesday, R.L.M Training Centers (Bible School), 5 p.m. Shop online at: [www.rlmregionalchurch.com](http://www.rlmregionalchurch.com)

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**, Minister, Jarrod Spencer. 510 E. 4th, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Interpretation for the deaf, Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**, (Disciples of Christ), 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: [fccolby@st-tel.net](mailto:fccolby@st-tel.net)

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