

Family

Make resolution to have worst year of your life

Ever get tired of those hope-filled people who make resolutions every bloomin' year? As though this is going to be the greatest year of their life, and they are going to be active participants in it?



Jeremy Gundling

From the Pulpit

Come on. It's time for the realists in the world to make their voice heard. Let's be honest. This could be the worst year of your life. And I've got some hints on how to make sure that it is.

- Take everything that happens in the world as a personal offense to you and your family.... Bitterness and anger are the first step to having the worst year of your life.

- Gripe early, gripe often.... We all know there are enough people this time of year who make New Year's resolutions and act like their whole world could change. Don't you grow sick of those positive people? Instead, gripe about everything: Your job. What they pay you (or don't pay you). How your kids act. How your parents act. It's not tough to find something to gripe about. And by doing just that, you ensure that you will have the worst year of your life.

- Assume a lot.... Assumptions are one of the best ways to turn a good situation bad. Assume that, although that other person's actions were good, they were surely driven by some devious and underhanded motive. Assume not just poor motive, but assume the worst possible motive. And then tell others about it. It will ensure that you trust no one, and no one trusts you, a key ingredient in having a bad year.

- Work more.... It will keep you away from your friends and family as much as possible. After all, spending time with them

will only increase the amount of love and affection you have with them. It will mean that you like them more, you understand them more and you care for them even more. And who really wants that? Wouldn't you rather fall more and more in love with your job?

- Act like you are in charge of the world.... You don't need a boss, a God, or anyone to tell you what to do. You know it all. And if you don't know it all, you certainly know more than anyone else in your life.

Do these simple things, and you will have the worst year of your life in 2009. Of course, if that's not what you're looking for, you might try to:

- Be quick to forgive and slow to be angry.
- Look for the best in every person, every situation.
- Assume the best, or assume nothing at all,
- Keep your friends and family as the most important thing in your life,

- Take action to improve your relationship with God. Try praying, reading your Bible and attending church.

Count me among those irritatingly positive people think 2009 could be the greatest year of their life. And you know you want it to be the greatest year of your life... so does God. Go do something about it!

Jeremy Gundling is pastor of the College Drive Assembly of God church.



Kyle Derek Spresser and Stephanie Mae Juenemann

May wedding planned for couple in Leoville

Stephanie Mae Juenemann and Kyle Derek Spresser plan to marry on Saturday, May 30, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville.

Stephanie is the daughter of Tom and Jan Juenemann of Selden. The prospective groom is the son of Carl and Deb Spresser of Rexford.

The bride to be works at Fairview Estates Retirement

Community and Swartz Veterinary Hospital. She is a student at Colby Community College, majoring in elementary education.

Mr. Spresser works for the Schwarz Feedlot in Menlo.

The couple plans to move to Goodland, where he will attend diesel mechanics classes at the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

Airport sponsors scholarship winner

By Andy Heintz

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A Colby student who's been flying since he was 14 has won a \$1,000 award from the statewide Fred A. Tupper Scholarship Fund.

Kevin Lang was sponsored for the honor by Shalz Field, the Colby Municipal Airport.

"The airport program has sponsored three individual recipients for the scholarship since 2003," said Mark Ostmeier, owner of MC Aviation Services, the fixed base operator at the airport.

Ostmeier said all three students the airport backed have received scholarships, including Jessie Cooper of Hoxie in 2003 and Neil Hockersmith of Oakley in 2006.

Lang, a freshman at Liberty University in Virginia, is majoring in commercial and corporate aviation with a minor in computer

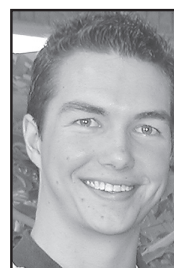
science. He started flying at Shalz Field at age 14 and soloed at age 16, Ostmeier said. He received his private pilot's certificate when he was 17. His instructor during these years was Ken Bixenman, who has worked at the airport for the last 30 years.

Tupper was a long-time airport manager of Strother Field, near Winfield and Arkansas City, Ostmeier said. The scholarship is made available by the Kansas

Association of Airports for training or academic and educational programs.

The award was only \$500 until two years ago, when it was raised to \$1,000. It is open to any Kansan over the age of 18 and to employees of association members.

Scholarship winners may use the money for tuition, books and other expenses. The application deadline is April 15, said Ostmeier.



Kevin Lang

Thank You
The CCC Wrestling Team & Coach would like give Norm & Betty Behring a BIG THANK YOU for the wonderful meal they provided us. It was great to have help with a meal during the break.
Coach. Lampe & CCC Wrestlers

Thank You
We would like to thank all our family and friends for their flowers, cards, memorial gifts, prayers and all the food & supplies brought to our homes during our loss. A big thank you to the hospital staff for the wonderful care of our mother, Merle Ekberg, during her last illness. We appreciate all your thoughtfulness.
God Bless you all, Bob Ekberg Family Duane Dawes Family

Deaths

Dennie Dee Finley

Dennie Dee Finley, 67, a long-time resident of Goodland, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2009, at St. Luke's East Hospital in Lee's Summit, Mo.

He was born Feb. 9, 1941, in Colby, the son of Teddy Leonard and Neva (Crumrine) Finley. He graduated from Brewster High School.

He married Sharon L. Meek on Nov. 1, 1959, in Brewster. They lived in Brewster until 1970, when they moved to Goodland. He was a mechanic, shop foreman and car salesman.

Mr. Finley was a member of Goodland Bible Church and Sugar Hills Golf Club.

Preceding him in death were his parents; three brothers Doyle, Don, and Bill Finley; and two sisters, Grace Highland and Orcena Finley.

Survivors include his wife, Goodland; three sons, Terry (Lori) Finley of Lee's Summit; Damon

Finley, Kansas City, Kansas, and Billy Joe Finley of Goodland; a daughter, Jeannie (Randy) Topliff of Goodland; two brothers, Jerry (Bonnie) Finley of Trenton, Neb., and Darold Finley (Audrey) Finley of Goodland; a sister, Dorothy (Cecil) Magnall of Filly, Neb.; two sisters-in-law, Nyla Finley of Goodland, and Toots Finley of Farr, Texas; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be at 3 p.m. (Central Time) Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at the Goodland Bible Church, with Pastor Chad DeJong officiating. Burial will follow at the Goodland Cemetery, with Pastor Kasey Crosby officiating.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Central Time) Saturday at the Koons Chapel in Goodland.

The family suggest contributions to the DenDennie D. Finley Memorial in care the funeral home at 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan., 67735-1555.

Senior Center

This week at the Senior Progress Center: **Monday:** 10:30 to noon, Cindy England will be doing back massages. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m., exercise; donation day, disposable forks and spoons and bathroom tissue. **Wednesday:** 10:30 a.m., pinochle/pitch. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 scrabble game. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pool.

Nutrition center menus for the week:

Monday: Baked spaghetti, green beans, pineapple, garlic bread, pudding. **Tuesday:** chicken fajita salad, pears, tortilla chips, apple crisp. **Wednesday,** cook's choice entree, California blend

vegetables, noodles romanoff, roll, apricots. **Thursday,** meat loaf, au gratin potatoes, fruit mix, bread, cake with frosting. **Friday,** ham and beans, carrot-raisin salad, cornbread, mandarin oranges.

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.

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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. 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

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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.rimregionalchurch.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

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.

WINONAMETHODIST 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 Dingwerth, 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. - Intercersory & Prayer, Thurs. 4:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study

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