

# Family

## Deaths

### Ralph L. Gfeller

Ralph L. Gfeller, 90, formerly of Colby, who farmed in the Winona area before he retired, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, at Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka.

He was born Nov. 4, 1918, to William and Nana Jane Lahman Gfeller, and raised on a farm near Winona. He attended Winona High School, graduating in 1937.

Helen Arlene Gridley became his wife on March 16, 1941, in Sharon Springs. The family lived and farmed near Winona until moving to Colby in 1977.

After retirement, Ralph enjoyed fishing at Swanson Reservoir near Trenton, Neb. and attending his grandchildren's sporting and music events. He remained a follower of northwest Kansas sports. He was a member of the Winona Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; an infant son, Terry; and three brothers, Harold,

Chet and Donald Gfeller.

He is survived by two daughters, Lana (Dave) Starkey, Topeka, and Cheryl (Sumner) Schlenk, Shawnee; four sisters, Gladys Collins and Helen (Maurice) Boyd of Oakley; Lois (Kenny) Nickelson, Salina; and Frieda (Tom) Wickizer, Ozark, Mo.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009, at the church in Winona, with the Rev. Sheryl Johnson of Oakley officiating. Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Beulah Cemetery in Colby.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

The family suggests memorials to the Winona or Colby United Methodist churches, in care of the funeral chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

### Norma Jean Rebarcek

Norma Jean (Russell) Rebarcek, 73, Grinnell homemaker, died Feb. 19, 2009, at Salina Regional Health Center.

She was born Oct. 23, 1935, in Phillips County to Charley D. Russell and Julia Ragsdale Russell.

She married Frank Milton Rebarcek on Nov. 2, 1953, in Gove, and was a lifetime resident of Gove County in the Grinnell area.

Preceding her in death were her parents; sons Kenneth Rebarcek and Eugene Rebarcek; infant daughter Frances Marie Rebarcek; and sister Clara Bretton.

She is survived by her husband of Grinnell, five sons, Charles Rebarcek, Finlay, Ohio; Frank Rebarcek, Scott City; Cecil Rebarcek, Healy; Neil Rebarcek, Grainfield; and Alvin Rebarcek, Colby; two daughters, Gayle

Bland, Gove; and Nancy Yates, Oakley; five brothers, Andy Russell and Ralph Russell, Phillipsburg, George Russell, Agra; Albert Russell, Alma Ark.; and Loyd Russell, Hoxie; two sisters, Alice Wing, Salina; Ruth McElhaney, Quinter; 20 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Feb. 23, 2009, at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, Oakley, with Pastor Rocky Schmied officiating. Burial will be in Gaeland Township Cemetery, Orion.

Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to Saline County Dialysis, in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan. 67748.

## Colby grad gets Senate seat

Gerald "Curtis" Fulwider II, a freshman at Washburn University in Topeka, has accepted a seat on the Washburn Student Government Association, the student governing body of the university.

The appointment process included an application, an essay, a

resume and an interview.

He was named to the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall Semester.

Curtis, a 2008 graduate of Colby High School, is the son of Gerry and Lamoreaux Fulwider of Colby.

## Use Lent to prepare

Ash Wednesday, which opens the season of Lent in the church year, will be next week, and it occurred to me that this would now be a good opportunity to review some thoughts about Lent.



### Rev. John Schmidt

• From the Pulpit

On the church calendar, Lent is the 40-day period before Easter. (The 40 days do not include Sundays in the count.) It is a time used to prepare our hearts for Easter. We use this time to reflect upon our need for a Savior, and to reconsider the cost of our gift of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Why 40 days? In Scripture, 40 days usually references a time of trial, a time of testing and a time of spiritual preparation. Generally, the period leads to a new beginning. Noah and his family were on the ark for 40 days. Moses was on Mount Sinai to receive the 10 Commandments for 40 days. Jesus was tempted for 40 days.

Lent is a time of spiritual preparation for an intense focus on the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. The last week of Lent is also called Holy Week. This period brings us in touch with the last days of Christ's earthly journey.

On Palm Sunday, we walk with Jesus into Jerusalem. On Maundy Thursday, the Church shares in the

institution of the Lord's Supper. On Good Friday, we ponder His suffering and death, all in preparation for the Festival of Easter, when we celebrate Christ's victory over death.

Many congregations observe special customs during Lent. Many people choose to engage in an act of self-denial, giving something up for Lent as a reminder of what Jesus gave up for us. Others will use this time for extended prayer.

Some offer a special offering for a special ministry, such as world hunger or seminary support. Many find Lent more meaningful when they consciously look for ways to serve others. It can be as simple as a welcoming smile to a stranger or reading a book to a child. The Random Acts of Kindness movement picks up on this idea.

This year, make Lent a special time in your life. Jesus made a difference for you. What difference are you making for others?

—John Schmidt

## Lunch, worship planned

The Thomas County Ministerial Association will begin a series Lenten services next week at 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday in the Little Chapel of the Colby United Presbyterian Church.

Brown-bag lunch study sessions with the theme Personal-

ities in the Passion will begin the first Wednesday in March from noon to 12:50 p.m. and continue through April 1 in the Fellowship Hall of the Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth Street. Beverages will be furnished.



Kenneth E. Dunston and Carla Rogers

## March wedding planned

Carla Rogers of Kersey, Colo., and Kenneth E. Dunston of Galton, Colo., Saturday, March 7, at the Christian Church in Platteville, Colo.

She is the daughter of Emma Rogers of Colby. He is the son of Kenneth and Bonnie Dunston of Platteville.

The bride is a vision department supervisor for the Platteville Wal-Mart store and the groom is a self-

employed truck driver. They plan to live in Kersey.

**50th Anniversary**

*Thank you to Relatives and friends for coming and sharing our anniversary celebration.*

*We want to especially thank our children and their families who made this a perfect day, We are blessed to have such a wonderful family.*

*Thanks for all the beautiful cards, gifts and phone calls and your being there to help us celebrate.*

**Stan & Verda Wancura**

**Thank You!**

I want to thank the Hi-Plains Co-op and the Soil Conservation for the gift certificate I received at the annual meeting.

**Hankie Beckman**

*Everyday for the last four years we have thought of you, missed you deeply and love you still. Your smile, your love for your friends and family, so many things we want to share with the physical part of you but now can only share with you in your spiritual existence.*

*During the times we miss you we look to the night sky and remember you are like a star: sometimes we can't see you but we know you are always with us in our hearts guiding us through our days.*



**Love You Always,**  
Dana, Devlin, Brett & Carleigh  
Doug Hanson and Family  
Teri Adams and Family  
Vicki Barnes and Family  
Mom and Dad  
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Steve Dempewolf and Family  
Wayne Dempewolf and Family

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## 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.

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.

p.m., Sunday; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:15 a.m.; Services, 10:30 a.m. Visit us at [www.trinitycolby.com](http://www.trinitycolby.com)

**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.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 462-6342, Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

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

**COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**, 245 W. College Dr., Colby, Interim Pastor, Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages, Adults: choice of Fireproof, Crown Financial, or the Bible Class. 462-8234. [cdag@st-tel.net](mailto:cdag@st-tel.net)

**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.

**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.

**BEREAN CHURCH**, 1000 S. Franklin, 460-2763, [www.colbyberian.com](http://www.colbyberian.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.

**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, YMYW, 12:10 p.m.; Family History Center open to public, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays or by appointment. Call 785-462-3571.

**WINONAMETHODISTCHURCH**, Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)

**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.; Bible Study Wednesday at 3 and 7 p.m.; RC Club 2nd & 4th Sunday: 2 p.m.

**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](http://www.colbyumc.org)

**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.

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

**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](http://www.rlmregionalchurch.com)

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

**MINGO BIBLE CHURCH**, 420 Main/Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Intern Pastor Pat Colley. Sunday School: 9:30 AM - all ages. Sunday Services: 10:45 AM. 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.

**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.

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

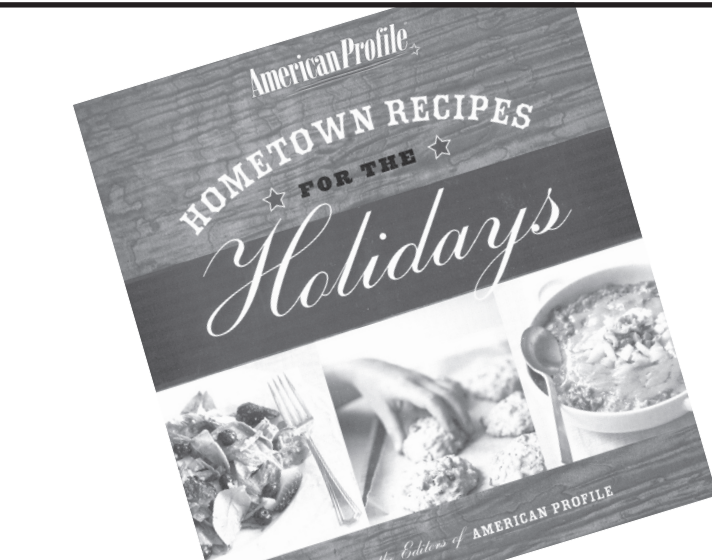
**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC**, 462-2179, Father Dana Clark, Pastor, Saturday Eve. Mass 5:30 p.m., Sunday

**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)

**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. - Intercessory & Prayer, Thurs. 4:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study

**OURS AVIORS 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

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