

# Family

## Cycle of seasons witnesses to grace

Last week, Deanna and I journeyed to our farm in western Nebraska. The drive was marvelous. The fields are abundantly green and the land was taking on a look of growing bounty. As we drove onto the farm property, we were set back at the beauty of the terraced fields laden with wheat swaying in the winds of the prairie.

Several years ago, the farm didn't look so good. A renter had let the property fall into decline, and the harvests were poor. Today, a few seasons later, things look very different.

As I looked across the growing fields, it occurred to me that they are really a tangible picture of God's grace. Each year, the seasons come. Winter brings the promised moisture, Spring brings the germination and growing, Summer brings the continued growth and ripening, and Fall brings the harvest. The Scriptures teach that what a man sows, so he shall reap. Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. (2 Corinthians 9:6) That lesson is clearly reflected in the fields, both the farms and of our lives!

The lessons of the Seasons are many, but one comes to special focus for me right now. As the seasons cycle, restoration occurs. Our farm, once nearly laid desolate, now has been restored. It took outside intervention, but it has been restored.

The same thing is true in our lives as well. Seasons repeat. Life cycles repeat. The question is this: will we let them repeat to bring about the same "poor harvest" in life, or will we look at how God



**Rev. John Schmidt**

### From the Pulpit

intervenes, forgiving and restoring us, and live our lives in that forgiveness, producing a good harvest?

Last Sunday was the Fifth Sunday of Easter. The Gospel for the day was about our relationship to Christ and pictured in the form of a vine and its branches. "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.... I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.... By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples." (John 15: 1-2, 5, 8)

Implicit in this imagery is the power of connection with Christ. No nourishment, no fruit.

How is your connection with the Vine we call Christ? If it is a little weak, remember, restoration is possible. Just as a good farmer has restored our farm, so the Good Farmer Jesus restores us. I hope your fields are green and ripe to the harvest! See you in church.

### Bridge Club

Meadow Lake Bridge winners for Tuesday were: first, Mary Kersenbrock; second, Thelma Shalz; third, Sarah Jane Barrett; fourth, Kevin Taylor; fifth, Margaret Denneler.

### 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.

The best place to find it, sell it, buy it, and announce it.

**THE CLASSIFIEDS**  
Where the Deals Are!

### Senior Center

At 9:30 Monday we will be planting flowers in the flower boxes at the Senior progress Center. All volunteers are appreciated. This is always a fun time and a chance to help decorate around the center.

Activities for the coming week:  
**Monday:** 9:30 a.m. plant flowers.

**Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 11 a.m. bingo.

**Wednesday:** 1:30 shuffle board.

**Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 11 a.m. volunteer recognition day.

**Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; sweets day.

Menus for the coming week:  
**Monday:** hamburger steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, bread, applesauce.

**Tuesday:** chicken vegetable casserole, broccoli salad, mandarin oranges, biscuit, cook's choice complement.

**Wednesday:** lasagna, tossed salad, cooks' choice vegetable, garlic bread, pineapple.

**Thursday:** ham, sweet potatoes, peaches, bread, birthday cake.

**Friday:** hamburger, cole slaw, pork and beans, bun, fruit cup #1.

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.

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

## Technician works to give care, comfort

The Emergency Medical Services have begun recognition of the Technician of the Month.

For the month of May, Judi Feldt was chosen by her peers to receive the honor of recognition.



Judi Feldt

Feldt is an Emergency Medical Technician-1, and served as a volunteer with the Gove County service four years prior to moving to Colby in 2003.

She received a degree in Special Education from Fort Hays State University. She has been with the Colby school system for the past three years, and in her spare time she volunteers for

the Thomas County Emergency Medical Services. She received her Emergency Medical Technician-B certification in August of 1999 and her Emergency Medical Technician-1 certification in 2004.

She and her husband of 33 years have 4 sons, Brad, Kevin, Jason and Cory.

Feldt said she became an Emergency Medical Technician to gain knowledge and confidence, and to be able to provide care when confronted with medical emergencies. She said she also wanted to be able to provide support and comfort to patients and their families.

### Markets

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

Wheat (bushel)	\$5.88
Corn (bushel)	\$3.93
Milo (hundredweight)	\$6.12
Soybeans (bushel)	\$10.47

**Thank You**

I wish to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, presents, flowers, and for coming to help celebrate my 80th. Birthday. A special thank you to my children for making it possible for such a special celebration.

Thanks to all and I wish you God's Blessing!

*Florene J. Messamore*

**Wedding Registry**  
*Courtney Haeffner & Lance Goodman*  
May 23rd, 2009

We'd like to extend warm wishes to Courtney and Lance. We invite you up to view their gift registry!

**THE LOFT**  
785-460-0566  
Located Upstairs at the Oasis Travel Center

**Kids (FREE) Fishing Derby**  
**Villa High Lake, Colby**  
Saturday, May 30, 2009  
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

- Broadcast over T92-College Radio Station
- Channel Catfish and Blue Gill Stocking
- KDWP will give mini talks to children concerning different fishing topics
- Face Painting!
- Food Vendor!

Must be enrolled to participate, contact: Barry Kaaz at 785-460-5429 or Kathy Cayton at 785-460-5413 for enrollment form.

**Colby Community College & Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP)**

# SERVICES DIRECTORY

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



**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

## 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**, 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.
- 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.; Bible Study: Sundays at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays at 3 p.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.
- 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 785-462-3571.
- 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.rlmregional-church.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: fcccobly@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 Dingerwerth, Director, 687-2565.
- REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH**, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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**THOMAS COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE**  
MAY 29, 2009  
FIKE PARK

The Luminary service will begin with our candle lighting service at 9:15 p.m. in Fike Park.

- Carol Rahn will give the Invocation.
- Mary Hurtt, Cancer survivor, will be sharing her story.
- Doug Johnson and Jane Johnson will be reading the "In Honor" and "In Memory" names of our loved ones.

The 2009 Thomas County Relay for Life Committee members are:

Paula Halvorson	Nikol Nolan
Irene Hartwell	Tiffany Mader
Carla Sharp	John Rinehart
Margaret Kummer	Diane Stithem
Rosanne Allen	Penny Cline

If you would like to buy a luminary, you may contact one of our committee members and they can help you or direct you to someone who can. We will also be selling luminaries at the event on May 29, 2009 up to 8:45 p.m. The donation for a luminary is \$10.

**JOSEPH HALL**  
NBC's "America's Got Talent" finalist will be bringing his **Elvis Tribute Show** for one show ONLY at the Colby Community Cultural Arts Center Thurs. May 21st at 7:00 pm performance doors open at 6:00 pm

Tickets are now on sale for \$15 and \$20. Contact Kyle for tickets and more information at 402-617-4477.

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

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