

Family

Life is seldom fair, but God's people are

When our daughter was in high school, her social studies teacher one year gave the boys in the class extra credit if they registered for the draft. Of course, at that time, girls were excluded. Our daughter was upset at the unfairness of it, and we quite agreed. So she and I went to talk to the teacher about it, and pointed out the unfairness of it. And his response? "Well life is not fair, is it?" I managed to keep my cool, though it wasn't easy. His response smacked of gross insensitivity as a teacher. My response was that he at least ought to offer something equivalent for the girls. Again, his response? Instead of accepting our suggestion his rather curt reply was, "Well, I'll just not do any extra credit!" The discussion, if you can call it that, was ended at that point.

Is it true that life is not fair? Of course it is true. A lot of things are not fair. The circumstances and experiences of life do not treat persons with equanimity. Sometimes the unfairness is the result of personal greed or self-serving power. Sometimes it's because of insensitivity, or poor exercise of judgment in passing laws and political or social policy. Sometimes it is just because "things happen" and you happened to be the victim and I was not. Unfairness is simply part of the fabric of a broken, sinful world. Jesus himself pointed out in Matthew 5:45 that God "makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust." Sun and rain can be both good and bad, depending. In other words, life is what it is, and it does not always treat people the same. Some, like our daughter's teacher, would say, "Life is unfair. Deal with it."

However, and this is the important point in all this, God does not expect his own people to contribute to the unfair behaviors and practices around us. God's people are expected to exemplify a higher



Carroll Morony

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standard of personal conduct that not only treats people equally but responds with compassion, sensitivity, and positive action toward those who are treated unfairly. In Amos 5:24, God states that superficial, phony righteous behavior does not cut it with him, but instead demands that "justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever flowing stream." In Micah 6:8, God lays out clearly what he expects of His People: "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." In other places, including Jesus' teachings, God's people are expected to look after the socially downtrodden, the least, and those who are victimized by the rest of society. In other words, those who are treated unfairly. Justice – treating people fairly – is the standard God expects of his people.

Sometimes, because of our own sin and short-sightedness, we wittingly or unwittingly contribute to life's unfairness. When this happens, repentance is called for on our part and a renewed effort to live up to God's standards. Nevertheless, while life is not always fair, we, as God's people, are called to do all we can to combat the unfair practices and policies of our world and, at the very least, not contribute to it for the sake of those who are treated unfairly. We are called to a higher way of living. Life is not fair, but for those who understand and live by God's standards it can still be good.



Ashley Carpenter and Ryan Stainbrook

Brewster wedding planned for August

Ashley Elizabeth Carpenter of Brewster and Ryan Jacob Stainbrook of Curtis, Neb., plan to wed Saturday, Aug. 15, 2009, at the Brewster Community Church.

The bride is the daughter of Lowell and Becki Carpenter of Brewster. She graduated from Brewster High School in 2003 and from Colby Community

College in 2009. She works for S & T Telephone in Brewster.

The groom, son of Larry and Sue Stainbrook of Fontana, graduated from Prairie View High School in 2000 and Kansas State University in 2004. He works for the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture.

The couple plans to live in Curtis.

Senior Center

Friday will be a celebration of Father's Day at the Senior Progress Center. Come and give tribute to our fathers.

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 10:30 a.m., shuffle board. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m., exercise; 11 a.m., bingo. **Wednesday:** 10:30 a.m., Wii bowling. **Thursday:** 10 a.m., exercise; 10:30 a.m., pinocle game. **Friday:** 10 a.m., exercise; 11-11:30 a.m., Father's Day celebration.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** cook's choice entree, hash brown casserole, mixed vegetables, pears. **Tuesday:** baked spaghetti, tossed salad with carrots, corn, garlic bread, pineapple. **Wednes-**

day: chicken-vegetable casserole, broccoli salad, biscuit, peaches. **Thursday:** roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed fruit, birthday cake. **Friday:** beef and noodles, tomato-vegetable medley, apricots, noodles, pudding.

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.

Markets

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Corrections

The photo caption for Daniel Cormier and two young wrestlers featured on Page 8 of the Thursday, June 11 *Colby Free Press* identified the event as the Daniel Cormier Tournament. It was the Daniel Cormier Camp. This was a reporting error.

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Schedule of church services

GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP, 2nd and Sunrise, Oakley. Pastor James Bloom, Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church 10:15 a.m., Wednesday evening Bible Study and Intercessory Prayer 6:30 p.m. 785-671-4020.

COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH, 730 E. 3rd (former Jaycee's building), Pastor Bernard Heinz, 785-460-0313, 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., 785-462-3041, 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. 785-462-8234. cdag@st-tel.net.

BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, 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.

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COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH (Affiliated with Southern Baptist), 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 785-460-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship services, 10:45 a.m. Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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, 785-462-2179, 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, 785-462-6342, Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, 320 W. Pine - 785-462-8391, 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, 785-460-2656; Jordan Barrett, 1st counselor, 785-460-1101; 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.

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

COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. James Mardock, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 785-460-6521, 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

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 - 785-460-2718, 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, 785-462-3497, 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, 785-586-2376, 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, 785-687-2565.

REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 785-687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

BREWSTER COMMUNITY CHURCH, Mike Pinkelman, Pastor, Brewster - 785-694-2720, 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.

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