

# Family

## Critics credible, have blind spots

For several years, I have been interested in the arguments of militant atheists such as Richard Dawkins, Sam Harris and Christopher Hitchens. I have been especially interested in their attacks on the Christian religion.



**Mark Carlton**

### • From the Pulpit

One of their favorite arguments focuses on the many atrocities that have been committed in the name of Christ by men and women who have called themselves Christians. There is no point in denying that these occurred, so when I have responded to them, I have not attempted to do so.

They happened. They were terrible. And we Christians make a mistake when we attempt to deny, rationalize or otherwise explain them away.

What's more, I think we should be open to our enemies' critique, because unbelievers often see us more clearly than we see ourselves. But our critics have their own blind spots: arguing against the existence of God by pointing out the failures of believers may actually argue for His existence. Let me explain.

When our critics accuse Christians of all sorts of crimes, they are judging us. I don't think they would deny this, and I would agree that the condemnation of those who do such things is well deserved. But by what standard are they judging us and where did they get it?

You see, when we condemn someone we are accusing them of violating some shared moral standard and we are assuming that others will be just as outraged as we are. In fact, it is the evoking of this sense of outrage that lies at the heart of our critics' argument.

But if we are to be condemned, isn't it fair to ask, what moral code are you using? What is its source and why should it be the controlling authority?

At this point, I should point out that Christians are not the only ones guilty of atrocities. Everyone does bad things. But, interestingly, we human beings know that there are atrocious things, and when we commit them, we generally feel guilty about them. And so we rationalize. But why?

Why do we feel this need to convince ourselves that we are right in doing things we know are bad? And how do we know they are bad? What is this source of this standard we are trying to live up to and judge others for failing to meet? More to the point, how do our critics know that the things they condemn us for are bad? From whence the outrage?

Could it be that our critics feel when they read of crimes committed in the name of God is really an indication that Paul was right when he said that the law of God is written on the human heart? If so, then their argument against God is actually an evidence of His existence, because if there is a moral law written on the human heart, then the next logical question is, who put it there?

And the best answer is, God. Mark Carlton is pastor of the Colby Berean Church. You can reach him at [pastormark@colby-berean.com](mailto:pastormark@colby-berean.com) or 460-2763.

Transportation employee reported calf out on K-25 at 189. Unable to contact the owner; sheriff advised two out; both away from highway.

2:06 p.m. - Report of semi driven erratically on U.S. 24 eastbound from Colby then north at Nine-Mile Corner. Sheriff advised not found.

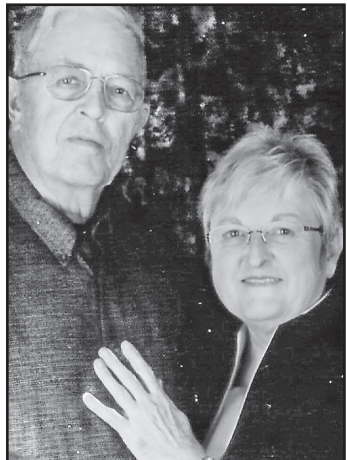
6:29 p.m. - Assisted Colby Fire Department checking possible fire or controlled burn in Gem at County Rds. 27 and U. All OK.

8:29 p.m. - Motorist assist at County Rds. 36 and EE.

10:20 p.m. - Assisted Colby police at 735 E. College Dr.



The Wolfs in 1960



The Wolfs in 2010

## 50th anniversary to be celebrated here

The children of Gary and Alice Wolf will hold an open house to celebrate their parents 50th wedding anniversary from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 22, at the Holiday Inn Express, 645 W. Willow St. in Colby.

The couple married May 17, 1960, at the rural home of the bride's parents near Levant. They have three children,

Brenda (Vic) Mazanec, of Colby; Orba (Travis) Smith of Selden; and Justin (Amanda) Wolf of Colby; eight grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Cards will reach them at 610 W. Oak Street, Colby, Kan., 67701.

The family requests no gifts, only your presence.

## Protection from sun helps in prevention of skin cancer

One in five Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime. More than one million new cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year, including more than 100,000 cases of melanoma.

This year, the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention has declared Friday, May 28, as Don't Fry Day. This is the start of Memorial Day weekend when many people traditionally begin spending more time outdoors.

"The best way to prevent skin cancer is to protect yourself from the sun," said Roderick Bremby, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. "Up to 90 percent of melanomas are caused by exposure to ultraviolet light or sunlight and could be prevented if children, adolescents and adults were protected from ultraviolet radiation."

This campaign seeks to advance awareness of skin cancer prevention. Risk factors associated with developing skin cancer include light natural skin color, family

history of skin cancer, exposure to the sun, history of sunburns early in life, skin that burns or freckles easily, blue or green eyes, blond or red hair and certain types of moles.

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends several easy options for sun protection," said Dr. Jason Eberhart-Phillips, State Health Officer. "While you enjoy the outdoors this summer, use sunscreen, seek shade, and wear sunglasses, a hat and sun-protective clothing. When used consistently, sun-protective practices can reduce a person's risk of developing skin cancer."

Information and resources about this campaign are available at [www.skincancerprevention.org](http://www.skincancerprevention.org).

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

## Thank You!

The family of Paul Layland would like to thank everyone who gave memorials, sent flowers, food and cards in this memory.

We would also like to thank Dr. Victor Hilyard, Dr. La Donna Regier and Brain Unruh for the care they have given him. Another thanks to Citizens Medical Center and Colby Care Center and the nurses and staff. (Especially those Hoxie girls).

A special thank you to Gary Stewart and the nurses and staff at Fairview Estate, for all the kindness and TLC he received while he lived there. You made him very happy!

Another thanks to Don and Katy Harrison for making everything so special. Also the impressive Honor Guard that came from Fort Riley for his last salute. What an impressive group of young soldiers for the job.

Sincerely,  
Sandy & Jim Kriss and Family  
Cogie Heigele and Family

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Sunday: 12:00-5:00 GREENHOUSE 785-462-7528

## Babies

### Felix Bernardo Lopez

Felix Bernardo Lopez, son of Marty and Colleen Lopez of Colby, was born Monday, May 10, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Brothers Keegan, Kaiser, Elijah and Luc and sister Aniston welcomed the baby home.



Felix Lopez

### Rance Alton Minium

Rance Alton Minium, son of Scott and Leanne Minium of Morland, was born Monday, May 10, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Sister Rylie Marie welcomed her baby brother home.

Grandparents are Steve and Sara Juenemann, Colby, and Robert and Trela Minium, Moreland. Great-grandparents are Lawrence and Mary Ann Juenemann, Selden, Eleanor and the late Stan Rogers, Selden; Pete and Doris Minium, Morland, and Joann and the late Bob Martin, Zurich, Kan.



Rance M.

## Master gardeners launch nationwide blog

MANHATTAN - Extension Master Gardener volunteers have a new tool to encourage sharing. Cooperative Extension Master Gardener program coordinators launched the first national blog for master gardener volunteers May 3.

Blog posts can be found at [blogs.extension.org/mastergardener](http://blogs.extension.org/mastergardener) or through the new national Extension Master Gardener website at [extension.org/mastergardener](http://extension.org/mastergardener).

The new blog is hosted by extension, an educational partnership of land grant universities

across the country. Kansas State University Research and Extension is a partner.

Coordinators and guest contributors from various states will take turns sharing a weekly blog post on a topic geared toward the national master gardener community. Master gardeners will be encouraged to discuss posts by submitting comments.

Information about Kansas Extension Master Gardeners is available on the website: [www.hfrr.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=422](http://www.hfrr.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=422).

## Corrections

On Page 1 of the Wednesday, May 12, edition of the Colby Free Press, the name of Bill Mariman was spelled incorrectly. This was a typing error.

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On Page 1 of the Wednesday Free Press, the story "Cops honor fallen brethren with Law Enforcement Week" stated that flags will be flown at half staff Saturday.

This year, since Saturday is also Armed Forces Day, flags will be flown at full staff. This was an error in information provided to the Free Press.

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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.

## On the Beat

### COLBY POLICE Wednesday

2:09 a.m. - Driving under the influence report on traffic stop in the 1200 block of W. Third.

1:22 p.m. - Student complaints at 750 W. Third.

3:16 p.m. - Report filed for sexual battery.

10:20 p.m. - Subject with firearm at 735 E. College Dr. All OK.

11:38 p.m. - Phone harassment at 700 S. Franklin. Spoke with subject.

11:50 p.m. - Report filed on incident at Twisters.

### THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Wednesday

12:36 p.m. - Department of

## Markets

### Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$3.89
Corn (bushel)	\$3.14
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.14
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.49

## MOVIES

### NOW SHOWING Digital/3D Cinema May 14th - May 20th

**THE BACK-UP PLAN**  
Starring: Jennifer Lopez  
Genre(s): Comedy/Romance  
PG-13 1 Hour, 50 Minutes  
Friday & Saturday 7:00 & 9:00  
Sunday -Thursday 7:00

**IRON MAN 2**  
Starring: Robert Downey Jr. & Gwyneth Paltrow  
Genre(s): Adventure/Sci Fi/Sequel  
PG-13 2 Hours, 5 Minutes  
Friday & Saturday 7:00 & 9:15  
Sunday - Thursday 7:00

**COMING SOON**  
Nightmare on Elm Street  
Shrek Forever After 3D (starts May 21st)  
Robin Hood  
Prince of Persia

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# 10th Annual All School Reunion

## June 17-19, 2010

## Events to be held:

- Thursday:**
  - Tennis Tournament
  - Golf Tournament - 9 holes in morning and 18 holes in the afternoon
- Friday:**
  - Registration at Colby High School
  - Class Party for classes 1955 and before at City Limits
  - High Flying Eagle Reception at Prairie Museum
  - Eagle Feather Chorus Practice/Reunion
  - Bald Eagle Band Practice/Reunion
  - Eagle Alumni Cheerleader and Drill Team Practice/Reunion
  - Class Parties and Class Pictures
- Saturday:**
  - General Assembly at Community Building
  - 5K Fun Run
  - Bike Ride/Road Race
  - 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
  - Eagle Picnic at Fike Park with music in Gazebo featuring Eagle Alumni
  - Non Dancers Reception at Colby Country Club
  - Dance to King Midas at City Limits and The Innocents at The American Legion

Please visit to register at [www.eaglesalumni.org](http://www.eaglesalumni.org).