

# Family

## Hardwired morals say 'guilty' of wrong

In my last two articles I have attempted to make the case that we all have a moral sense, a sense of right and wrong, a standard that we sense we should live up to, and that this moral sense seems to be hardwired into us. But



**Mark Carlton**

• From the Pulpit

There is something else that we all share in common, the sense that we have fallen short of that standard.

We call this failure to measure up to even our own moral standards sin, and our sin is the source of another universal phenomenon, guilt. In other words, though we may try to ignore it, in our hearts we know that Paul was right when he said, "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God."

In his 1973 bestseller, "Whatever Happened to Sin," Dr. Karl Menninger describes this phenomenon:

"On a sunny day in September 1972, a ... man could be seen ... on a street corner .... As pedestrians hurried by ... he would solemnly lift his right arm, and pointing to the person nearest him, intone loudly the single word, 'GUILTY!' ...

"The effect of this ... was ... almost eerie. They would stare at him, hesitate, look away, look at each other.... One man ... exclaimed: 'But how did he know?' ...

"... 'Guilty of what? ... Guilty before whom?'"

It should be noted that a man or woman living in a tribal culture feels guilt just as surely as those commuters in Chicago. The noisy voice of an accusing conscience is something that everyone in every culture can relate to. This makes Menninger's question, "guilty before whom," quite profound.

### Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met July 6 with 28 members and guests Kinley Ziegelmeier and Henry Schuette in attendance.

Nick Wells, new club president, reviewed elements of an effective club along with his goals for the new Rotary year. He distributed theme pins for this year's theme, "Building Communities, Bridging Continents."

Other new officers and board members are Connie Renner, vice-president; Melany Wilks, secretary; Nancy LePell, treasurer; Jerry Arensdorf, past president; Les Loker, Gene Rothfuss and Mike Tubbs.

Melany Wilks was the Roto-Lotto winner.

Colby Rotary Club meets each Tuesday noon in Room 106 of the Colby Community College Student Union.

- Relda Galli

The obvious answer to the question is, God. Just as the law written on our hearts points to a great lawgiver, so our awareness that we have failed to obey this law causes us to feel guilty before him. Our sense of guilt produces another universally shared experience, a felt need to try to fix our problem. Menninger describes this impulse too:

"I can make it up. I will give it back. I'll apologize. I wasn't myself when I did that. No one knows about it. But I'm going to quit. How can I straighten it out? What's done can't be undone."

Indeed. What is done can't be undone. Nevertheless, we try. Our efforts are based on the forlorn hope that perhaps we can do enough good things to make up for the bad things we've done. But why do we still feel guilty about those bad things even after we've done our best to offset them with good works? Why does that accusing finger and the word "guilty" still indict us?

These questions need to be answered. I will attempt to do so in next month's article.

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### Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Wheat (bushel)	\$4.15
Corn (bushel)	\$3.26
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.35
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.93



Dylan Bryant and Ellen Kraus

## Couple plan rite at ranch near Hays

Ellen Kraus and Dylan Bryant plan to marry Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Sandburr Ranch near Hays.

The bride is the daughter of Dana and Jo Kraus of Hays. She is a 2007 graduate of Hays High School and plans to graduate from the University of Kansas in December with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in fibers and textiles and a minor in art history.

The groom is the son of James and Shawn Mulkey of Hays, and Pat and Trish Bryant

of Salina. He is a 2004 graduate of Hays High School and 2008 graduate of Bethany College with a Bachelor of Arts in biology. He will complete his Doctor of Pharmacy from KU in 2012.

Grandparents of the couple are Esther (Huefle) and the late John Kraus of Hays, Paul and Sharon (Frahm) Steele of Colby, Dennis and Carol Bristow of Dodge City, and Jennie Lou and the late Elmer Bryant of Salina.

### Corrections

The story "Volleyball camps planned next week" on Page 8 of the Thursday, July 8, issue of the Colby Free Press listed an incorrect date and place for the middle school volleyball camp. The camp will be from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, July 19, to Thursday, July 22, in the Colby Grade School gym. This was an error in information given to the paper.

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### Deaths

#### Georgine M. Leiker

Georgine M. Leiker, 82, Colby, died today, Friday, July 9, 2010, at Prairie Senior Living Complex.

Services are pending with Kersbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, 462-7979.

## Area students listed on university honor roll

LAWRENCE — More than 4,700 students at the University of Kansas earned honor roll distinction for the spring 2010 semester, including three from Colby.

Honor roll criteria vary among the university's academic units. Some schools honor the top 10 percent of students enrolled, some establish a minimum grade-point average and others raise the minimum grade-point average for each year students are in school. Students must complete a minimum number of credit hours to be considered for the honor roll.

Those listed from this area are:

**Colby:** Joshua John Houtz, son of Brett and Margaret Houtz, pharmacy; Aubrette Helen Stephens, daughter of Paul and Joanne Stephens, liberal arts junior; Andrew Christian Toth, son of Patrick and Sally Toth, liberal arts and engineering senior.

**Atwood:** Simone Marie Cahoj, daughter of Larry and Suzanne Cahoj, business senior.

**Edson:** Josh William Duke, son of Fritz and Susan Duke, school of the arts senior.

**Goodland:** Lea Elise Acuff, daughter of Mark Acuff, pharmacy.

**Hoxie:** Heidi Patrice Arb, daughter of Harold and Bridget Koster, nursing senior; Loren Michael Cressler, son of Herbert and Marita Cressler, liberal arts senior; Tanner O. Popp, son of Keith and Shirley Popp, liberal arts senior.

**Oakley:** Jonathan James Porter, son of James Porter, business senior.

**Quinter:** Michaela Dawn Bird, daughter of Scott and Sheryl Bird, nursing senior; Edward Gerald Machen, son of Michael and Susan Machen, liberal arts sophomore.



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4	5	6 Brandl Ihrig Dietician	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Dr. Frankum Surgery	15 Dr. Saba Orthopedics	16	17
18	19	20	21 Dr. Curtis Cardiology	22 Dr. Reeves Podiatry	23 Dr. Reeves Podiatry	24
25	26	27 Dr. Miller Cardiology	28	29	30	31

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**Great Bend Thursday, July 15**  
The Front Door  
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7:00-8:30 p.m.  
8:30 Questions & Answers

Refreshments served.  
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