

# Family

## Deaths

### Patricia Lynn Baumfalk

Patricia Lynn Baumfalk, 66, Victoria, formerly of Colby, died Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010, in Victoria.

She was born Feb. 25, 1944, in Colby, the daughter of Guy and Lewanna (Lanning) Pearson. In 1960, she married Raymond Baumfalk.

She enjoyed playing the piano, horseback riding, barrel racing and wheat weaving.

Preceding her in death were her oldest son Johnathan, her parents, two sisters, a brother and a great-granddaughter.

She is survived by her husband;

a son, Don Baumfalk and Debbie Moos; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010, at the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Atwood, with Pastor Chris Edwards officiating and burial in the Fairview Cemetery, Atwood.

Visitation will be after 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the church.

The family suggests memorials in her name, in care of the funeral home, 109 N. Second, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

## City shames property owners

READING, Pa. (AP) — Property owners neglecting their homes in one eastern Pennsylvania city are getting an online shaming.

Reading Mayor Tom McMahon on Monday announced a new online "Wall of Shame" featuring blighted properties.

McMahon says the property owners' names will be posted along with pictures and address-

es. He says he's serving notice to owners who fail to clean up eyesore properties.

Ten properties are already facing designation as blighted, which could lead to them being torn down, he said. Fifty other properties are listed on the site, and McMahon says they're being targeted for blighted status by the city.

## On the Beat

### COLBY POLICE Wednesday

3:39 a.m. — Report of someone walking the hallway and trying to get into apartment at Colby House.

11:32 a.m. — Clerk at Bosselman's reported gas skip. No report; subject returned to pay after Highway Patrol stopped vehicle on westbound I-70 at mile 42.

2:23 p.m. — Third-party report of dog at large in the 700 block of W. Sixth. Not found.

5:49 p.m. — Assisted with child exchange.

6:32 p.m. — Supplemental report filed for theft on criminal damage case at storage units Monday.

8:16 p.m. — Assisted with attempt to locate.

11:01 p.m. — Budget Host Inn called about angry customer re-

questing officer assistance. No report, subject unhappy with motel and leaving.

### THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Wednesday

1:53 p.m. — All OK; subject sleeping in stalled vehicle at County Rd. 2 and I-70.

2:15 p.m. — All OK with stalled vehicle at Fuel Depot.

2:24 p.m. — Lost license plate

## Corrections

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# Hopelessness falls before faith



**Carol Rahn**

## From the Pulpit

In the past several months, I have heard several comments from folks who are feeling hopeless.

The economy is not recovering as quickly as everyone would want and our nation is involved in two wars. The Gulf oil spill seemed to be the thing to tip the balance.

I have been one of many who could not look at any of the photos of the oil-slicked devastation, with the water, animals and marshlands covered with black goo. That, more than anything else for me, symbolized the direction we as a society are headed, and I didn't see a lot of hope.

Yet the Christian faith is a faith of hope — sins forgiven, death conquered. The new life that Jesus promised was never just for the sweet by and by, but was to be for us now, today. Yet so many seem to be seeking hope in the question "Is there life after death?" because the answer to the other question — "Is there life on this side of death?" seems to feel less and less hopeful. So much so, in fact, that people are leaving the church

because it seems we offer either a Pollyannaish, pie-in-the-sky false hope, or we avoid the tough questions altogether. And then hope is thought to be found in money, power and the accumulation of stuff. This is not real hope.

There are the times when discussions begin about how our faith might impact what we think about science, economics, the environment or politics, and some folks walk away, complaining that's not the church's affair.

"Pray about those things if you must, but let's keep our talk focused on the Bible," some will say. Or I will hear folks filled with prophecies of doom and gloom, making it clear that God's wrath is upon us all and that the situations we are in despair about are God's punishment. Doom and despair are our fated lot.

Presbyterian theology talks about living in the times of already, but not yet. With the Incarnation, the coming of Jesus in our world, God's rule is already at hand, but it is not yet complete. I am among those who fervently pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done," with some hope that I might catch a glimpse of the already while not being overwhelmed by the despair of the not yet.

I have decided to take the risk that hope is a reality and that small

glimmers can be found amidst the despairing news and world views. I am willing to take seriously Jesus' promise of new life, not just for me, but for all of God's creation. I may have to look a bit harder, but I am convinced that there is still hope.

And I think there's more to finding hope than looking for where it might be hiding in the neglected nooks and crannies of life. I think Christians need to live as people of hope. If we don't, who will?

Take small, hope-filled actions, find ways to encourage positive changes, tiny as they might seem to be, rather than whine about what's wrong. Put our best selves forward, instead of letting despair bring out cantankerous attitudes of negativity, fear and even hatefulness. Live with attitudes of generosity, selflessness, patience and tolerance. Don't put down anyone who might be different or with whom you disagree.

Hope does not come when we take ostrich-like stances, with derrieres in the air and heads in the sand. Hope can be found when we actually let hope take the lead. Having hope does not deny that things are bad.

Let's be honest. Things are not wonderful right now. But when we truly believe that God is lovingly and powerfully in control and that the power of human sin is not the last answer, and who we are and how we lead our lives is guided by those faith convictions, we will know hope. And we will show hope to others.

In John Bunyan's "The Pilgrim's Progress" the leading character, Christian, and his companion, Hopeful, are captured by Giant Despair, who takes them to his Doubting Castle, where they are imprisoned, beaten and starved. They endure the ordeal until Christian realizes that a key he has, called Promise, will open all the doors and gates of Doubting Castle. Using the key, they escape.

God has given us the promise of hope, fully revealed in Jesus. The value of hope comes in the actions that come from living into God's promise to us. Believing in hope or thinking hope-filled thoughts won't make much of a dent in the despair that seems to surround us. But grabbing ahold of the key God has given us and living hope can.

I have a sticky note posted above one of my work areas that says "You don't believe it if you don't live it." If we, as Christians, truly believe that we have found our true hope in Jesus Christ, we could serve the world well if we started living in that hope.

And if we don't, who will? And if we don't, why not?

Carol Rahn is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Colby.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.20
Corn (bushel)	\$3.44
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.67
Soybeans (bushel)	\$9.65

# SERVICES DIRECTORY

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 785-462-6342, Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Podcasts of the worship services are available at the church website colbypres.org.

## 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. Pastor Steve Todd. Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages. Wednesday Youth at The Rock 3:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday evening services at 6:30 p.m. on all Sundays except the 5th Sunday of every month. 785-462-8234. cdag@st-tel.net.
- BEREAN CHURCH**, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyberan.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. and Saturday, 5:30 p.m.. Pastor Mark Carlton, Senior Pastor and Pastor Jason Purdy, Youth Pastor. Middle School Group Wednesday 7 p.m. at the Attic and High School Youth Group Sunday 6 p.m. at the Attic. AWANA Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the church.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Rev. Craig Crossman, 615 W. Webster, 785-462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; RC Club 2nd and 4th Sundays at 2 p.m.
- 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 Wednesday's.
- PLEASANT HOME CHURCH**, Pastor, Perry Baird, 785-890-3375, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
- WINONA METHODIST CHURCH**, 501 Bellview Ave. Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)
- MINGO BIBLE CHURCH**, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Intern Pastor Tom Peyton. 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.
- 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 11:00 a.m. Podcasts of the worship services are available at the church website colbypres.org.
- 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 - 785-460-6605, President Andy Rose, 785-460-6807; Erwin Mitchell, 1st counselor, 785-460-1952; Calvin Haverfield, 2nd counselor, 785-953-1043. 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, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays or by appointment. Call 785-462-3571.
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- 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., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m. www.colbychurch.com
- OASIS WORSHIP CENTER**, Colby, Pastor J. Curry, 785-462-0913. Sunday Service at 2 p.m.
- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**, (Disciples of Christ), Pastor Lyle Knebel, 385 W. 3rd - 785-460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church at 10:00 a.m.
- 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. Robert Alexander. East 5th & Country Club, 785-462-3497, Services, Sat., 5:30 p.m., Sunday; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m.; Services, 10:30 a.m. Visit us at www.trinitycolby.com.
- LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH**, 205 1st St., Pastor Charles Taff, 785-586-2376, Sunday School (classes for 3 years & up and 3 adult classes) 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.
- 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.
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