

# Family

## Deaths

### Rodney M. Ryan

Rodney M. Ryan, 75, Colby farmer, died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010, at his home.

He was born Dec. 9, 1934, in Halford to Thomas and Clara (Bremenkamp) Ryan.

On April 12, 1969, he married Danette McEachern in Leadville, Colo.

He is survived by his wife, of the home; six daughters, Elizabeth (Lee) Moore, Olathe; Celine (James) Wright, Great Bend; Veronica Ryan, Shawnee; Collette Morris, Colby; Patricia (Tyler) Samuelson, Olathe; and Katera (Thomas) Mowry, Springfield, Mo.; two brothers, Dennis (Francis) Ryan, Colby; and David (Tracy) Ryan, Las Vegas; four sisters, Kathleen Steavenson, Santa

Paula, Calif.; Ethel (Bob) Ortiz, Albuquerque, N.M.; Zita Bates, Durham, N.C.; and Judith (John) Sears, Bella Vista, Ark.; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 15, 2010, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, with Father Dana Clark officiating and burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Harrison Chapel, with rosary at 6:30 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to the church's remodeling fund or to Hospice Services of Thomas County, in care of any Colby bank or the funeral chapel, Box 634, Colby Kan., 67701.

## From treehouse to doghouse

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — A Denver-area man might have to go to court to keep city officials from tearing down an elaborate backyard treehouse they say is hazardous.

Sculptor Duncan Foss of Golden faced a deadline of 4 p.m. Monday to take down the treehouse or face legal action. Foss says he's not taking down the hangout he built for his 11-year-old daughter.

City spokeswoman Karlyn

Tilley says Golden's chief building official planned to meet with the city attorney Tuesday. The city likely will issue a summons that could result in a fine.

Foss's backyard structure consists of a rambling series of bright blue decks and elevated boardwalks. Building officials consider it a hazard. Part of the treehouse burned in December after a tiki torch exploded.

## Corrections

In the story, "Parade planned to honor veterans," on Page 1 of the Monday, Nov. 8, edition of the *Colby Free Press*, Jennifer Koel, who was to sing the National Anthem, was incorrectly named. Jim Vap, who spoke at the event, was incorrectly listed as the owner of

Vap Distributing. These were information errors.

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# Thanksgiving carries value for all



### Mark Carlton

#### From the Pulpit

I have always enjoyed Thanksgiving. It is perhaps the most understated of our national holidays, certainly the least commercialized and perhaps the most wholesome.

Thanksgiving is also America's most obviously religious holiday, since its very purpose is to acknowledge and thank God.

Certainly, there have been attempts to secularize the holiday. For example, some people refer to it as "Turkey Day," and secularists refer to it as a fall festival, but these efforts have not taken hold.

In spite of all efforts to redefine it, Thanksgiving still conjures up images of pilgrims, family get-togethers and dinners celebrating God's blessing — and a prayer before the meal, even where this custom is not generally observed.

Americans have not always done everything right — to this day there are many things wrong with our culture — but it speaks well of us as a people that from early days we have recognized that God is the source of every good and perfect gift (James 1:17), and that we have paused to thank Him.

The Psalmist wrote, "It is good to give thanks unto the Lord." And

it is. This is especially so for those of us fortunate enough to live in the U.S., a country blessed as no other nation in the history of the world.

But we cannot help but notice that the more prosperous we have become, each generation seems less thankful. In this, we resemble the ancient Israelites. Before they entered the Promised Land, Moses gave them this solemn warning:

"Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God... Otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them, and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God..." (Deuteronomy 8:11-14)

He also warned them that if they did forget the Lord, their prosperity would be short-lived. You see, prosperity is a blessing, not a birthright, and what is enjoyed and taken for granted today may be taken from us tomorrow.

In 1863, our nation was in the midst of a terrible civil war. Things were going poorly for the North. The blessing of peace had been removed and the future of the union was in doubt. In the White House, our president, who was making a personal spiritual journey from skepticism to faith, reflected on these things.

Abraham Lincoln had gradually come to believe that the Civil War was a divine judgment that had come upon the nation because America, like ancient Israel, had forgotten God. And so he wrote:

"We have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these

blessings were produced by some superior wisdom or virtue of our own. Intoxicated by unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God who made us."

And so he called the nation to a day to "set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens." And so he called the nation to prayer.

It would be politically incorrect for any of our leaders to repeat these words today. In fact, even to suggest such thoughts might signal the end of a promising political career.

But Lincoln was right in his day and our nation could use his wisdom in ours. His thoughts are certainly worth considering, because whether we acknowledge it or not, God is still the source of every good a perfect gift, and "it is good to give thanks to the LORD."

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.

## Freshman wins sheep judging

The Colby Community College livestock judging team traveled to Lubbock, Texas, for the Texas Tech Southern Stockman contest last Friday.

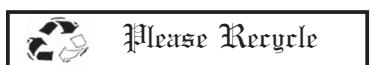
Freshman Travis Line of Miller Neb., placed first in the sheep division and ninth overall.

The next contest is for sopho-

mores only in Louisville, Ky., on Wednesday, Nov. 17.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.28
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## Schedule of church services

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**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](mailto:cdag@st-tel.net).

**BEREAN CHURCH**, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, [www.colbyberean.com](http://www.colbyberean.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 Pastor Tom Peyton. Sunday School: 9:30AM - all ages. Worship Services: 10:45AM. Sunday Evenings 6:30. 3rd Sunday informal fellowship - bring a snack to share! First Sunday of month - carry-in dinner following morning worship.

**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. Podcasts of the worship services are available at the church website [colbypres.org](http://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.

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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](http://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](http://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.

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**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.

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