

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Tuesday

1:08 a.m. – Security check at Walmart.

1:34 a.m. – Harassment: clerk reported subject from an earlier complaint keeps calling, harassing and refusing to quit calling.

9:37 a.m. – Assisted motorist at I-70 westbound on ramp.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Saturday

6:10 p.m. – Report filed on theft of four-wheeler in Rexford; it was recovered in Rexford.

6:43 p.m. – Calves out. Police tried to contact owner; a neighbor got them off the road.

7:15 p.m. – Caller reported calves out. Police left a second message for the owner; a neighbor got them off the road again.

9 p.m. – Helped look for vehicle connected to suspicious incident.

9:09 p.m. – Driving under the influence report on traffic stop on County Rd. R just west of Range. Van's towed vehicle.

Sunday

2:12 p.m. – Assisted motorist on eastbound I-70 at mile 72.

3:35 p.m. – Caller reported vehicle pulling horse trailer driving erratically on I-70 westbound from

mile 59. Not found to Brewster. 5:55 p.m. – Cattle out U.S. 83 at mile 170. Police contacted owner; deputy was advised of call.

Monday

10:49 a.m. – Driving while suspended report filed on traffic stop at U.S. 83 and County Rd. V.

12:39 p.m. – Assisted police with injury accident at Range and Zelfer.

2:42 p.m. – Caller reported U-haul at bottom of ramp I-70 at Levant, subject walking. Not found.

11:55 p.m. – Located subject at Oasis from attempt to locate given to police.

Tuesday

7:59 a.m. – Assisted ambulance crew.

9:08 a.m. – Assisted motorist on U.S. 24 at County Rd. 30.

12:33 p.m. – Assisted Highway Patrol at I-70 mile 52 eastbound.

1:24 p.m. – Assisted Highway Patrol at I-70 mile 68 eastbound.

6:55 p.m. – Report filed on traffic stop at Main and Kansas in Brewster.

10:09 p.m. – Oakley Police advised of a subject coming in reporting that he ran through smoke north of Colby on K-25. Unable to locate to the Thomas/Rawlins county line.

Promises – resolutions – are to keep



Carol Rahn

• From the Pulpit

OK. It's a new year. 2011 has arrived. The holidays are over. Decorations are put away, or in the process of getting boxed and stored for another 11 months, or maybe, at least, you're thinking about taking down the tree and lights – soon.

For some, this may not just be a time of putting away, but of taking on something (or things) new, in the form of New Year's resolutions.

This is the time when we make ourselves those promises to do better in this new year, to take care of ourself, spend more time with family, watch the money a little more carefully. I don't need to explain. You all know the drill.

Make the resolutions. Feel a little guilty the first time you break one. Feel worse the second or third time. And by April, you have forgotten what resolutions you might have made. Except for a dedicated few, New Year's resolutions are just promises waiting to be broken.

Promises are interesting things. I think we're more likely to break those we make quietly to ourselves, rather than those we make public. If you break one, who knows besides yourself?

We are probably more faithful to promises we make to others. It's often harder to let down another person. But so often we make well-intentioned promises, only to find ourselves failing to keep our word. Sometimes there's a good reason. More often there is not.

Robert Frost would often visit colleges and give poetry readings and answer students'

questions. After he read his famous poem, "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening," which ends with "promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep," a student's hand went up.

"What was the promise?" he asked. Frost replied, "If I had wanted you to know, I would have told you."

Promises made, but not revealed. It's easier to break promises if we keep them hidden from others. We feel less guilty if New Year's resolutions fall by the wayside if no one else is in on what they might be.

But God does things differently. Always has; always will. God made very public the divine promise of forgiveness, restoration and redemption in the person of Jesus Christ. With the Incarnation, with Jesus' birth, God shows the world not only the promise, but its fulfillment.

Here, in the baby whose birth we have just celebrated, the great promise of God, "I will be your God, and you will be my people," is made real, made visible, for all the world to

see and to know. With the coming of Jesus, we know God will not renege on the promise to give us a savior, a messiah, who will show us the way to salvation.

The promise was made. The promise has been kept.

It is too easy to put away the promise of Christmas along with the decorations. The carols have been sung, the gifts exchanged, the cookies made and eaten. Now it's back to business as usual, acting as if nothing has changed. But in the coming of Christ, everything has changed, and keeps on changing, because God's ultimate promise is that God is always making all things new – you, me, the world, all things.

We can either claim God's great promise in Christ – or not. We can either allow ourselves to be new creations in Christ, or let the same-old same-old happen in our lives. We can either look to Christ for our example of fullness in our living, abundance in our giving, and grace-filled eternity in our dying, or we can go on as if nothing new had ever really happened.

It's a new year. A promise has been made and kept. And God has told us, shown us emphatically what that promise is.

A new thing has already begun. Will you claim it – or just pack it away for another year? Will you let God's always and forever resolution be made real in your life? After all, it is a new year.

School Activities and Menus

Colby Public Schools

Activities: Monday: Colby Community College registration; 4 p.m. junior high scholars bowl, Colby Invitational; 4 p.m. grade school site council, cafeteria; 6 p.m. C team basketball, Burlington, Colo.; 7:30 p.m. basketball supervisors meeting, elementary gym. **Tuesday:** college classes begin; 4:45 basketball vs. Scott City, community building. **Wednesday:** 9 a.m. Great West Activities Conference league meeting, Scott City; 3:45 p.m. coordinating council, administration building; 5 p.m. music booster meeting, high school work room. **Thursday:** 4 p.m. scholars bowl, Hugoton. **Friday:** 11 a.m. varsity wrestling, Newton tournament; 4:45, 6:30, 8 p.m. basketball vs. Ulysses, community building and high school. **Saturday:** 9 a.m. varsity wrestling, Newton tournament; 9:30 a.m. junior varsity wrestling at Junior Prairie Classic, Hays.

Menus: Monday: breakfast: pizza; lunch: beef and bean burrito, steamed carrots, shredded lettuce, salsa, cornbread with honey, peach slices. **Tuesday:** breakfast: pancakes, applesauce; lunch: pig in blanket, crispy sliced potatoes, cauliflower, carrots, apple. **Wednesday:** breakfast: sausage patty, cinnamon toast, orange wedges; lunch: chicken-fried steak, whipped potatoes, country gravy, hot roll, green beans, kiwi. **Thursday:** breakfast: pancake and sausage on a stick; lunch: southwest chicken wrap, corn, black bean, chips with salsa, lettuce, mandarin oranges. **Friday:** breakfast: breakfast burrito with salsa, hamburgers, baked sun chips, baked beans, pineapple chunks, cookie.

Sacred Heart

Activities: Monday: 6:30 p.m. Home and School; 7:15 p.m. school council.

Menus: Monday: corn dog, smiley fries, kiwi, peas, no bake cookie. **Tuesday:** meat loaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, peach slices, corn. **Wednesday:** soup dya, chili or chicken noodle, carrot sticks, strawberries with bananas, cinnamon roll. **Thursday:** goulash, green beans, pears, garlic bread. **Friday:** hamburger, French fries, baked beans, cauliflower.

Heartland

Activities: Tuesday: 7 p.m. HOPE meeting. **Saturday:** all-school work day.

Golden Plains

Activities: Monday: high school basketball, Western Kansas Liberty League tournament, Sharon Springs. **Tuesday:** high school basketball, league tournament, Sharon Springs. **Friday:** high school basketball, league tournament, Goodland. **Saturday:** high school basketball, league tournament, Goodland.

Menus: Rexford: Monday: breakfast: pancake, sausage; lunch: pinwheel. **Tuesday:** breakfast: bagels; lunch: chicken and noodles. **Wednesday:** breakfast: hash brown; lunch: chili. **Thursday:** breakfast: grilled ham/cheese; lunch: bierocks. **Friday:** breakfast: breakfast burrito; lunch: hamburger.

Selden: Monday: breakfast: breakfast burrito; lunch: chicken and noodles. **Tuesday:** breakfast: French toast; lunch: weiner wrap. **Wednesday:** breakfast: biscuit/gravy; lunch: chili con queso. **Thursday:** breakfast: muffin; lunch: roast beef. **Friday:** breakfast: scrambled eggs; lunch: tuna sandwich.

Brewster

Activities: Monday: high school basketball, Western Kansas Liberty League tournament, Sharon Springs. **Tuesday:** high school basketball, league tournament, Sharon Springs. **Friday:** high school basketball, league tournament, Goodland.

Menus: Monday: breakfast: sausage gravy biscuit; lunch: nacho beef and cheese, veggie sticks, corn, apple, pears. **Tuesday:** breakfast: blueberry muffin;

lunch: chicken strips, mashed potatoes, broccoli, cooked carrots, pineapple, mandarin oranges.

Wednesday: breakfast: scrambled eggs and cheese; lunch: smothered burritos, veggie sticks, peaches, banana. **Thursday:** breakfast: pancakes, sausage; lunch: hamburgers, fries, seven-layer salad, orange slices, mixed fruit.

Colby Community College

Activities: Sunday: dorms open for spring semester. **Monday:** 8 a.m. new student orientation, Cul-

tural Arts Center; 9 – 11:30 a.m. registration for spring semester (A-L), Student Union; 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. Registration (M-Z), Student Union; faculty assessment and work day.

Tuesday: semester begins.

Wednesday: 6 p.m. women's basketball, Liberal; 8 p.m. men's basketball, Liberal.

Thursday: 7 p.m. Trojan Wrestlers, Pratt; 7 p.m. Harlem Ambassadors, community building.

Friday: 7:30 a.m. National Western Stock Show collegiate

livestock judging contest, Denver. **Saturday:** Western Stock Show, livestock judging team at Nationals, Denver. 9 a.m. indoor track vs. Texas Tech, Lubbock, Texas. 5:30 p.m. women's basketball, Dodge City; 7:30 p.m. men's basketball, Dodge City.

Send us your calendar and menus. E-mail colby.society@nwkansas.com or mail Colby Free Press, 155 W. Fifth, Colby, Kan., 67701.

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Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



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.

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.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.

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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 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.

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.

REDEEMING LOVE MINISTRIES, INC., 345 N. Franklin, Dr. W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Equipping Class, Sunday, 9 a.m., Sunday worship, 10 a.m., Wednesday, R.L.M Training Centers (Bible School), 6p.m. Shoponline at: www.rimregionalchurch.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., 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.

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, Tue. 5:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study.

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