

Family

Deaths

Dalen J. Schlageck

Dalen J. Schlageck, 21, Colby, died Thursday, March 10, 2011, at Swedish Medical Center in Englewood, Colo., following a car accident.

He was born in Colby, July 18, 1989, the son of Pete and Kim Schlageck.

A student at Colby Community College, he was a cattle farmer.

He is survived by his parents and two brothers, Cody (Layla) Schlageck and Devon Schlageck, all of Colby; and his grandparents, Gale and Janet Schlageck of Grinnell and Joe and Marlene Cooper of Hoxie.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at the Colby United Methodist Church, with Pastor Steve Todd officiating and burial in Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Harrison Chapel.

The family suggests memorial donations in his name in care of any Colby bank or the funeral chapel, Box, 634, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Delores A. Fortin

Delores A. Fortin, 81, a retired elementary school teacher from Grinnell and mother of Randy Fortin of Colby, died Thursday, March 10, 2011, at her home.

She was born Dec. 29, 1929, in Cheyenne Wells, Colo., to George H. and Mary (Holdforth) Baalman.

On Aug. 12, 1967, she married Marion H. Fortin in Grinnell.

She retired as an elementary teacher in Gove.

A member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Grinnell, she belonged to the Daughters of Isabella of Oakley and the Grinnell Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies' Auxiliary. She had been a den leader the Grinnell Cub Scouts and a volunteer at the Grinnell Senior Center.

She was preceded in death by

her parents and her husband in 2010.

Survivors include another son, Gerard (Debbie) Fortin of Wichita, a sister, Loretta Stramel of Cortez, Colo., and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 14, 2011, at the church in Grinnell, with Father James Thomas Officiating and burial in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the church parish center, with a rosary/wake service at 7 p.m., and on Monday from 10 a.m. until service time.

The family suggests memorials to the church or to Hospice Services, in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Corrections

The story "Hospital foundation buys new mammography machine," on Pages 1 and 3 of the Wednesday, March 9, edition of the *Colby Free Press* mistakenly said the analog mammography machine no longer met standards. The machine the hospital has been using was checked regularly and

was up to Food and Drug Administration and American College of Radiology standards.

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Is it morning or twilight?



Mark Carlton

From the Pulpit

In 1919, just after the gut-wrenching trauma of the First World War, Oswald Spangler published the first volume of *The Decline of the West*, in which he presented his theory of the rise and fall of nations. It was a pessimistic work in which he theorized that western civilization was on the decline. In 1934, he published a second book, "The Hour of Decision," in which he foresaw the Second World War and warned that it might well lead to the destruction of western civilization.

Years have passed and Spangler's book has been all but forgotten. After all, the Second World War came, but it did not signal the end of western civilization. What is not appreciated is just how close Spangler's prediction came to being fulfilled to the letter. In fact, had it not been for one aging English politician who foresaw the same thing Spangler did, the West might have fallen and the world slipped into a new dark age. The politician was Winston Churchill.

Churchill was far from a perfect man. One would not have to look far to find things to dislike about the man. But there was a moment when this flawed old lion saved the West from the fate forecast by Spangler. In his book, "Five Days in London," John Lukas explains: "The setting is London ... Friday through Tuesday, 24 to 28 May 1940. Then and there Adolf Hitler came closest to winning the Second World War, his war.

"One man knew how close Hitler had come.... Winston Churchill.... November 1942 was the military hinge of fate on the battlefields of Egypt, North Africa, and Russia: the military

turning points. Even then Britain could not win the war. In the end America and Russia did. But in May 1940 Churchill was the one who did not lose it. Then and there he saved Britain, and Europe and Western Civilization."

As I read Lukas' book I was struck with how close Spangler's prophecy came to being fulfilled. It came down to that one stubborn man. How different history would have been had Churchill not been there! Britain would have capitulated and Hitler would have won the war.

Of course, Hitler would have attacked Russia and who knows whether he or Stalin would have prevailed; but either way Europe would have entered either a Nazi or Communist dark age. Hitler or Stalin. Take your pick.

But as Lukas points out, defeating the one dark power required more than the grit of Churchill, it still took the United States, and perhaps even more important, that other dark power, the Soviet Union, to defeat the Nazis. After that, had it not been for the United States' willingness to fight the Cold War the Soviets would have prevailed and Spangler's prophecy might still have been fulfilled. So looking back it can be said that had it not been for Winston Churchill's determination not to lose the war and the United States' willingness

to fight the Cold War western civilization would have fallen and the world would be in a dark age. But has the danger passed?

In retrospect, Spangler was right. The West, except for one old Englishman and the still vigorous U.S., had run out of steam. Spiritually and morally drained, Europe required the U.S. first to save them from the Nazis, to rebuild it after the war, and finally to save it from Communism. But the trends that signaled Spangler of a civilization in its twilight in 1919 are still there and they have spread, but this time there is no Churchill and the U.S. is running out of steam.

Ronald Reagan said, "It's morning in America." Perhaps it was, but the day seems to be passing quickly and there is a feel of twilight in the air.

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Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$7.02
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Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.25

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Senior Center

There will be cinnamon rolls on tap Wednesday at the Senior Progress Center.

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 10:30 a.m. shuffle board. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 pinochle game. **Wednesday:** 10:45 a.m. cinnamon rolls and coffee. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pool game.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** baked spaghetti, green beans, tropical fruit, garlic bread, cook's choice complement. **Tuesday:** turkey, sweet potatoes, coleslaw, bread, pineapple. **Wednesday:** ham and beans, strawberries, corn bread, brownies. **Thursday:** roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, lime gelatin with pears, bread, cake. **Friday:** salmon patty, macaroni and cheese, California blend vegetables, bread, plums.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch Monday through Friday at the senior center. Home delivery is available, as is pick-up service. A contribution of \$3 per meal is suggested for seniors, \$5.25 for others. For anyone under 60, home delivery is \$5.75. Make reservations at (784) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

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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.
- 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. Contemporary Evening Service at 4 p.m. through the semester.
- PLEASANT HOME CHURCH**, Pastor, Perry Baird, 785-728-7380, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (MST)
- 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, YW/ 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.
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- 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 Pinkelner, 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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