

Family

Deaths

James L. Withers

James L. Withers, 76, a retired rancher and farmer, Colby, died Thursday, May 5, 2011, at Via Christi Regional Medical Center in Wichita.

He was born March 5, 1935, in Colby, the son of Wilson Daniel and Viola Jean (Moffit) Withers.

Survivors include his wife, Judie P. Withers of Colby; a son, Matthew G. (Nancy) Withers, Wichita; three daughters, Tammy L. (Randy) Robber, Sharon Springs; Connie R. (Shad) Mehl, Leoti; and Sallie J. (Elliot) Jensen, Andover; a brother, Robert (Louise) Withers, Colby; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 9, 2011, at the Colby United Methodist Church, with the Revs. James Mardock and Guy Rendoff officiating and burial in Beulah Cemetery with Mason graveside services.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

The family suggests memorials to a memorial fund in his name to be designated at a later date, in care of the funeral chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Exhibit to show local art

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum in Logan will present the "Local Joy of Painting Artists Exhibit" from next Friday to Sunday, July 3.

Students from the Joy of Painting Workshops held at the Hansen Museum for the past decade will show their artistic works in the Hansen Museum Gallery.

Although Bob Ross died in 1995, his "Joy of Painting" still lives on in workshops across the U.S. The Bob Ross style painting classes bring confidence to students who never dreamed they could paint. Although not considered fine art, these classes encourage people to paint and believe in themselves.

Each student takes an individual approach to the painting they are producing, which allows for a tremendous array of personality in the exhibit as a whole.

The museum encourages visitors to stop by and see what past painting students have created.

Museum hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays; and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays and holidays. The museum is handicapped accessible and has no admission fee.

For information about exhibits, contact Shirley at (785) 689-4846 or go to www.hansenmuseum.org.

Ladies' Golf

The Meadows Lake Ladies' Night golf results for Tuesday are Shari Oren, first; Lisa Stramel, second; Suzanne Schielke, third;

Ceryll Edmundson, fourth and Susan Wark, fifth. The game Tuesday will be Lady Scramble.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

| Hi-Plains Co-op | |
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| Wheat (bushel) | \$7.42 |
| Corn (bushel) | \$6.40 |
| Milo (hundredweight) | \$10.96 |
| Soybeans (bushel) | \$11.91 |

Corrections

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Mother shows strength in grief



Carol Rahn

• From the Pulpit

May is the month we celebrate Mother's Day, so I thought it would be appropriate to celebrate a mother as I continue sharing my adventures in beading a bracelet about Biblical women of faith. This woman's story is a story of childlessness and grief, a not uncommon circumstance, especially in the Old Testament.

In the first and second chapters of 1 Samuel we meet Hannah. She was one of two wives of a religious and faithful man, Elkanah. The other wife, Peninnah, who was the mother of many children, would provoke and irritate Hannah because Hannah had no children. Elkanah continued to shower his love on Hannah, but still she grieved and wept bitterly because she was childless.

Once when the family was going to the temple to worship Hannah went off by herself to pray to the Lord, asking that she might have a son. As she cried and prayed silently to God she was observed by the temple's priest, Eli. He came up to Hannah, angrily accusing her of making a drunken spectacle of herself.

Hannah came to her own defense, claiming she was not drunk at all, but had been in deep prayer, bringing her worries and her pain to God. Eli, moved by her faith and her tears, blessed Hannah with the gift of peace and the promise that God would indeed grant her what she had asked. Hannah continued to worship

at the temple, then returned home, no longer grieving her barrenness.

As in many stories in scripture about barren women, Hannah becomes pregnant and has a son, whom she names Samuel, which means "I asked the Lord for him." But instead of keeping Samuel, a true gift of God, for herself alone, Hannah dedicates and gives her son fully to God.

After Hannah had weaned her son she brought him back to the same temple where Eli had found her praying. She gave her son to Eli, explaining, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord." (1 Samuel 1:26-28, NRSV)

After offering a prayer of thanksgiving Hannah and Elkanah return to their home, while

Samuel remained in Eli's care. Eventually Samuel grew to become a priest himself and was the man who named and anointed David as king of Israel.

Hannah (which means grace in Hebrew) is remembered as a woman of great faith, trusting in the power of prayer and the compassionate strength of God, but also as a self-assured woman of courage who, when confronted by Eli, a man with much more authority and power than she, could speak up for herself and her faith.

She was not too ashamed to hold back her pain or her faith in the Lord. She was also faithful in her unselfish dedication of her only son to God, an offering of sacrificial thanksgiving for God's great generosity to her. Hannah is a model of faith, gratitude and generosity that we would all do well to emulate.

When we selected a bead to honor Hannah on our Women of Grace bracelet, we chose a tear-shaped bead as a way to remember Hannah's tears, but also to remember and honor all women who grieve over their children – or the children they will never have. Hannah truly was a woman of faith and grace, of courage and generous gratitude.

Carol Rahn is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Colby. She may be reached at 462-6342.

Orchard grass can give fescue lawn the 'uglies'

Orchard grass is prized as a hay source and despised as a weed found in tall fescue lawns.

"It can make lawns look ragged within 24 hours of mowing," said Ward Upham, horticulturist, Kansas State University Research and Extension.

Like tall fescue, orchard grass is a cool-season bunch grass. It spreads via seeds, not under-

ground plant parts. Once established, it grows in tufts or clumps and performs best in cool weather. (See photos at kswildflower.org/grass_details.php?grassID=15.)


"It's also very visible in tall fescue lawns. Orchard grass is a noticeably lighter green. Plus, it grows so fast that it's soon sticking up above the mowed turf," Upham said.

Bringing orchard grass into a landscape is much easier than getting rid of it, he warned.

"Any tall fescue seed marked as containing a percentage of 'other crop seed' is likely to have orchard grass seeds in it..." Upham said. "Orchard grass is listed as a crop, not a weed, because it really is a widely used pasture grass.


"The best line of defense against this 'other crop' is buying good seed – preferably with zero percent contaminants. Once planted, orchard grass has few and painful control options."

He recommends spot-spraying clumps with glyphosate (Roundup). After that, wait until the spots turn brown, cut out the clumps and replace them with fescue sod.



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Betty Jeanette "Jean" Watters

Jean Watters 76 passed away peacefully in her residence with her family by her side on May 3, 2011. She was the daughter of Thomas A. and Amelia Schenk. She attended Girls Catholic High School in Hays and graduated with Honors in 1952 - then attended Marymount College in Salina graduating in 1956. It was when she was in nurses training at St. Johns Hospital in Salina that she met the love of her life Ronald "Ron" Watters. They were married June 8, 1957 and were married for 48 action packed years. They chose to raise their children in a small town with strong moral values which they found in Colby Kansas. She raised her children until they were in school and then chose to follow her second passion; nursing. She rose through the ranks at St. Thomas Hospital to Director of Nursing. She was devoted and loyal to her work and helped establish a new hospital - Citizens Medical Center where she started and developed the Outpatient Services Department. CMC now has a very successful OP program which has helped the hospital and Colby prosper. Her dedication and diligence earned her one of Kansas most prestigious awards in nursing when she won the "Heart of Healthcare" Nursing award in 1998.

"Nanny" had what can be described as having an amazing grace. She held herself to high standards and expected the same for her children and grandchildren. She influenced many to obtain their highest goals. She was given a second chance at life ten years ago and spent it wisely: educating her grandkids, and traveling the world. Jean never missed an opportunity to host bridge or bunco which displayed her quiet, competitive nature and her ability to host a party where everyone felt at home. Dad always joked that mom had a black belt in shopping and she always had everyone dressed for success.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Ron, parents T.A. "Doc" and Amelia Schenk and her sister Patricia Bowles. She is survived by her daughter Paula, Taos, Kevin & Christi Watters, Salina, Laura & Dan Barnett, Dallas & Aaron & Jayne Watters, Arkansas City ten grandchildren Courtney Triska, Christopher Jones, Sydney, Ashton and Carson Watters, Amelia, "Mia" Barnett and Colby, Calley, Colton and Cassey Watters.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 6, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Brookville. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Brookville. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at Ryan Mortuary, Salina. Vigil services will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday evening at the mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to a The Sisters of St. Joseph, Concordia, www.csjkansas.org/.

"What children need most are the essentials that grandparents provide in abundance. They give unconditional love, kindness, patience, humor, and best of all chocolate cake. I know you're dancing with Grandpa and the Angels. I love you and I will miss you." - Colby Watters



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.colbyborean.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, 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.rlmregionalchurch.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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