

Family

Deaths

Benny Lean Brown

Benny Lean Brown, 71, Haxtun, Colo., father of Brian (Toni) Brown of Colby, died Saturday, May 21, 2011, at his home.

He was born Nov. 30, 1939, in Brush, Colo., to Ben and Myrtle (Smith) Brown and completed the eighth grade in school.

Following an earlier marriage to Bessy Colton, he married Nancy Florence Sporing on July 27, 1964.

For many years he worked for the City of Goodland. He also worked at the Golden Wheat Ranch in Kanorado and the mines at Grandby, Colo. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, hunting and

computer games. Preceding him in death were his parents and a son, Conrad Brown.

Survivors also include his wife, of the home; a daughter, Terry (Bobbie) Downs, Willard, Mo.; another son, Troy (Jody) Brown, Goodland; two sisters, Rena and Linda, both of Denver; a brother, John Brown; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 28, 2011, at the Haxtun City Park.

No visitation. Cremation. Gerk Funeral Home, 242 N. Logan Ave., Haxtun, Colo., is in charge of arrangements.

Fern Laurain Bennett

Fern Laurain Bennett, 85, Derby, mother of Linda L. (Virgil) Jones of Colby, died Monday, May 23, 2011, at the Derby Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born March 4, 1926, on a farm north of Hudson, the daughter of Karl Phillip and Mary Crystal (Coleman) Koestel. She attended school in Horace, graduating from Greeley County High School in Tribune in 1944.

On July 7, 1944, she married Donald E. Bennett in San Diego. They lived in Ellis until moving to WaKeeney in 1962.

As an adult, Fern worked in all positions in a restaurant. She also operated a steakhouse and a "hamburger joint" for a time. She worked as head cook at Trego Community High School in WaKeeney and was promoted to food service director for the district.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Randall Reid Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, the American Legion Moore Post and a past member of the Miriam Rebekah Lodge, all in WaKeeney. She enjoyed her

retirement years, gardening, quilting, and making baby blankets for her grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband in 2004; four brothers, Ervin, Leonard, Lyle, and Gilbert Koestel; and two sisters, Edith Kinderknecht and Edna Smith.

Survivors also include two sons, Donald E. (Diane) Bennett Jr., Valley Center; and David L. (Josie) Bennett, Mulvane; a brother, Phillip Koestel, Tucson, Ariz.; three sisters, Pearl Harris, Tribune; Vera Dinkel, Mesquite, Nev.; and Norma Todd, Alliance, Neb.; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were to be today, Friday, May 27, 2011, at the First United Methodist Church in WaKeeney, with the Rev. Glenn Krebs officiating and burial in the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the church or to Walk-a-Thon for Wealth, in care of Schmitt Funeral Home, 336 N. 12th, WaKeeney, Kan., 67672.

Condolences may be sent to Schmittfuneral.com.

Avoiding God's direction led Jonah far from Nineveh

"No!" is a word my three-year old is learning to use when receiving a command from his mother or me.

Actually, when we say "no," he may come back with "Yes!" complete with furrowed brow. He has definitely learned to express his independence. However, as most parents can relate, it comes at the wrong time when the parent is instructing the child.

Nineveh is familiar to us as the town God instructs Jonah to go to — just before he decides to go in the opposite direction.

Jonah's a prophet for God, so he is not unfamiliar with God. Nor is he unfamiliar with God communicating with him. Usually, it is what Jonah wants to hear. This time he obviously doesn't hear what he wants from God, and that turns the story in the opposite direction.

God is using Jonah to speak to the Ninevites so they will turn themselves around. Jonah doesn't think they deserve grace from God. Nineveh was not a town of Israel. Hence, they were not considered "God's people" and did not deserve Jonah to go there — in Jonah's mind, anyway.

With that thinking, Jonah looks to God — like my son looks at me sometimes — and to the face of God says "No!" Jonah is not willing to go.

We all have moments of being like Jonah in avoiding what God is asking us to do.

Last week I was talking to a friend who mentioned receiving a phone call asking for help.



Jarrod Spencer

• From the Pulpit

This friend has a heart for helping people and felt the tug to help out. However, this took more time than planned. My friend didn't want to go because it interfered with other things that afternoon. I jokingly mentioned that this was her "Nineveh" for the week. She wanted to avoid, but God had other plans.

Maybe we could make Nineveh the code name for "avoiding what I need to be doing." The doing is specific to our service toward God. Otherwise, we could call it procrastination — another concept with which I am familiar.

In the book of Jonah, we don't simply see Jonah staying home from God's call. Instead, Jonah goes away from where God is asking. This isn't just mere stubbornness, but rather an in-your-face "I-am-not-doing-what-you-tell-me-to-do" exercise of independence.

You see, I think we all have Ninevites in life. We are all encountering calls from God we want to avoid.

Jonah seems to have been OK with God's communication when it suited his needs and pertained to someone else. That is important when it comes to how we often

view similar commands in life.

It is easy to understand criticisms that comes to someone else. When criticism is then turned to us, it is as "humble pie" and it isn't pleasant.

The same can be the case when it comes from someone telling us to do something. We see someone being told to do something and do not like what is told us.

When was the last time you encountered a tug from God you didn't want to respond to? I have been there. I wanted God to make it obvious, but I am left guessing.

The reasons for avoiding Ninevites vary. However, we all try to avoid them.

May you be encouraged to avoid the problems that come from avoiding God's request — and just do it in the first place.

All parents know this would make it much easier and I think God thinks the same!

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Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

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| Wheat (bushel) | \$8.55 |
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Senior Center

The Senior Progress Center will be closed Monday for Memorial Day. There will be no meals or transportation that day.

Activities for the week: **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 11 a.m. bingo. **Wednesday:** 11 a.m. ice cream floats. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 dart game. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 pool game.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** closed. **Tuesday:** Polish sausage with kraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, plums. **Wednesday:** pasta, beef and tomato casserole, California blend vegetables, gelatin with bananas, brownies. **Thursday:** liver and onions, au gratin potatoes, peas, cook's choice fruit. **Friday:** chicken BLT salad, tropical fruit, crackers, strawberry shortcake.

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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THANK YOU

I want to thank all at Prairie Living Senior Complex for the respect and good care for my husband Jay Johnson the four years he was there.

Special thanks Jenny for parking my car and bringing me a power chair. Many blessings to the Director for the training and good car that he benefitted from them.

Ruth A Johnson

Thank You

Thanks to the hospital, nurses and staff for the care that Dale received while he was in the hospital.

The Leopold Family

SERVICES DIRECTORY

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



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.

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.

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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 W. 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.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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