

# Freedom is for serving others

Freedom. An important word for this weekend as we celebrate the Fourth of July, the celebration of the day in 1776 when our colonial leaders proclaimed our independence from England.

Freedom was important then, and freedom remains important to us today. We go to court to protect it and to the halls of government to legislate it. We go to war to defend it and to therapy to experience it.

But we also have some ambivalence about freedom. We cherish it but worry when some individual or group might have too much. Some see moral values and codes of conduct eroding away because of what we perceive to be too much latitude in the giving of freedom. Others protest that our freedom as citizens is being taken away by more restrictive laws and encroachment on our privacy by big business and big government.

These are all political questions that we ask about and debate, but have you ever asked what freedom means to us as Christians?

For the apostle Paul the answer was simple. Freedom is obedience to God, not to our own desires. In Galatians 5:1 Paul says, "For freedom Christ has set us free." Then he goes further in verses 13 and 14, saying, "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in one commandment, 'you shall love your neighbor as yourself'" (NRSV).

In his letter to the Romans Paul talks about



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being enslaved to sin (Romans 6:6). But then he goes on in verse 14 to say that sin will not have dominion over anyone under the law of grace that we have in Jesus Christ. He adds that through our freedom in Christ we are now slaves to righteousness (v. 18). In other words we are now enslaved to a restored relationship with God so that we can live a life of service to others – and to God. Then in verse 23 Paul concludes that our ultimate freedom is the free gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The kind of freedom Paul is talking about liberates us from sin's captivity for lives of generous, loving service. We are freed from self-centeredness and called to lives beyond ourselves and our own little world. German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer was hanged by the Nazis in 1945 for his work in the German resistance. In his writings he said, "Freedom is not something we have for self, but for others. Freedom is not a presence, a possession, an object; it is a relationship, and nothing else" ("Creation and Fall," p. 37).

Paul attests to a freedom that seems to be the antithesis of what contemporary society defines freedom. The contemporary belief re-

flects a freedom that implies no obligations and no commitments – the freedom to do whatever you please apart from any laws or restrictions. The contemporary understanding of freedom misleads us into believing that, if you are lucky or strong or bold or beautiful and powerful enough, you can live absent any obligations, any commitments, any requirements whatsoever.

But Paul promises that God has granted to us the freedom in Christ to strive for things that bring long term happiness and eternal blessings. Paul believes that God has granted us the power to aspire to and achieve more than our surroundings or culture offers. Our true freedom as Christians comes from our relationship with Christ. This is not a freedom that is earned, is not a reward for faithful living or good behavior. This freedom comes to us as a freely given gift, and when we are relationship with Christ, it becomes our way of life.

We know freedom comes at a high price. The colonial leaders who declared our independence knew that. We know that today. And this is true for Christians as well. Our freedom in Christ is costly. It calls us to lay down our lives, pick up our cross and follow him in service to the Good News we have in Jesus Christ and in service to our neighbors. May you know this truest of all freedoms this Fourth of July and every day after.

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## Deaths

### Edmund R. 'Ed' Dickman

Edmund R. Ed Dickman, 94, a retired farmer from Angelus and father of Gerard (Becky) Dickman of Colby, died Thursday, June 30, 2011, at the Logan County Manor in Oakley.

He was born Nov. 27, 1916, at the family farmstead in Sheridan County to Francis Bernard "Barney" and Regina (Robben) Dickman.

He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps.

On April 8, 1947, he married Barbara Halbleib at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Angelus. She died Oct. 18, 1950.

On Nov. 16, 1953, he married Theresa Morin at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Damar. She preceded him in death on April 13, 1991.

A lifetime member of the church in Angelus, he was a Third Degree Knights of Columbus Angelus Council and Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus John F. Kennedy Assembly.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wives; seven brothers, John, Tony, Monsignor Bernard,

Dave, Al, Vince and Bob Dickman; four sisters, Burgie Albers, Martha Feldt, Sister Regina Marie and Sister Mary Martha; and a granddaughter, Michelle Sneathen.

Survivors include another son, Bernard (Karen) Dickman, Menlo; two foster sons, Joe Chaffin, Haven; and Gene Chaffin, Hutchinson; a foster daughter, Betty Chaffin, Hutchinson; a brother, Gilbert Dickman, Denver; a sister, Jeanne Rietcheck, Grinnell; six grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 5, 2011, at the church in Angelus, with Father Michael Elan officiating and burial in the church's cemetery with military honors by the Wheatland Veterans of Foreign Wars, Grinnell.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday at the church, with rosary and wake service at 8 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to St. Paul's Cemetery Fund or the Grinnell-Angelus Area Heritage Association in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

## Graduate degrees earned

Samantha Schnider of Colby is one of five area students who completed requirements for master's degrees in the spring 2011 semester Fort Hays State University graduation.

Fort Hays Graduate School Dean Tim Crowley's announcement of graduate degrees includes only graduates whose transcripts and records have been verified as meeting all requirements for the degrees listed.

Graduates, with their degrees and majors, are:

### Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Tuesday were Elaine Ptacek, first; Katie Melvin, second; Lyle Worthy, third; Joy Davis, fourth; Cookie Koenig, fifth; and Alvin Koenig, sixth.

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### Corrections

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## Stay safe from heat-related illness as temps rise

Temps are on the rise and that means an increased risk for heat-related illness, including heat stroke. Here are some tips from the American Heart Association to help keep you safe outside this summer whether you're going to the zoo or lending a hand sandbagging. (Source: www.heart.org)

- Hydrate: Drink plenty of water before, during and after physical activity to avoid dehydration. Stay hydrated by drinking a few cups of water before, during and after your exercise.
- Avoid caffeinated or alcoholic beverages: For low-calorie flavor,

add slices of your favorite fruits such as melon, oranges, berries or even cucumber or mint to a pitcher of water and refrigerate for two hours.

- Take a siesta from the sun: Avoid intense activities between noon and 3 p.m. when the sun is at its strongest.
- Dress for the heat: Wear lightweight, light colored clothing, choose light, breathable fabrics such as cotton, and wear sunglasses to protect your eyes.
- Head indoors: When the heat gets unbearable, try indoor activities at your local YMCA or recre-

ation center like basketball, swimming, yoga or racquetball.

- Buddy up: Exercising with a friend is safer, and usually more fun!
- Take regular breaks. Find some shade or a cool place, stop for a few minutes, hydrate and start again.

Symptoms of heat exhaustion include headaches, heavy sweating, cold, moist skin, chills, dizziness or fainting, a weak and rapid pulse, muscle cramps, fast, shallow breathing and nausea, vomiting or both.

If you experience symptoms of

heat exhaustion, move to a cooler place, stop exercising and cool down immediately by dousing yourself with cold water and rehydrating. You may need to seek medical attention.

Symptoms of heat stroke include warm, dry skin with no sweating, strong and rapid pulse, confusion and/or unconsciousness, high fever, throbbing headaches and nausea, vomiting or both.

If you experience symptoms of heat stroke, seek medical attention right away.

### Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.23
Corn (bushel)	\$5.99
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.07
Soybeans (bushel)	\$11.84

## Man slapped with 643 tickets

NEW YORK (AP) – A New York City man has been mistakenly hit with 643 summonses totaling \$48,000.

The Sanitation Department issued the tickets to 72-year-old Levy Zelishovsky for illegally posting fliers around Brooklyn advertising a moving company. He has never been in the business.

He told the *New York Post* he called the number on the flier.

The person who answered said the company went out of business and didn't post the fliers.

The Sanitation Department says it only did a reverse check on the phone number. It now says Zelishovsky hadn't used the number since 2006. He says it was never his number.

The department will recommend the summonses be voided.

**Card Shower for Norman Whittaker**

**70th Birthday July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1941**

Please send cards to:  
1836 Co. Rd 5  
Brewster, KS 67732



### Charles Luckert

Lifelong Thomas and Sherman County, Kansas resident Charles R. "Bud" Luckert, 86, died Monday, June 27, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

He was born April 3, 1925, in a sod house on the family farm near Edson, Kansas, the son of Frederick Gottlieb and Emma Rose (Held) Luckert. He attended school at Edson. He served his country in the United States Army, from November 21, 1944 through August 16, 1946.

On April 17, 1950, he and Theresa Catherine Hafner were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, and they made their home in Brewster, Kansas, where he farmed and worked with cattle. In 1997 they moved to Goodland to make their home. His memberships included Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars – Lowell Coleman Post 1133, American Legion, and Goodland Elks Lodge 1528.

Preceding him in death were his wife Theresa "Tess" Luckert, who died October 30, 2010; two sons Clark Richard Luckert and Charles Anthony Luckert; and three sisters Flo Harris, Marie Platt, and Vi Stein.

Surviving family includes son Wayne Luckert and his wife Debbie of Brewster; daughter Janet Ewing of Eaton, Colorado; five grandchildren Sara Bones and her husband John of Baldwin City, Kansas; Ryan Luckert of Colby, Aaron Luckert of Brewster; Hunter Ewing, Trevor Ewing, both of Eaton, Colorado; four brothers George Luckert and his wife Roberta of Brewster; Ernie Luckert and Petie Cutsinger of Perry, Oklahoma; Frank Luckert and his wife Judy of Norwich; Bill Luckert of Topeka; three sisters Freida Roberts and her husband Elmer of Lamar, Colorado; Grace Pyles and her husband Gene of Loveland, Colorado; Beulah Barbosa and her husband Edgard of Campinas, Brazil.

The Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, July 1, at 10:00 AM MT, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland, with Father Norbert Diabal and Reverend Dana Clark presiding. Burial with military honors followed in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Colby.

Vigil and rosary were Thursday, at 6:00 PM MT, at Koons Chapel in Goodland. Friends shared their respects from 3:00 until 7:00 PM MT.

Memorials may be designated to VFW – Lowell Coleman Post 1133, and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.

# Services Directory

Winona Methodist 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. Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages. Worship 10:15 a.m. Kid's Church for Kindergarten-5th grade during Worship Service. Nursery available for kids birth - 5 yrs old. Wednesday night: Family night September - May. Meal served 6 - 6:30 p.m. CD Kidz for kids birth - 5th grade, Youth Group for 6th - 12th graders and Adult Bible Study at 7 p.m. 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. 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), 6 p.m. Shop online 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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