

August wedding to be held in Colby

Shea Justine McKee and Taylor Jess Finley, both of Colby, plan to marry Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby.

The bride is the daughter of Tim and Pam McKee of Colby. Her grandparents are Dorothy and the late Joe Stephens of Colby and the late Duane and Catherine McKee of Colby. A 2006 graduate of Colby High School and a 2008 graduate of Colby Community College with an Associate of Arts, she is attending Fort Hays to earn a degree in elementary education. She works at Colby Grade School as a substitute teacher.

The groom is the son of Mike and Sondra Finley of Colby. He



Taylor Finley and Shea McKee

is the grandson of Maria and the late Fred Finley of Colby and Ilene and the late Gary O'Leary of St. Francis. He is a 2006 graduate of Colby High School and is working at Western Sprinklers in Colby.

The couple plans to live in Colby following the wedding.

'Dead' trees may just be regrouping

Reports from across Kansas suggest a number of deciduous trees died suddenly this spring.

"Some never leafed out," said Ward Upham, K-State Research and Extension horticulturist. "Others leafed out, then lost their new growth. Despite how they look, though, many are still alive."

Since last summer, regional weather has been challenging records in a see-saw of temperature and moisture extremes, he explained. For trees, that's meant stress.

"Tender buds and leaves are the first to suffer," Upham said. "If that's the extent of the injury, though, established trees could soon be bouncing back."

A knife is necessary for check-

ing whether internal tissue death extends beyond dry, brittle twig ends. Tree owners must shave off some outer bark from several youngish branches.

"If the tissue underneath is greenish-white, there's hope. Owners should keep the tree watered and give it time," he said. "If the cambium layer is water-soaked or near-black, the tree's probably dead."

Upham added that dead-looking trees could be in any of the following categories:

- Highly stressed, the tree only had enough food reserves to leaf out and grow for a while. Then the leaves wilted, and the tree finished dying – seemingly overnight.
- May beetles (June bugs)

Moral challenges still face God

In 1993, the late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan wrote an article for *The American Scholar* entitled "Defining Deviancy Down: How We've Become Accustomed to Alarming Levels of Destructive Behavior." Moynihan argued that:

"The amount of deviant behavior in American society has increased beyond the levels the community can 'afford to recognize' and that, accordingly, we have been redefining deviancy so as to except much conduct previously stigmatized, and also quietly raising the 'normal' level in categories where behavior is now abnormal by any earlier standard."

In other words, our culture has chosen to address its moral breakdown by redefining right and wrong. Things which were once universally condemned as immoral are now considered moral. Moynihan went on to make this very prescient observation:

"This redefining has evoked fierce resistance from defenders of 'old' standards, and accounts for much of the present 'cultural war.'"

Indeed it does. But things have changed since Moynihan made this observation. The culture war can now be spoken of in the past tense and those of us who cling to the old definitions have lost.

Syndicated columnist Charles Krauthammer predicted this just weeks after Moynihan's essay was published. He realized that if society



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was in the process of redefining its morals then it would also need to redefine its villains. If the old immorality was now moral then it exemplars must be considered moral too. And if the old morality was now immoral then those who continue to champion it must now become the villains. This is the way he explained it:

"The real deviants of society stand unmasked. Who are they? Not Bonnie and Clyde but Ozzie and Harriet."

This part of the country is one of the last bastions of the old morality, though Ozzie and Harriet would be shocked to see how far we have drifted from our moorings. But generally speaking, we are still "old fashioned" enough that we are held in scorn by the "more sophisticated."

Listen to the way we were described just last week by *New York Times* columnist David Carr:

"If [an idea comes from] Kansas, Missouri, no big deal. You know, that's the dance of the

low-sloping foreheads."

So what is a Neanderthal who continues to believe in the old definitions to do? The Psalmist addressed this very question in the eleventh Psalm when he asked, "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3)

He answered his own question by reminding himself of several foundational truths. The first is that despite appearances to the contrary, God is still on the throne: "The Lord is in His holy temple; the Lord's throne is in heaven" (Psalm 11:4a)

Second, we need to remember that God uses times like these to test us, to draw a line in the sand to see whose side we are on (Psalm 11:4b-5): "[God's] eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men. The Lord tests the righteous and the wicked, and the one who loves violence His soul hates."

Third, someday each of us will judge us all, and on that day we will be evaluated, not the basis of some socially constructed – or deconstructed – system of morality, but by His own standard (Psalm 11:6-7) ... and that standard, like the one who gave it, never changes.

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Property Transfers

Real Estate recorded June 13 to June 30

The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Thomas County register of deeds:

- July 9, 2009, quit claim deed, Max Earl Pickerill to Max Earl Pickerill Trust; S/2 of Lots 1-4 and S/2 of east 15' of Lot 5, Block 15, Colby Gilmore and Larson Subdivision.
- Aug. 10, 2009, quit claim deed, Max Earl Pickerill to Max Earl Pickerill Trust; Lots 13-14, Block 16, Colby Gilmore and Larson Subdivision.
- June 7, Gwendolyn J. Mallory to D. Dennis and Cathy M. Preston; NE/4 of Sec. 2, T7, R31.
- June 13, Donald P. Keady Trust No. 1 to Dawn Janene Woodall; W/2 of Lots A, 11 and 14, Block 4, Original Colby.
- June 13, Dawn Janene Woodall to Earl L. Brinkmeyer; W/2 of Lots A, 11 and 14, Block 4, Original Colby.
- June 14, Jean A. Kersten Trust to McInay Farms GP; 2-acre tract of NW/4 of Sec. 1, T7, R35.
- June 14, Dorothy J. Sager Trust

to McInay Farms GP; 2-acre tract of NW/4 of Sec. 1, T7, R35.

- June 15, Darryl G. and Donna G. Henry to Willard W. Jr. and Peggy J. Miller; Lots 11-12, Block 13, Original Colby.
- June 16, Norman L. and Betty J. Behring to Troy Bielser; Lot 5, Block 6, Colby Pine Hill Addition.
- June 16, Rob A. Dice to Deborah R. Shuler; part of Lots 17 and 20, Block 16, Original Colby.
- June 20, quit claim deed, Dolly E. Vincent to Jesse J. Vincent; 3.8-acre tract of SW/4 of Sec. 24, T7, R35.
- June 21, Larry and Joyce Clark to Celeste Nichole Ford; W/2 of Lots 7-10, west 37.5' of S/2 of Lot 4 and west 37.5' of Lots 5-6, Block 2, Colby South Park Addition.
- June 22, American Trail Foundation to Rebecca Lynn Harsh; tract of SE/4 of Sec. 10, T10, R32.
- June 22, American Trail Foundation to Zion Corporation; tract of SW/4 of Sec. 11, T10, R32.
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- June 22, Mandy Vaughn to Jacob Dalton Harper and Alison Janae Leavitt; Lot 9, Block 1, Colby Swartwood First Addition.
- June 24, Warren Barnett to T.R. Baalman; SW/4 of Sec. 15, T7, R34.
- June 24, Wilbur D. Barnett Trust to T.R. Baalman; SW/4 of Sec. 15, T7, R34.

Corrections

In the item "Area players to join teams at Colby High" on Page 10 of the Wednesday, July 6, *Colby Free Press*, the name of Lesley Wagoner was misspelled. This was a reporting error.

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Deaths

Kenneth Lee Holsman

Kenneth Lee Holsman, 80, Bogue farmer, father of Annette Wetter of Colby, died Thursday, July 7, 2011, at his home.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 11, 2011, at the Bogue United Methodist church,

with burial in the Memorial Lawn Cemetery in Hill City.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Stinemetz Funeral Home in Hill City and from 9 a.m. until the service Monday at the church.

Meadow Lake Bridge

Meadow Lake bridge winners for June 28 were Elaine Ptacek, first; Katie Melvin, second; Lyle Worthy, third; Joy Davis, fourth; Cookie Koenig, fifth; and Alvin Koenig, sixth.

Winners for Tuesday, July 5 were Margaret Denneler, first; Lyle Worthy, second; Sarah Jane

Barrett, third; Mary Molstad, fourth; Barb Ulmer, fifth; Jean Snyder and Larry Barrett, tie for sixth.

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Schedule of church services

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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-RAIRIE 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.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. 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.

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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 10:45 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 Dingwerth, 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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