

Crave God's word; find God's blessing

"Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, not that you have tasted that the Lord is good" (1 Peter 2:2). "Don't be a baby." That's a familiar comment to someone groaning to excess.



Robert Alexander

• From the Pulpit

Well, Peter tells us to be a baby – a newborn baby – when it comes to God's Word.

Do you feel guilt and shame over sin? Good. There's not enough of that in our day and age. Then you are hungry for the pure spiritual milk of God's love and forgiveness through Jesus.

His love is unconditional. We don't have to work for it. We could never do enough. We don't have to behave or do good things to get it. That's not possible for we are sinful by nature. There are no strings attached to His love.

Jesus did all that is good and perfect in his life, suffering, dying and rising on our behalf. The forgiveness we get through him is unearned. He actually forgives our sins, removing them as far as the east is from the west.

The pure spiritual milk of God's Word tells you all that and more about his love and forgiveness.

Are you afraid of what the future will bring? Good. Then you are hungry for the pure spiritual milk that reminds you God is the Lord of this world and of your life. Anything that goes on in your life, no matter how hopelessly bad it seems, will be used by God to work something out for your good and for the good of his kingdom.

Even if you messed up royally, which puts you in the same league as all those people of faith in the Bible, God will work it out for good. One good thing is that your faith in him will be strengthened.

The pure spiritual milk of God's Word will help you to deal with your fears no matter what they are.

Are you feeling hopeless? Good. Then you are hungry for the pure spiritual milk of God's Word. In Jesus you have a living hope for now and always. You are saved by grace through faith in Jesus. He is preparing a place for you in heaven – your home and a place where there is no more tears, no more illness and no more sin. If he is preparing a place for you, someone who believes in him as the Way, then you can depend on him to come and get you. God keeps his promises. The pure spiritual milk of God's Word will remind you that you have a living hope that depends on Jesus the living, risen Savior.

The spiritual food of God's Word is the best food you'll ever eat. It doesn't just get you from one meal to another like physical food. It gets you from one day to another, giving you strength to take on the troubles of each day and beyond to eternity.

Open up the Bible. Dig in. Enjoy. Satisfy your appetite for God's goodness in the privacy of your home. Go out to eat a Good News sit-down meal with other "babies" at a church that teaches the Bible as the truth that will set you free from sin, death and the devil, and that the true God is the Triune God. In church, at home, or on the road, God's Word is pure "baby" food for the always hungry soul.

God's blessings always.

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Chris Griffin of the museum's staff took a few minutes out of her day to look over some of the quilts in the new display.

Museum displays Colby quilter's work

The current exhibit at the Prairie Museum of Art and History is a variety of quilts created by Colby resident Thresia Aschenbrenner. The quilts will be on display through Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Thresia began quilting in the 1970s, and shows no sign of stopping. An active member of the quilting group that sews together at the museum each Wednesday afternoon, her works create a vibrant, colorful exhibit.

Many traditional quilt patterns are represented, the names of which are as colorful as the quilts themselves: Cathedral Windows, Pinwheel, Tiny Stars, Hands All Around and Double Wedding Ring. Stars are a recurrent motif, shining brightly in four very dis-

tinct Lone Star quilts along with a variety of other star-patterned quilts. Exquisite embroidered quilts and pillow shams round out this beautiful exhibit.

Each quilt represents a huge amount of time and effort, and Thresia has a story to tell about most of them. The museum will hold a reception for her from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, and members of the public are invited to come talk with the artist about her work.

The Prairie Museum of Art and History is located at 1905 S. Franklin Ave. in Colby. Hours are 9 to 5 Monday through Friday and 1 to 5 on weekends. Call 460-4590 for information.

Bicyclists get smacked by bird

PENDLETON, Ore. (AP) – Bicyclists in eastern Oregon say they're getting whacked on the head by an angry bird.

Riders in Pendleton, Ore., told the *East Oregonian* that a male hawk is dive-bombing them because they're too close to a nest he's guarding in an old cottonwood tree.

Bicyclist Mack Temple says the bird came in from behind like a fighter plane and whacked his

helmet. Another rider, Charlie Newhouse, says the attack on his helmet was "like getting hit with a baseball bat." He says the talons went in through the helmet.

Bird-watchers say the large bird is a Swainson's hawk. The riders say he's been vigilant for a few nesting seasons, but hasn't been as aggressive as this year.

Bird-watchers say the hawk will ease up once his brood learns to fly.

Deaths

Gloria Ribordy

Gloria Ribordy, 59, Brewster, died Thursday, July 14, 2011, at Promise Regional Medical Center in Hutchinson.

Services are pending with Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

Retired Federal Employees

President Mary Reitcheck of Hoxie chaired a meeting for the National Association for Active and Retired Federal Employees July 7 at Montana Mike's in Colby.

Others present were Merle and Helen Metzler, Brewster, Florence Messamore and Maxine Nelson of Colby; and guest Cordelia Jespersen.

Nelson gave the invocation following the flag salute.

Reitcheck urged members to write to Congress regarding the federal economy.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September. Guests and new members are welcome to attend. For information contact Nelson at (785) 462-3571.

Truck overturns, spills bees on highway

ISLAND PARK, Idaho (AP) – Cleanup crews in Idaho have finished clearing honey and an estimated 14 million bees that got loose after a delivery truck overturned on a highway.

Fremont County Sheriff deputies say several workers were stung during the first few hours of the cleanup Sunday.

And some observers told the *Post-Register* about seeing a strange black cloud and roaring noise above the spill area before realizing it was a massive swarm of bees.

Authorities say a truck was hauling the bees from California to North Dakota when the driver veered off the shoulder, tipping more than 400 hive boxes and

honey. Crews worked all day Monday before removing all the honey from the roadway, though deputies say a significant amount of bees were still buzzing.

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.97
Corn (bushel)	\$6.80
Milo (hundredweight)	\$11.52
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.72

City officials have food fight

WARNER ROBINS, Ga. (AP) Police say a city councilman in Georgia lost his cool at a Waffle House and smothered and covered a city official with food during an argument.

A police report says 72-year-old Warner Robins Councilman John

Williams spilled food, coffee and water on Tony Robbins during an argument over parking. Robbins is chairman of the downtown development authority.

The councilman told WMAZ-TV that it was an accident and he did nothing wrong.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To the members of Hoxie Masonic Lodge #348 AF&AM

Of the 22,396 members in 243 lodges across the state, they are:

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To date, the Kansas Masons have raised more than \$22 million for the Kansas Masonic Cancer Research Institute at The University of Kansas Cancer Center.

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THE CURE!

Donald Wayne Oren

We miss you so much. It has been three long years since we gathered to say our goodbyes. I wont say goodbye, I will say I will see you again. You were the most special thing in my life. You made my life. - Jeannie

7th Annual Rawlins County MUD BOG TRUCKS & 4-WHEELERS

Saturday, July 16TH • 2 p.m.

Rawlins County Fairgrounds, Atwood, KS

GATES OPEN 11 A.M. ~ \$3,325 CASH & TROPHIES!!

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2011 Thomas County Fair Demo

Saturday, July 23, 2011

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Figure 8 race for both classes also.

Fullsize Cars
Entry Fee for car and driver -- \$40 • Pit Passes --\$20

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Figure 8 Race

Event Schedule
Pit Gate will open at 4:00pm CT
Demo will start at 8:00pm CT
Heats will be determined by Pill Draw

For more information please contact:
General Info: Ron Kogler, Days 785-460-3320
Evenings 785-443-2844 or 785-443-3372
Tech or Rules Info: Kirk Friesen 785-443-4007 or Bruce Plumisto 785-443-3372

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.

Services Directory

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, 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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