

Deaths

Georgia M. Patton

Georgia M. Patton, 72, of Grand Junction, Colo., formerly of Colby and sister of Billie White of Colby, died Monday, Aug. 1, 2011, at her home.

She was born March 3, 1939, in Lenora, the oldest of nine children to George and Wanda (Boeugher) Scott. In 1957, she graduated from Lenora High School.

In 1960, she married Royce Jackson of Hill City. They had four children in their 18 years of marriage. She later married Ken Patton of McCook, Neb., and were together for 30 years. Most of those years were spent together in Colby, but they later moved to Grand Junction.

She worked as a restaurant hostess, certified nursing assistant, newspaper advertising, baker and bookkeeper but in between enjoyed being a homemaker.

A woman of many talents and interests, she played all the brass and percussion instruments, deco-

rated, raised flowers and wrote poetry and short stories about her grandchildren. She was always trying new recipes. When not at home she was an avid fisherman.

Survivors also include her husband, of the home; four children, Gary (Joni) Jackson, Longmont, Colo.; and Roycelyn (Todd) Desmaris, Kory Jackson and Christina (Joseph) Bryant, all of Grand Junction; a brother, Terry Scott, Grand Junction; two other sisters, Judy Skaggs, Plainville; and Marlene Lee, Paradox, Colo.; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were to be today, Friday, Aug. 5, 2011, at New Elmwood Cemetery in Fruita, Colo.

The family suggests memorials to Alpine Hospice, 2764 Compass Dr. Unit 112b, Grand Junction, Colo., 81506 or AGAPE Care, 1229 N. 23rd St. Suite 104, Grand Junction, Colo., 81501.

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met for a barbecue lunch meeting on Tuesday at the Colby Recreation Fields, with 27 members and guests Dr. Amanda Griggs, J.L. Evins, Cassie Wells and Kaylee Peterson.

Tom Peyton thanked the members who volunteered to work the Plinko game during the Thomas County Fair.

Jeff Horlacher was host for the program which featured an overview of improvements at the ball

fields that Rotary has contributed to the past few years. Improvements include new bleachers, hard-top bleacher coverings, a new press box with storage facility below and several sets of trees with drip irrigation.

Pat Sloan won Roto-Lotto. Colby Rotary meets each Tuesday at the Colby Community College Student Union, room 106.

- Relda Galli

Bindweed takes battle

Field bindweed is adept at blending in, while it takes over other plants. Homeowners may not notice the noxious weed until small pink-to-white, trumpet-shaped flowers show up in shrubs or lawn.

Unfortunately, once a bindweed vine produces more than six shield-shaped leaves, it becomes increasingly difficult to control. Typically, homeowners must take a multi-pronged approach for several years - or more, said Ward Upham, K-State Research and Extension horticulturist.

"You can't afford to ignore it. At least pull it up every time you see it," Upham advised. "Under ideal conditions, bindweed can grow roots that reach 30 feet in every direction and have growth buds that spread things even further. Its flowers produce about 550 long-lasting seeds every year, and they get around - via birds or any kind of feet, paws or wheels."

The heat of summer is the time to try the most drastic control if, for example, bindweed has infested a vegetable garden, Upham

said. The steps are to 1) till and smooth soil; 2) water; 3) cover with clear, UV-stabilized plastic sheeting; 4) bury sheeting's edges to prevent blowing and under-film air movement; and 5) leave in place for four to six weeks. Sunlight will cook (solarize) any plants that emerge.

Another approach is to apply glyphosate (Roundup, many others) when bindweed is at or beyond full bloom and growing well - even into fall, he said. Glyphosate will kill any greenery it hits. So, gardeners must kill everything in a particular plot and/or protect nearby ornamentals and turfgrass by either using a cardboard shield or spraying down a cardboard tube.

A selective lawn herbicide that impacts bindweed is now available to homeowners, Upham added. Quinclorac sells under the trade name Drive. It's also one ingredient in such products as Ortho Weed-B-Gon Max + Crabgrass Control and Bayer All-in-One Lawn Weed and Crabgrass Killer.

Simple prayer offers unity



Carol Rahn

From the Pulpit

I try to swim four mornings a week and much of my swim time is also my prayer time.

A few days ago, as I stepped into the pool and began to think about those for whom I would be praying for that day a prayer came into my head that I had not thought about in years, maybe decades.

It was a prayer from my growing up years, but not one my parents taught me to say before a meal or when I went to bed, not one I had learned in Sunday school or Vacation Bible School, but one from my years as a Girl Scout. At the end of every meeting we would cross our arms, always right over left, hold the hands of the girls next to us in the circle and sing Taps. And then we would pray.

Today some might object to this final prayer, saying it was an infringement on their right not to pray or an affront to their spiritual sensibilities, but back in the olden days of my childhood we all went to church.

There were three churches in Irvington, N.Y., so most families went to the Roman Catholic, Episcopal or Presbyterian churches and the Jewish families went to the synagogue in the village just north of us. That's just how it was, and the idea of Girl Scouts praying at the end of their meeting didn't seem to bother anyone.

It was a simple prayer taken from scripture - Genesis 31:49. Laban is saying farewell to his son-in-law Jacob and to his two daughters, Leah and Rebekah, now Jacob's wives. As they depart Laban offers this blessing. "May the Lord watch between me and thee, while

we are absent, one from another." That was what we Girl Scouts prayed with and for one another every Wednesday afternoon. And that was the prayer I thought of as I began to think of all the folks I knew who needed prayers that morning. I prayed a prayer of God's watchfulness and of seeing one another again.

Prayers don't need to be long or full of big and pretentious words that only God can understand. They don't have to have flowery language or be organized in just a certain way. Prayers can be short, simple, and from the heart. Sixteen words can say an awful lot; they can be a meaningful blessing. Spoken aloud or silently, this prayer can be a powerful blessing.

I hear people complaining that children can't pray in school anymore. Personally, I don't think public schools should be in the prayer business anyway, but if you want your children to pray in the morning gather the family together before everyone goes their separate ways and pray this simple prayer together. What a wonderful way to begin the day - praying that all will be under God's care and watchful eye.

When someone is heading off somewhere, be it for a great vacation or for medical treatment or surgery in Hays or Denver, offer to pray this prayer with them. Give them the blessing of God's abiding presence.

If you are too bashful to pray aloud, pray silently. God will hear it either way. Whenever there might be a time a leaving or separation, for a long time or just for a quick time apart, this prayer offers the desire for God's protection and for return and reunion.

At the time of death these simple words speak of longing and love, and also proclaim resurrection hope and the promise of someday being together again. This is a prayerful way of affirming that there is nothing in this world or the next that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Even in absence God is still present with us, watching us, caring for us, loving us and holding us together.

I learned quite a bit in Girl Scouts - camping and first aid skills, watching clouds and forecasting the weather, how to sew, even how to darn a sock. But perhaps the most enduring legacy from that time is that simple prayer we said every Wednesday afternoon as we parted company - until we saw each other the next day in school.

May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent, one from another. Amen.

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

China exhibits to be in Denver

This fall, visitors to the Denver Art Museum will get a rare look inside China's artistic history through two special exhibitions. "Xu Beihong: Pioneer of Modern Chinese Painting" and "Threads of Heaven: Silken Legacy of China's Last Dynasty" explore this mysterious and ceremonial country during two time periods - the latter years of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1912), and the subsequent formation of the Republic of China during the early to middle 20th century.

Xu Beihong offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the full spectrum of work by the 20th century Chinese artist who is widely recognized as the father of modern Chinese painting. One of the first Chinese artists to study in Europe, Xu revolutionized painting in China by drawing influence from both the East and West. This exhibition will feature approximately 60 works from the Xu Beihong Memorial Museum, the majority of which have never before been on view in the United States.

Threads of Heaven illustrates the court and culture of the Qing Dynasty and the final days of empire in China through more than 100 dazzling pieces ranging from court robes to intricately embroidered accessories to pictorial hangings. The Denver Art Museum is the only venue for both exhibitions, on view Sunday, Oct. 30, through Jan. 29.

A broad range of China-related programs will accompany the exhibitions throughout the fall and winter, including special member moments, family activities, a symposium, adult lectures on Chinese art and culture and a Chinese-themed final Friday event.

The museum is a private, non-

profit, organization on 13th Avenue between Broadway and Bannock Streets in downtown Denver. General admission is free on the first Saturday of each month. For information, visit www.denverartmuseum.org.

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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-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 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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