

Deaths

Mella Mildrexler

Mella J. Mildrexler, 76, Colby, died today, Aug. 19, 2011. Services are pending with Kersenbrock funeral chapel in Colby, 462-7979.

Enter calendar art contest

As classrooms around the state begin to fill with students, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment would like to announce the Annual Kansas Don't Spoil It Calendar Contest. The goal of the calendar contest is to increase awareness of environmental issues such as natural resource conservation, waste management, recycling and general "greening" activities.

"This contest is a great way to display the beauty and natural resources of the State of Kansas," said Dr. Robert Moser, secretary of the department. "I'm looking forward to seeing in art what places and things are important to our students."

Eligibility guidelines include:
• Only artwork submitted on 8.5 x 11 inch paper in landscaped orientation will be accepted.

• Copyrighted materials (such as comic strip characters) cannot be published.
• Artwork depicting team mascots is not eligible (Jayhawks, Chiefs, Royals, etc).

• First place winners from the previous two years are not eligible to participate.

The postmark deadline for artwork is Friday, Sept. 30. Winners will be announced in late fall and the final calendar will be available toward the end of December.

Contest information and an entry form can be found at www.kansasdontspoilit.com/.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

| Hi-Plains Co-op | |
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| Wheat (bushel) | \$7.25 |
| Corn (bushel) | \$7.14 |
| Milo (hundredweight) | \$12.04 |
| Soybeans (bushel) | \$12.51 |

Toot horn for Jesus

Such confidence as this is ours through Jesus Christ before God. Not that we are competent to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God (2 Corinthians 3:4-5).



Robert Alexander

• From the Pulpit

I served about 22 years in the Air Force – four years of active duty and 17 1/2 years of reserve duty.

One responsibility of my supervisor was to write a yearly evaluation report of me. To read some of those reports you'd have thought I walked on water. One year my supervisor told me that I'd have to write my own report.

I hate tooting my own horn. I'm better at self-deprecating humor – like Rodney Dangerfield, but with less polish. The supervisor told me the more adjectives the better. (Oh, great, now he was challenging my knowledge of English!)

You want adjectives? OK, how about omnipresent, which means present everywhere. (Chaplains try to excel in a ministry of presence. Go where the troops are.) Walk on water is not an adjective, but I'm sure that there's an adjective for that.

What if someone had to write an evaluation of St. Paul? Was he

competent? He was well educated, able to quote the prophets and poets and very capable of catching the attention of people with some powerful words, yet he wouldn't toot his own horn (1 Corinthians 2:1-4).

He was a good preacher, but sometimes he could preach too long. Paul liked to toot Christ's horn. He wrote about Christ crucified and risen. He relied on God's power, not on elegant words, to change hearts. His competence came from God.

What do you think of your pastor? Would you gladly toot his horn for him? Or would you gladly toot a horn in his face? A pastor once told me that – as far as some people were concerned – the best pastor a church has is the last one. It's easy to be critical of someone you expect to be on top of things all of the time.

Whether your evaluation of

your pastor is good, bad, or indifferent, talk to God about it. Pray for your pastor and his family.

While you're at it, pray for yourself. Ask God to make a difference in your heart as well as in your pastor's heart – after all, he's called to toot Christ's horn to your benefit.

Ask God to have his love and forgiveness be a powerful influence in your life and in your pastor's life. Then look for ways to encourage him and look for ways to be a positive influence in your congregation and community. The beauty of a church lies in good people, forgiven by God in Christ, living according to God's will and being good neighbors.

Look for ways to toot Jesus' horn. After all, he did walk on water. More importantly, he did die on the cross for you and your sins and he is an omnipresent force for goodness in your life.

God's blessings always.

Robert Alexander is pastor of Trinity Lutheran church in Colby. He can be contacted at pastor_bob_o_link@yahoo.com or at (785) 462-2497.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

President Anita Thiel chaired the meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars on Wednesday, Aug. 10. The meeting opened with prayer, followed by patriotic instruction and flag salute. Prayer was offered for prisoners of war and missing-in-action personnel along with hospitalized veterans and women veterans.

Minutes from previous meetings were read and the treasure's report was accepted. Bills were presented and allowed for payment.

Peggy Stupka and Tammy Goldsworth were initiated into membership.

The legislative report was a letter from Robert Wallace, executive director of the Veterans of Foreign Wars office in Washington, D.C.

The hospital and veteran support chairman reported a box of coupons sent to the military base in Turkey for military personnel.

A letter from Connie Rooney, district president, made known a need for underclothing for patients in Leavenworth Hospital. A donation was given.

The Americanism chairman reported that eight members from the Auxiliary volunteered at the recent blood drive in Colby.

Publicity reported the July meeting notes were in the *Colby Free Press*.

President Thiel reported on activities and business actions at the department convention. Awards and citations received by the Colby Auxiliary included:

- A certificate of appreciation from the National President Corlina Barnes for Colby's participation in Veterans of Foreign Wars service programs.
- Third place award for overall community service in Kansas.
- A certificate for participation in the community service contest.
- A certificate for community

service reports sent to the Department of Kansas.

• A certificate and third place award for youth activities.

• A certificate for involvement in the Voice of Democracy program.

• A certificate for involvement in the national military service programs.

District Senior Vice President Jenni Holmgren will be attending the September meeting for the annual inspection.

The next meeting will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the post home.

– Hazel Duffey

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.

Colby church hires Christian ed director

Fresh from college and a newlywed, Becky Town has taken on a job at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby as the director of Christian education.

Town has many plans for her new position. "I feel very self directed," Town said. "I know what the church expects of me so I know if I'm doing my job right or not."

Town is originally from St. Louis. She graduated from Concordia University in Chicago, a private Lutheran liberal arts institution, in May, and was installed to the Lutheran Church in Colby, located at 855 E. Fifth St., in July.

Before coming to Colby, Town had an internship at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bridgman, Mich.

"At my old job, it felt like I had a very large job description," Town said. "At Trinity Lutheran, my job description is more specific."

Town's duties as the director of Christian education include working with the youth ministry, directing the choir and also working with young adults. Town plans to create another youth group for children

in third through fifth grade. She hopes that this will get children interested in youth group at a younger age. Town plans on still having a youth group for people in sixth through eighth grade and a youth group for ninth through 12th graders.

"When we have lessons for young adults, we try not to put an age limit on it; anyone 18 or older is welcome to the young adult activities," Town said.

When Town isn't working, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Thane Town.

"Colby is a lot different from what I am used to," Town said. "There aren't as many options for activities, but we still enjoy it here."

Town said that her and husband are regular guests at the Colby Bowl and Fun Center.

She hopes that she will be able to stay in Colby for at least five years, because it normally takes that long to build a solid program for the youth at any church.

"I plan on staying in Colby until God calls me somewhere else," Town said.



Becky Town

Representative appointed to KAN-ED study committee

House Speaker Mike O'Neal (R-Hutchinson) named freshman Representative Rick Billinger (R-Goodland) to the newly created KAN-ED Study Committee. The KAN-ED program was created by the Kansas Legislature to provide low-cost internet and broadband services to schools, libraries and hospitals.

This ten-member committee was charged by the legislature with studying the efficiency and effectiveness of the KAN-ED program in providing broadband internet access to schools, libraries and hospitals. This Committee is composed of members of the Education, Information Technology, Public Health and Welfare, Health and Human Services, Utilities and

Budget Committees to ensure that every perspective of KAN-Ed is adequately represented.

Representative Billinger represents the 121st District which includes Graham, Sheridan, Sherman and Thomas Counties.

"With his background and service on the Education Committee Representative Billinger is uniquely suited to review the KAN-ED program and its educational objectives," said Speaker O'Neal. "I am confident his knowledge will be an asset to this team."

The KAN-ED Study Committee will meet during the summer before presenting its recommendations to the Kansas Legislature during the 2012 session.

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Church of Christ

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), 6p.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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