

God's riches better than stuff

The closest I came to losing anything I owned to a fire was when a tech school roommate decided that in order to get rid of the gas he spilled on the carpet while, believe it or not, working on his motorcycle in our resident trailer he, believe it or not, lit a match.

The closest I came to losing any of my stuff to a flood was when the basement got eight inches of water. Fortunately, I have never lost any of my stuff to a tornado.

I did lose some stuff on purpose before we moved here. It's called downsizing. It's called a week-long garage sale. It's called garage day.

After getting through the process of making the Trinity parsonage home, we decided we'd lose some more stuff by doing more downsizing. I'm doing my part. I'm slowly but surely reading my large collection of books. At least some of them I'll try to sell at future Trinity youth-sponsored



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garage sales. (It doesn't hurt to advertise early.)

What God will give us can't be matched by the kind of stuff we presently have in our garages or homes or anything we get in the future. Whatever position we hold won't come close to the kind of position that God will give us. Whatever power we wield now or in the coming years here on earth is minute compared to what we will have from God now or in the future.

God's riches make all our earthly stuff like dumpster junk. St. Paul had it all, or so he thought, until Christ came along. From that

point on, all that he had — stuff, position, power — Paul considered "as loss for the sake of Christ" (Philippians 3:7).

Drive a car off the lot and it loses half its value. Our position and power in life can rise and fall quickly. The riches God gives us will never lose its value and will last forever.

What's better than stuff? Abundant life is a gift from God that's worth more than gold or silver. What's really worth celebrating? Celebrating that Christ has freed us from all our sins by dying on the cross to give us forgiveness.

What's better than good memories and good times? It's having a home in heaven that Jesus is preparing for all those who believe in him, a place where we will have no bad memories, no tears, no sin. What's better than hoping that your team wins the Super Bowl or that

you will find Mr. or Miss Right? It's having a sure and certain hope that is born out of faith in Christ and created in us by the power of God's Word and strengthened through hearing that Word.

When we are weak our almighty God holds our hand and gives us strength. When we need our hurts healed he is there to get us through the process of healing. When we experience sadness he replaces it with joy. When we think that whatever situation we're in could never work out for our good, God over time works it out somehow and somehow for our good.

God our Father showers us with riches now and always. What a good God we have.

The Rev. Bob Alexander is pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church at Fifth and Country Club in Colby. He may be reached at 462-3497.

Babies

Emma Marie Haden

Emma Marie Haden, daughter of Micah and Kristy Haden of Alma, was born Friday, Nov. 18, 2011, at Stormont Vail Regional Medical Center in Topeka. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 19 1/4 inches.

Grandparents are Rex and Joan Jamison of Brewster, Alice Thomas of Hutchinson and Roger and Diana Haden of Topeka.

She is a great-great-granddaughter of Beverly Jamison of Round Rock, Texas, and Alberta Hall of Hutchinson.



Emma Haden

Kadis Deshawn Hawkins

Kadis Deshawn Hawkins, son of Lorenzo Hawkins and Samantha Rhodig of Colby, was born Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 18 inches.

Brother Dustin Rhodig II welcomed the baby home.

Kadis is the grandson of April Sheets of Colby. His great-grandparents are Cathy Brown and Ron Brown, both of Colby.

Katherynn-Elizabeth Sariñana

Katherynn - Elizabeth Elena Sariñana, daughter of Hector and Crystal Sariñana of Goodland, was born Wednesday, Jan. 11,

2012, at Citizens Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 20 inches.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Tuesday

7:12 a.m. — Dog at large near Eighth and Chick. Dog taken to Colby Animal Clinic.

7:56 a.m. — Accident in the 1100 block S. Range.

8:46 a.m. — Caller reported vehicles parked at Walnut and Lincoln for several months. Owner spoken to; vehicles will be moved.

9:18 a.m. — Walk-through at Colby grade and middle schools.

10:14 a.m. — Welfare check.

6:19 p.m. — Caller reported possible abuse. Everything OK.

6:21 p.m. — Protective custody report filed.

Wednesday

1:25 a.m. — Security check at Walmart.

Late entry: recovered property in the 200 block of S. Range. Located vehicle and left item with clerk.

7:44 a.m. — Manager reported hit and run at 24/7.

10:02 a.m. — Assisted other agency.

10:19 a.m. — Caller reported dog at large in the 500 block of Austin. Owner had dog when officer arrived.

12:50 p.m. — Assisted sheriff's office with warrant arrest. Subject not found.

1:35 p.m. — Caller reported stalled vehicle at Fourth and Range. Not found.

1:45 p.m. — Checked hitchhiker at Range and College.

4:03 p.m. — Accident in front of

Colby Free Press.

7:47 p.m. — Subject wanted to speak to an officer about overdose. Information provided.

7:55 p.m. — Caller reported a dog at large in the 600 block of N. French. Dog returned to owner.

11:12 p.m. — Security check at Twister's.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Tuesday

10:34 a.m. — Brought two inmates from Sherman County to Colby.

11:07 a.m. — Caller reported vehicle parked at U.S. 24 and U.S. 83 with subject inside. Deputy unavailable, notified Highway Patrol. Everything OK.

11:25 a.m. — Collision at the 2600 block of County Rd. Q.

2:06 p.m. — Released Thomas Edward Dodson.

3:26 p.m. — Welfare check. Everything OK.

5:59 p.m. — Released Garrett Tacha.

7:03 p.m. — Booked Brian Rucker.

7:41 p.m. — Released Rucker.

9:19 p.m. — Firearm violation report filed on traffic stop on I-70 at the Levant exit.

10:01 p.m. — Booked Tucker D. Chelstowski.

11:40 p.m. — Took subject to Larned.

Wednesday

12:25 a.m. — Booked Jeffrey Louis K. Falcon.

12:40 a.m. — Released Falcon.

12:53 a.m. — Booked Scott E.

Wininger.

1:06 a.m. — Released Wininger.

7:49 a.m. — Released Brian Nuebel.

8:16 a.m. — Caller reported abandoned vehicle at Budweiser.

Owner contacted, vehicle was to be moved.

7:56 a.m. — Took inmate from Colby to Limon Correctional.

12:50 p.m. — Helped Oakley Police with attempt to locate to serve warrant. Unable to locate.

2:23 p.m. — Helped Highway patrol at I-70 mile 51 eastbound.

8:41 p.m. — Caller reported suspicious activity in the 2000 block of County Rd. 10. Unable to locate.

11:24 p.m. — Sheridan County Sheriff's Office advised of a pickup sitting on a culvert 20 miles north of Colby on K-25. Rawlins County Sheriff's Office notified. Unable to locate.

Corrections

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Anti-cheating gets warning for principal

SALZBURG, Austria (AP) — An Austrian high school principal narrowly escaped legal action after going after potential exam cheaters with a high-tech — but illegal — idea.

Gerhard Klampfer reportedly bought and mounted a jamming device strong enough to prevent graduating classes from doing Internet research on their smartphones during final exams last summer.

State broadcaster ORF said on its website Monday that the move was effective enough to arouse the attention of a phone service provider. The company alerted authorities monitoring radio traffic after noticing lack of service.

They then notified legal officials who threatened Klampfer with a misdemeanor. Under Austrian law only police, the military and others in charge of security can jam signals.

Klampfer says he didn't know he was breaking the law. He was let off with a warning.

Thunder Remington Kough

Thunder Remington Kough, son of Chase and Abi Kough of Clermont, Fla., was born Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2012, at Winnie Palmer Hospital in Orlando, Fla. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 20 1/4 inches.

Grandparents are Roger and Connie Kough of Colby and Bruce and Wanda Stewart of Astatula, Fla.



Thunder K.

Farm Credit has scholarships

Farm Credit of Western Kansas is continuing its scholarship program. Each year Farm Credit chooses one student to receive a \$500 per year scholarship which is renewable for up to four years. Eligible applicants are area high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of Farm Credit members.

Interested applicants should contact their high school counselor or Cathy Hawk at the Farm

Credit office in Colby, (785) 462-6714, for an application or visit www.fcwk.com. Applications are due by Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Farm Credit can be reached by calling (800) 657-6048. It makes loans for the purchase or refinancing of farm, ranch or agribusiness real estate and facilities as well as loans to finance farm operations, agribusiness, livestock and equipment. It also has a crop insurance program.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
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Bill Nikl

Born 9/24/25 (Colby, KS)
Died 1/4/2012 (Denver, CO)

James William (Bill) Nikl of Denver, Co, 86 died January 4, 2012 of lung disease. He was predeceased by his parents William and Mildred Nikl, his Uncles Pete Morrison and Earl Morrison, and his Aunt Maxine Curtis with whom he was raised; all from Colby. Bill was survived by his wife Nancy L. Nikl who he was married to for 59 years. Also surviving is his son Richard Nikl and his daughter Renee Bobian, and 4 grandchildren Nicole Scott, Brandon Bobian, Schuyler Nikl and Mackenzie Nikl; all from Denver CO.

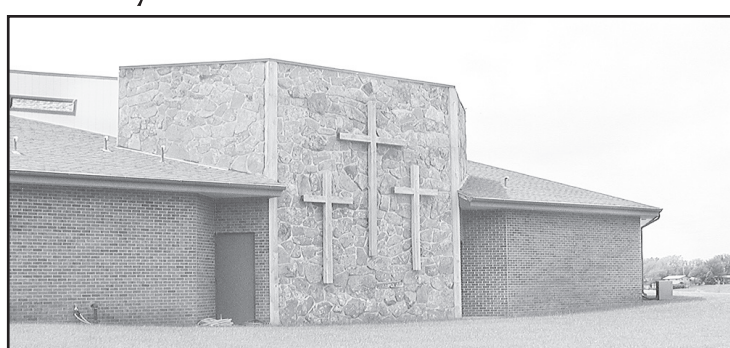
Bill was a navy WWII veteran and graduate of Engineering from Kansas State. He was proud of being a farmer in Colby while at the same time working as an engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation and the Environmental Protection Agency. While living in Colby Kansas he was the early Architectural Supervisor for the Colby Community College. As a result of being a farmer he had a great love for the earth and was a advocate for environmental concerns. He grew orchids as a hobby and designed and built large model ships. As an autoharp musician he played professionally in Denver and in the Czech Republic (home of his ancestors) and also crafted 3 autoharps in his lifetime as well as started the Autoharp Club in Denver CO. He was an advocate of arts and was deeply involved in politics, and read extensively about world issues.

A Memorial to celebrate Bill's life will be held January 27, 2012 at the Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden CO at 12:00 noon to be followed by a reception/lunch.

Donations to be sent to the Prairie Museum of Art and History at 1905 S. Franklin Ave, Colby, KS.

Services Directory

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



Wesleyan 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-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.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.

FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, meeting at Community Building Sundays at 2 p.m. Pastor Dan Keel. (No service until the first week in January)

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 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. Shoponline 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

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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