

## Legion honors long-time members

Three members of the Colby American Legion Post received awards for their years of membership during the Post's 93rd birthday celebration Saturday.

Duane Leak received a 50-year award and Bob Bixenman and Glen Kersenbrock were honored for 60 years of service. The certificates were presented on behalf of the post by Commander Monte Lewis.



Duane Leak



B. Bixenman



Kersenbrock

## McDonald's owners plan to offer classroom grants

Rick and Gail Kuehl, owners of McDonald's restaurants in Colby, Hays, Russell and WaKeeney, plan to award over \$5,000 in McDonald's Classroom Grants Program for the 2012-13 school year.

Any teacher, from preschool through 12th grade, whose classroom is in one of 15 Kansas counties is eligible to apply: Thomas, Ellis, Graham, Gove, Lincoln, Logan, Ness, Osborne, Phillips, Rawlins, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Sheridan or Trego.

Applications have been mailed to schools and may be downloaded online at [www.mckansas.com/colby](http://www.mckansas.com/colby). They are due April 4, and

will be reviewed by a committee of business owners and educators based on these criteria:

- Amplify or advance the subject matter already being offered at the given grade level.
- Encourage active involvement of students in learning.
- Be based on teaching methods which encourage parents to be involved in their student's learning.
- Expose students to a learning experience not possible without extra money.
- Focus on concrete, hands-on and interactive learning.
- Provide evidence of their effectiveness through a quantitative

evaluation process.

• Technology specific projects must include a well-defined, core curriculum program.

In 1988, the Kuehls founded this program in the hope of encouraging teachers to explore innovative methods. Since then, the program has awarded \$123,582 for 352 projects ranging across all subject areas.

More than 80 percent of McDonald's 14,000 U.S. restaurants are independently owned and operated, the firm says. The Kuehls employ over 195 full- and part-time people at their four restaurants.

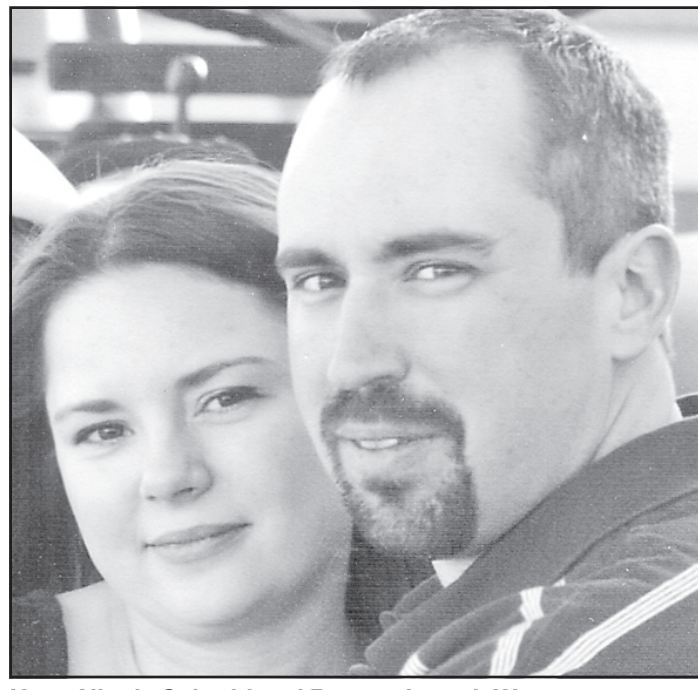
## Students nominated

Seth Ackerman, a diesel technology student from Brewster, and Arthur Larson, a student in heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration from Atwood, are among the 14 nominated by Northwest Kansas Technical College as Northwest Tech Student of the Year.

To be nominated, a student must maintain a minimum grade average of 2.0 and graduate in 2012. Students vote for a candidate from each program, based on leadership, dependability, maturity, industriousness, advocacy for the college, excellence as a student and ability to succeed in their field of study.

Other candidates are: Jacob Pankonin, automotive technology, Imperial, Neb.; Lauren Weber, business technology, Goodland; Tyler Jones, carpentry, Goodland; Jonathan Garcia, collision repair, Garden City; Patrick Lorens, communications technology, Stratton, Neb.; Amanda Pankonin, computer graphics technology, Imperial; Jill Bracelin, cosmetology, St. Francis; Aaron Wolfe, engineering technology, Hays; Timothy "T.J." Hawkins, electrical technology, Goodland; Tammy Freeman, medical assistant, Goodland campus, Goodland; Laura Titus, medical assistant, Hays campus, Virgil; Joan Partridge, respiratory therapy, Goodland; Tanner Ray, welding, Augusta.

The student of the year winner will be announced at the graduation ceremony on Friday, May 25, at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.



Hope Nicole Schmid and Barrett Joseph Wagoner

## April rite planned

Hope Nicole Schmid and Barrett Joseph "B.J." Wagoner, both of Colby, plan to marry Saturday, April 14, 2012, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby.

The bride is the daughter of Bernie and Dana Schmid of Colby.

She is a 2004 graduate of Colby High School and is now a quality controller at Red River Commodities in Colby.

The groom is the son of Bob

and Brenda Wagoner of Colby.

He graduated from Colby High School in 2000. In 2002, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering technology from Kansas State University in Salina. Wagoner is a supervisor for the United Parcel Service and office manager at Wagoner Repair in Colby.

The couple plans to live in Colby following the wedding.

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# Voice of science weighs against the Word of God

And the scientists said, "Millions of years ago..."

Scientists carry a lot of weight in our time and culture. Almost anywhere where science is invoked - schools, museums, the media - the numbers used for the existence of our world are impressive, almost as impressive as our national debt.

Like the national debt, the numbers used by most scientists have kept preserving what he created, often in very impressive ways. He saves his most impressive work for us because it preserves us in body - "daily bread."

But nothing is more impressive that the work he did to preserve us in soul. In the incarnation, he took on this flesh and blood that he created on the sixth day so that he could eventually, after our bodies rest in the tomb, gives us the eternal rest that our soul desires above all else.

When later hanging on the cross, God's Son, Jesus Christ, took on our impressive (depressive) - in numbers and in scope - sins. Not one sin was left out; not one sin was left unforgivable.

God's word carries more weight



Robert Alexander

### From the Pulpit

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than all the scientists in the world put together. If it comes to their word against his, we can take his word over theirs or anyone else's any day.

It was that same Word that became flesh and blood (John 1:1-3) and then died and rose to give us heaven (John 3:36). Those are impressive words to live by in faith.

But just wait. God is saving the best for last: a new heaven and new earth, a paradise more impressive than Eden that we will enjoy in body and soul with no threat from Satan, sin and death. When that day comes, with the eternity that follows, that will be impressive for us believers.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, Your Word and action continue to impress us. May your words and deeds always give us confidence and hope even when the world seeks to shame us for our faith. Amen.

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.

## Watercolor to be taught

Wheatland, Wyo., artist Barbara Schaffner will return for a 10th year with a four-day watercolor painting workshop Wednesday through Saturday, April 11 to 14, at the Dane G. Hansen Museum in Logan.

Classes will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an hour break for lunch. Cost is \$140, with discounts for museum members. Intermediate and advanced artists should call (785) 689-4846 for information or to register. The class is limited to 20 students.

Schaffner was an honors student at West Texas State University, majoring in fine art and art education. Her western scenes and wildlife paintings have hung in galleries in six western states and Canada. She was the Wyoming Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year in 2003 and won the purchase award in December 2005 at the Two-Shot Goose Hunt Art Show in Torrington, Wyo. Her studio, "Wyoming Trails Gallery," is in Wheatland.

## 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)	\$6.55
Corn (bushel)	\$6.49
Milo (hundredweight)	\$11.11
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.30

**Bridal Registry**  
Jody Engel  
Trent McCain  
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Kyle Askren  
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**Stop and Take a Moment**  
Molly

**Things Have CHANGED...**  
If you are around my age...and lets' define that as "older and wiser"; you probably are amazed with all the electronic changes that have occurred. I remember typewriters, blue/black copy paper. (Which always left stains on your fingers), white out by the gallon, bulky adding machine, etc. Did you ever think you would hit a button to roll up or down your car window; or have a car speak to you or park for you? I am sure you get my point.

Today one of the most amazing changes in the business world is the "social media" concept of marketing and communication. It seems that everyone has to be on Facebook, Twitter or whatever else is out there in order to be recognized. I now have a business web page, a personal web page, business face book and personal face book. I want to do all I can to stay up in marketing for my buyers and sellers. In fact many of my clients/customers want to communicate by email or text Oh yes, let's not forgets (pm) private messaging on Facebook." I just caught myself leaning back in my chair, pausing and taking a big breath and exhaling slowly". Things are a changing!!! Yep...we are in the electronic media world. If you are a Facebook user or want to be... "Like" my Facebook page and get a chance to win a Kindle Fire. The last thing I want to say about all these electronic changes... is don't be afraid to try it, and if you need help, do what I do, call my grandsons and say "HELP". **"an agent outselling"**

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# Services Directory

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**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.

**CDREAM CHURCH**, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyberaan.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.

**WINONA METHODIST CHURCH**, 501 Bellview Ave. Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)

**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)

**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), 6 p.m. Shop online at: [www.rlmregionalchurch.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 Mike Baughn, 785-694-2278, 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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