

Deaths

Leo Lawrence Zerr

There will be a memorial service for Leo Lawrence Zerr at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Park, with inurnment in the parish cemetery.

Zerr, 83, of Colby, a retired construction worker formerly of Oakley, died Friday, Feb. 3, 2012, at the Logan County Hospital in Oakley. He was born, along with a twin brother Paul, on Oct. 6, 1928,

in Gove County, the son of James Martin "Jake" and Martha Cecilia (Depperschmidt) Zerr.

Survivors include five sisters, Adelaide Kruse, Colby; Henrietta Jackson, Pomona, Mo.; Julie Robben, Colorado Springs; LaVerda "Bobbie" Falkenburg (Gus Priola), St. Petersburg, Fla.; and Romona Zerr, Colorado Springs; two brothers, Paul Zerr, Colby, and Arthur (Jo) Zerr, Denver.

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met at Colby Community College on Tuesday with 32 members and guests Darrell Pabst and Dr. Michael and Annette Wingard. Dr. Wingard is a visiting Rotarian from McAllen, Texas.

Officers were installed for the 2012-13 year: president, Melany Wilks; vice-president, Marilyn Unger; secretary, Dr. Eric Griggs; and treasurer, Wayne Horlacher. Other board members are Tom Peyton, Connie Renner, Mike

Tubbs and Nick Wells.

Tom Peyton announced the club will be manning the Plinko game at the Thomas County Fair again this year.

In celebration of Independence Day, Marla Crumrine had the program which featured a trivia quiz about American history. Lon Frahm was the winner.

Sandy Wilks won Roto-Lotto. Rotary meets Tuesdays in Room 106 of the Student Union.

Emmanuel has already come

The other day my husband was going around the house humming one of my favorite hymns, O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

He was singing in tune, but the song was a little out of season. This is an Advent hymn, typically sung on the Sundays leading up to Christmas. The hymn dates back to the 12th century and it is common to hear it sung throughout the Advent season. But not in the middle of June.

I listened to him hum the tune and I played over the words in my mind, and this December hymn began to make sense, even on a hot June day. "O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel," goes the first line. I see and hear about so much that seems to be held ransom by powers that are not heaven sent.

Quite a few nations' names could replace Israel, and Israel itself, as well as the Palestinians within Israel's borders, seem to be in exile still. And there is Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and many other countries where war, prejudice and hatred are devastating the people and the land.

O come Emmanuel and ransom bodies, minds and spirits ravaged by disease and addiction, by chronic pain and disquieted minds. Come to those who are lonely, those without hope, those who doubt, and those who have lost or never known the power and joy of faith.

Each of us, I'm sure, has our own list of where Emmanuel is needed and would be



Carol Rahn

From the Pulpit

welcome. And so we sing O come, O come, forgetting so often that Emmanuel is already here. Emmanuel, God with us, came announcing the Kingdom of God, the presence of God among us.

"The kingdom of God has come near," he said as he began his earthly ministry. "Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:15).

"The Kingdom of God is here," he said, as he held a little child (Mark 10:14).

"Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you'" he said to his disciples as he sent them out (Luke 10:9).

I sing for Emmanuel to come, but he's already here. And he has charged us, his followers into action. "Repent and believe, he calls."

He holds a child to show us it is important to welcome the least into our care and protection. "Heal the sick," and share the good news with them, and with all people.

I want Jesus to come take care of the world, when I should be asking him to take care of me and give me the love, the voice and the will-

ingness to risk being more a citizen of God's kingdom than follow the powers of the world. My calling is probably not to persuade President Assad to stop killing the people of Syria, but I can start with finding ways to bring peace in other, closer-to-home situations.

We can all participate a little more, I think, in God's work in God's world. Caring for the least of God's children, the outsiders, the lonely, those whom society casts aside. Be a healing voice rather than one that urges division and hurt. Spread Christ's message in word and action.

And don't stop praying, don't stop singing for Emmanuel to come, be with us in our messy world, in our messy lives. We can always use God's help as we move through our days, we are always in the need of God with us all the time.

We Presbyterians call this the "already and not yet." Jesus, Emmanuel, has announced the Kingdom of God is here, but the fullness of its promise has not yet been fulfilled. But Jesus calls Christians to live as citizens of God's world first. O come, O come Christians filled with Christ's message of love, compassion and peace. Think of the wonderful differences that would happen if that prayer were answered.

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

Is heat wave hot?

When does hot weather become a heat wave?

Some experts believe daily low temperatures should set the threshold.

"They point to several studies that found an increase in heat-related illnesses and deaths when daily low temperatures remained above 75 degrees. That finding held true, regardless of how extreme the high temperatures were," said Mary Knapp, State of Kansas climatologist, based with K-State Research and Extension.

In comparison, the National Weather Service definition for "heat wave" is vague: "A period of abnormally and uncomfortably hot and unusually humid weather."

"The NWS can't be more specific," Knapp said. "The actual threshold varies from region to region. A heat wave in Boston could be nice weather for Miami."

What's not vague, however, is

that hot weather can be deadly. It often leads the annual statistics for U.S. weather-related deaths, placing above hurricanes, tornadoes and floods, she said.

Besides, humidity worsens heat's effects on the human body - a fact reported nationwide as Heat Index ("feels like") temperatures. Knapp said other dependable measures are the outlooks, watches and warnings the National Weather Service issues for excessive heat, just as it does for other extreme weather. Those bulletins immediately become top news.

When the National Weather Service has issued a heat advisory or warning, for example, those classifications can specifically mean:

- Consecutive days with a Heat Index of at least 105 F for three or more hours per day.
- Consecutive days with nighttime lows above 80 degrees.
- Any period of time with a Heat Index above 115 F.

'Kansas farm girl' talks about experience

Sam Dieter

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Old journals, photos and letters have special meaning for Doris Imhof Johnson, who referred to "letters written while I was in the Philippines to my boyfriend, Alvin Johnson, who later became my husband," and daily journal entries when writing her book "Philippine Experiences of a Kansas Farm Girl."

The book is about her trip to the

Philippines in 1962 as a delegate with the International Farm Youth Exchange.

Johnson credits her aunt, Margie Imhof, with encouraging her to write about her experiences.

Throughout her life, Johnson has felt that her experiences in the Philippine Islands have had a positive influence in her life, and hopes that this book will inspire readers to "think about becoming involved in a broader picture of the world and its people by traveling

or reading about other countries, cultures, people and religions."

The book is available for purchase from Johnson in hard cover, paperback and e-book form, by contacting her at (620) 364-9288, or by e-mail at d.johnson5@eaglecom.net. It can be bought at the Prairie Museum of Art and History, or checked out from Pioneer Memorial Library or go to heritagebooksonline.blogspot.com.

Imhof Johnson has written two other books: "Gutsy Women" and

a children's book, "The Cookie Crumb Trail." She has also co-authored two books with her brother, Ray Imhof: "As I Remember It" and "Apron Strings and Family Ties."

Corrections

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Honors named

Mitchell Gatz, Bachelor of Science in construction science management, and Tiffany Moses, doctor of veterinary medicine, are among the Kansas State University students receiving scholastic honors at the spring commencement.

Both graduated cum laude, with academic averages of 3.750 to 3.848.

Markets

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Wheat (bushel)	\$7.78
Corn (bushel)	\$7.23
Milo (hundredweight)	\$12.29
Soybeans (bushel)	\$14.53

Sterling grads named

Ashley Barnes and Lauren Cox of Colby were two of 139 students to graduate from Sterling College in May.

Barnes received a Bachelor of Arts in theological studies: biblical studies. Barnes also received recognition as a Kelsey Scholar and Cum Laude.

Cox received a Bachelor of Arts in theological studies: biblical studies and Christian ministries: Missions. Cox also received rec-

ognition as a Kelsey Scholar and Cum Laude. Cox is the daughter of Kevin and Jeanne Cox.

Kelsey Scholars are full-time students with a 3.5 cumulative grade average. Cum Laude honors are awarded to students who have a minimum of 60 residential credit hours and a minimum 3.50 to 3.69 grade average.

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# Services Directory

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**FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**, Pastor Dan Keel. 815 W. 3rd. Sundays at 2 p.m. 337-401-7207 (temp)

**CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH**, 1890 S. Franklin Ave. - Colby Community Building. Pastor Dave Funk. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. www.celebratejesus.org

**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 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, Youth Pastor Ben Phillips. 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. James Bridges, 615 W. Webster, 785-462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study: 6:30 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.

**OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Brewster, Sunday worship 9:00 a.m.; 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

**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.

**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

**THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, REXFORD**, Joan Dingwerth, Director, 785-687-2565.

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**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.

**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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