

## Deaths

## Claron H. 'Dick' Voss

Claron H. "Dick" Voss, 75, Almena, brother of Roger (Marlene) Voss of Colby, died Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012, at the Norton County Hospital in Norton.

He was born April 20, 1937, in Densmore, the son of Keith and Opal (Olds) Voss. He was raised in Colby, graduating from Colby High School in 1955. He also attended Fort Hays State University.

He served in the 110th Ordnance Company of the Army National Guard.

On Jan. 15, 1966, he married Carol Price in Colby. He was a farmer and rancher on a family farm southeast of Norton and served on the Norton County Fire Board.

Preceding him in death were his parents and two brothers, Bill Voss and an infant.

Survivors also include his wife, of the home; a son, Jim (Cindy)

Voss, Almena; two daughters, Kelly (Gordon) Solomon, Ellis; and Georgia (Kurt) Mann, Norton; two sisters, JoAnn (Keith) Moss, Henderson, Colo.; and Janet (Dick) Edwards, Ovilla, Texas; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday Sept. 17, 2012, at the Church of God in Norton, with burial in the Norton Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin and from 8 a.m. until service time Monday at the church in Norton.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice Services of Northwest Kansas or the Denver Fisher House, in care of the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin Kan., 67749.

Condolences for the family may be left at [www.paulsfh.com](http://www.paulsfh.com).

## Daughters of Isabella

Daughters of Isabella Immaculate Heart of Mary Circle met Sept. 6 in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church basement.

The meeting was called to order by Regent Charlene Barnett, followed by the opening ritual.

Chancellor Joan Ziegler read "The Carpenter" from the Spiritual Reflection Guide.

A donation to the Mary Elizabeth Maternity House in Hays was made. A thank you was read for our donation to the Swinging Fore the Lord golf tournament.

Applications from Alex Williams and Denise Garcia for membership were approved.

Several members reported visiting the sick.

Donna Juenemann and Marge Robben wrote an article about Daughters of Isabella for the newsletter, which was put on hold because of Father Dana's health.

Pat Erickson will send the circle a letter from the General Altar Society with choices of what members care to do to help with the Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 1.

A respect for life novena was encouraged to be said for nine days starting Sept. 7, for the intention of a totally abortion-free state. Forty Days for Life will be-

gin Wednesday, Sept. 26.

Juenemann visited and took flowers to the three oldest members of the circle and sent Edna Poole a gift and card since she lives in Lawrence.

Members discussed what to do with the Pennies from Heaven money collected. Options included supporting Ryan Allen, a seminarian from the local parish, or Melissa Augustine, who is discerning a vocation to a religious order of nuns and living with the community in Wichita. A decision was tabled until October.

The circle received a certificate for a Recruitment Blitz in 2011.

The state convention will be Friday through Sunday, April 19 to 21, in Russell.

Lucille Rief of Plainville was selected as an International Guide at the Dearbourne, Mich. meeting. The 2013 international meeting will be Saturday to Tuesday, Aug. 3 to 6, in Toronto, Canada.

Following the closing ritual, the meeting adjourned.

Nancy Barlow served peach cobbler with ice cream and cookies made by Rosemary Bange for the time of visiting.

— Margaret Denneler

## Chronic offender gets 15 years

PLATTE CITY, Mo. (AP) — A Kansas man with eight drunken driving convictions has been sentenced to 15 years in a Missouri prison under a law that allows longer sentences for chronic offenders.

Platte County prosecutor Eric Zahnd says 51-year-old Ricky Stroble of Kansas City, Kan., was sentenced Thursday for driving drunk in June 2010 on Interstate 635 in Platte County.

Stroble pleaded guilty in March 2011 but failed to show up for sentencing on what was his seventh drunken driving conviction.

In February he was arrested in Johnson County, Kan., for driving while intoxicated again, and was later convicted.

Zahnd says Kansas law has a one-year cap on prison sentences for drunken driving. Missouri lawmakers passed the stiffer penalties in August 2010 because of the danger repeat drunken drivers pose to the public.



## Old Testament historians focus: use raw data to recount God's work

People often tell me they have trouble getting anything out of the Old Testament, particularly the historical sections. Perhaps you have this problem.

Let me offer a simple principle. When you read the Bible, you get more out of it if you're looking for something.

For those struggling with the Old Testament histories, I suggest that they approach the task by looking for the writers' philosophy of history, because it is one of the most important and valuable things we can glean from the Old Testament.

Let me explain what I mean by the writers' philosophy of history. The raw data of history are the recorded records of events, persons, places, dates, times, diaries, letters, etc. A philosophy of history is an organizational tool a historian uses to sift through the data in an effort to tell us what he or she thinks it teaches us. These lessons are then presented to us as a story. The nature and the moral of the story told will depend on the philosophy of the storyteller.

The most popular philosophy of history in modern times has been "the ascent of man," story. Historians who approach history from this point of view see history as the story of



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humankind's progress.

The principle rival of the "ascent of man" story is the Marxist narrative. Marxist storytellers view history as the story of the strong exploiting and oppressing the weak. This view continues to thrive — even after the fall of the Soviet Union — through multiculturalism and postmodern theory. It is the dominant narrative in academia today.

The authors of the Old Testament histories also had a point of view, but unlike modern historians, they admit it. For example, after telling the story of a particular king the Biblical authors will invariably say something like; "This king did many other things that are not recorded in this book." In other words, they are admitting that they have selected certain facts to tell the story they wanted to tell, and they are acknowledging that they omitted

many other facts.

So what story did they want to tell? As you read the Old Testament narratives you will discover they wanted to tell us the story of Israel from God's perspective. The Psalmist tells us that "God has established his throne in the heavens and his sovereignty rules over all." The book of Daniel tells us that "God rules in the affairs of men."

The Old Testament histories show us how He has done this. Thus, the Old Testament authors did not view history as a story about us, but a story about God. From their perspective, history is, really, "his" story.

The practical advantage of knowing this is that it gives us a perspective too, not just for understanding the past, but for understanding our own times as well, because the unchanging God who ruled in the past rules in the present too.

When we understand what he did yesterday we will have a better way of understanding what he is doing today.

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## Constitution Week reminds of freedom

Monday begins the national celebration of Constitution Week.

The weeklong commemoration of America's most important document is one of our country's least known official observances. Our Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties and freedom, and to ensure those inalienable rights to every American.

The tradition of celebrating the Constitution was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1955, the group petitioned Congress to set aside Sept. 17 to 23 annually as Constitution Week. The resolution was adopted and signed into law on Aug. 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The aims of the celebration are to (1) emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and de-

fending the Constitution, preserving it for posterity; (2) inform the people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life; and (3) encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

The United States of America functions as a republic under the Constitution, which is the oldest document still in active use that outlines the self-government of a people. This landmark idea that men had the inalienable right as individuals to be free and live their lives under their own governance was the impetus of the American Revolution. Today, the Constitution stands as an icon of freedom for people around the world.

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Milo (hundredweight)	\$13.09
Soybeans (bushel)	\$16.57

## \$500 REWARD

For information leading to the arrest & conviction of any person(s) responsible for "keying" a blue pickup in the Colby American Legion parking lot Saturday night September 1<sup>st</sup> between the hours of 9:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.

CALLERS MAY REMAIN ANONYMOUS  
**785-460-4460 • [police@cityofcolby.com](mailto:police@cityofcolby.com)**



## Prep Home for Fall

A new season is around the corner and a great opportunity to change things up with home decor. It is also a time to remember to do things for your yard and your home. Let's talk decor first.

Fall is a perfect time to add some of the season's hottest hues to your home. A burst of canary yellow adds that special element of surprise to your decor. Maybe paint the back of your bookshelves or put some new throw pillows out. Do not be afraid to mimic the color you see outside. Inspiration for fresh color can come from the beautiful colors of the falling leaves. Accessorize with the autumn tones by adding flowers, blankets, pillows and warm scented candles. Do not forget to create your outdoor retreat. Spend the beautiful fall days with fall mums, pumpkins and wheat stems placed around your patio or porch areas.

**Heat it up...** Do a heat check before you need it. Take the time to have your heating system serviced and ready to go. **Flush it out...** If you have a sprinkler system make sure it is winterized before the freeze sets in. **Check on top...** A once yearly roof inspection will help you get the full life out of your shingles. Get rid of collecting debris, check for soft spots, trim overhanging branches, and clear the gutters. Now of course will be the time for leaf raking. After you are done raking for the last time, mow your grass as short as possible to prevent matting, disease and possible rodent damage. Don't forget to fertilize the lawn with high phosphorous-mixture to promote root growth.

Oh yea...then sit down in your favorite spot and sip on hot cider.

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