

## Deaths

### Charles F. Gravener Jr.

Charles F. Gravener Jr., 87, Colby, died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

He was born Jan. 22, 1925, to Charles and Voe Elsie (Dewey) Gravener in Hoxie.

On Oct. 30, 1943, he married Madeleine Jacobs.

A World War II veteran, he served in the Army in Germany.

Following the war, he worked as a switching technician and then retired from AT&T. His interests included gardening, traveling, hunting, fishing and woodworking.

Survivors include his wife; two

daughters, LeeAnn Candelaria and Marleen Gravener; a sister, Elsie Snyder; a sister-in-law, Jessie Owens-Enefield; and a brother-in-law, John Jacobs.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012, at Beulah Cemetery in Colby, with military honors.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday at Baalman Mortuary in Colby.

The family suggests memorials to the Pioneer Memorial Library, in care of the mortuary, Box 391, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Condolences for the family may be left at Baalmanmortuary.com.

## Religious rules, no; zest for service, yes

Two school children were having a playground chat. "What religion is your father?" one asked the other. "My father is a nun," came the reply. "Your father can't be a nun!" the first exclaimed. "They're all women."



**Carol Rahn**

### • From the Pulpit

"I don't know, but whenever anyone asks him what his religion is, he always answers, 'none.'"

So began one of the religious blogs I read regularly. It was written in response to a recent survey on American religion from the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life stating that one in five Americans have no religious affiliation. On the survey this group was labeled the "nones" and it had increased from 15 percent five years ago to 19 percent this year.

That is about 46 million Americans. Many consider themselves atheists or agnostic. However, more than two-thirds of the "nones" said they believe in God, more than half said they frequently feel a deep spiritual connection with nature and the Earth, more than one-third see themselves as "spiritual but not religious," and one in five pray daily. One-third of adults under thirty do not see themselves as members of any religious tradition.

It seems that many of the "nones" are not turned off by God, but by the various organized religious groups who are more concerned with their own rules, procedures, privileges, political clout, money, prestige and power. But they really like the church's efforts to feed the hungry, to care for the vulnerable in the world and to strengthen society. Since this first blog appeared I have read several more articles about this survey, and they all agree this should be a wake-up call to the churches.

German pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer was arrested and ultimately hanged by the Na-

zis for his stance against the nationalized church in Germany. In his book "Letters from Prison," Bonhoeffer wrote that "the church is only the church when it exists for others." He urged the churches to show what it means to live in Jesus Christ and to live for others. The church should not be in the business of reaching for power, wealth or political influence, but should exhibit such traits as trust, loyalty, patience, discipline, humility and modesty.

I agree with Bonhoeffer. I sometimes wonder if today's Christians are willing to take the risks of living fully in Christ and being willing to challenge the cultural status quo, which seems to value power, wealth and self-interest more than trust, humility and caring for others. Our challenge as Christians is to show the "nones" that the Christian faith is more than doctrines and dogma and more than infighting between and within denominations. Our call is to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ with others, to exhibit his presence in the world and to offer care in a hurting world.

Twentieth century theologian Karl Barth has said, "Grace that is not exhibited is not really grace at all." I would add that Christians who do not model Jesus Christ to the world are Christians in name only. They make it easy for the "nones" to scoff and turn away.

Christ will never give up on his church. We as the Body of Christ should not give up on him.

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

## Senior Progress Center

Flu shots are on tap Tuesday at the Senior Progress Center.

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 10:30 a.m. Skip Bo. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 11 a.m. Health Department giving flu shots; board meeting after lunch. **Wednesday:** snack day. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pinochle. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. Wii game.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** fish sandwich, tater triangles, California blend vegetables, bun, plums. **Tuesday:** lasagna, tossed salad with tomatoes and carrots, green beans, garlic bread, cinnamon apple slices. **Wednesday:** hamburger patty, gold rush casserole, baked beans, bun, ambrosia fruit salad. **Thursday:** oven-baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, apricots. **Friday:** poor boy

stew, cottage cheese, pineapple, bar cookie.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch at the senior center. A contribution of \$3 per meal is suggested for seniors.

Make reservations at (785) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

## Red Barn

Activities for the week: **Sunday:** daylight saving time ends. **Monday:** 2 p.m. Barnswallows. **Wednesday:** 10 a.m. ladies' Bible study. **Thursday:** 2 p.m. "Come On Down." **Friday:** 9:30 a.m. Koffee Klatch; 2:30 p.m. Stitch and Chatter. **Saturday:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. noon meal at Community Building; 7 p.m. bingo; pheasant season opens.

## Shakespeare Club

Shakespeare Club met at the Fair View Estates home of George and Phyllis Elliott last Friday. Joyce Hansen acted as chairman. Nine members and one guest answered roll call recalling what they remembered or had been told about World War II experiences.

In old business, Sheila Frahm reported that the Pioneer Memorial Library will be recommending a book to honor long-time member Helen Frahm.

In new business, Lois VanHorn and Verna Wiens volunteered to provide and serve dessert for the Three of Clubs meeting next Friday. Joyce Hansen and Kathy Calliham will prepare a menu and assign members to specific tasks for the Friday, Dec. 14, Three of Clubs luncheon. Both meetings will be held at the library.

Joyce Hansen handed out fliers and encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Tuesday, Nov. 27, Max Pickereel Lecture Series. The speaker will be Dr. Andrea Stanton from the University of Denver.

George Elliott provided the program. With enthusiasm and recall of the enjoyment of his trip, he showed pictures and told about the Honor Flight he took recently.

He and Paul Steele, his "wheel chair pusher," drove to Garden

City, where they were treated to dinner and bed before an early morning flight to Washington, D.C. Tour stops included the World War II Memorial, where they were photographed under their state emblem, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Vietnam, Women's and Korea memorials. The group also went to the Air Force Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery.

It was an incredible experience he shared with other World War II veterans, their support teams and the sponsoring leadership. A particular highlight was returning to the World War II Memorial after sunset and noting the lights and waterfalls.

To conclude the afternoon, everyone enjoyed pudding parfaits, candy hearts and nuts with coffee and tea. George Elliott continued to provide insights about his experiences and answer questions.

The next meeting will be Friday, Jan. 25, with Diann Gerstner.

— Sheila Frahm, Reporter

## 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.

## 'Zombies ahead' on road sign

GRECE, N.Y. (AP) — Motorists may have gotten a chuckle out of it, but state transportation officials aren't amused after hackers tampered with a roadside sign so that it read, "Zombies ahead."

WHEC-TV in Rochester reports (bit.ly/S05J61) that several viewers sent the station photographs of the altered electronic traffic sign located along Interstate 390 in the suburban town of Greece.

The state Department of Trans-

portation learned about the sign's bogus warning after someone called police.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

| Hi-Plains Co-op      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Wheat (bushel)       | \$8.48  |
| Corn (bushel)        | \$7.56  |
| Milo (hundredweight) | \$12.96 |
| Soybeans (bushel)    | \$14.68 |

## Lora L. Volk for Register of Deeds

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Colby High School Drama Department presents:

### Dark Deeds at Swan's Place or Never Trust a Tattooed Sailor

By Tim Kelly - Published by Samuel French, Inc

Colby High School Auditorium  
Thursday, Nov. 8th, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Nov. 9th  
Dinner 5:30 - 7 p.m. • Show 7 p.m.

Come and enjoy a dasterdly good meal before Friday night's show.  
A free will donation will be accepted

Show Tickets: Adults \$6 • Students \$4  
Audience Participation Encouraged

### An Old Fashioned Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 4th  
Serving: 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Colby Sacred Heart Church Basement

Please join us for:  
Turkey, Ham, Dressing,  
Mashed Potatoes &  
Gravy, Green Beans,  
Rolls, Salads,  
Homemade Pie,  
Iced Tea, and Coffee

Meals-on-Wheels available by calling 462-2179 before Sunday.  
On Sunday, please call, 443-2298

Elevator access to the basement!  
Free will donation will be accepted.

# Services Directory

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.

**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 Intercountry 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-PAIRIE 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, 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.

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

**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-DAYS 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.rimregionalchurch.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

**OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 217 Main St., Brewster, 785-694-2751. Sunday worship 10:00 a.m.; 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

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**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Rev. Robert Alexander, East 5th & Country Club, 785-462-3497, Services, Sat., 5:30 p.m., Beginning Sept. 2 - Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15 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 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. - Intercountry & Prayer, Tue. 5:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study.