

Thanks to all in final column; prayer for peace in the future

This is my last article for the Colby Free Press. As you are reading this, my family and I are in the final stages of packing up and moving to San Antonio, where I will begin my new calling as soccer grandma with my three granddaughters. I have often wondered just what I might say in this final piece, but as I sit at my computer words elude me.



Carol Rahn

• From the Pulpit

Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.
Peace and blessings to all in 2013.

Carol Rahn has been the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Colby.

Francis of Assisi. May it be your prayer, too.
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.

Deaths

Dale R. Farmer, 84, a retired Colby farmer and businessman, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013, at Deseret Health and Rehab Center in Colby.
He was born in Thomas County on Jan. 4, 1928, to Orville and Veda Farmer. He attended elementary school in Page City and graduated from Menlo High School in 1945. He served in the Army just after World War II, from April 1946 to April 1947.
In May 1947, he met Dorene E. Wade. They married Jan. 1, 1948, in a double ceremony with Dorene's sister, Donna Belle Wade, and Dale's cousin, Dean Farmer.
He farmed in the Menlo and

Dale R. Farmer

Colby area until retiring in 1984. He bought and managed the Farmer's Insurance Agency in Colby until his final retirement. He and his wife owned a machine quilting business in Colby which he continued after her death until last year.
As a volunteer leader, he served on the boards of Colby Community College, the state and national Pork Producers councils, the Menlo Co-op and the Thomas County Credit Union, the Menlo School Board and Thomas County Fair Board, the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service county board and other positions. He was a leader for the Menlo Luckies 4-H Club and swine superintendent at the county fair.
Preceding him in death were his wife, his mother and father, his in-

laws, a sister, Mable Langley, and his brothers- and sisters-in-law.
Survivors include a sister, Nevada McMakin, Summerville, S.C.; a brother, Keith Farmer, Colby; two daughters, Mary Ellen (Gregg) Teach, Loveland, Colo.; and Marie (Bob) Spurling, Garden City; a son, Marvin Farmer, Colby; four grandchildren; a step-grandchild; and six great-grandchildren.
Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, 2012, at the Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, with Mr. Farmer's son-in-law, Bob Spurling, officiating and interment in Beulah Cemetery.
The family suggests memorials to the Senior Progress Center or the Colby Veterans of Foreign Wars, in care of the funeral home, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

School Activities and Menus

Colby Public Schools
Activities: Monday: 4 p.m. seventh and eighth scholars bowl Colby Invitational; 4 p.m. grade school site council; 6, 7:30 p.m. C team basketball, Burlington.
Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. faculty meeting; 10 a.m. Great West Activities League meeting, Scott City; 3:45 p.m. coordinating council, Administration Building.
Thursday: 4 p.m. scholars bowl, Hugoton. **Friday:** 4:45, 6:30, 8 p.m. basketball, Scott City; ACT registration deadline for Feb. 9 test; debate, state; 11 p.m. wrestling tournament, Newton. **Saturday:** FFA national Western Stock Show, Denver; 9 a.m. wrestling, Newton; 9:30 junior varsity wrestling, Hays Junior Prairie Classic.
Menus: Monday: breakfast: breakfast pizza, apricots; lunch: chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, steamed broccoli, tropical fruit, roll. **Tuesday:** breakfast: waffle sticks, syrup, cinnamon applesauce; lunch: sloppy joes, French fries, green beans, pineapple slices. **Wednesday:** breakfast: cereal, orange juice; lunch: hot dogs, baked beans, cauliflower with cheese, mixed fruit. **Thursday:** breakfast: blueberry muffin, apple juice; lunch: chicken strips, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, steamed carrots, apple wedges, Rice Krispie bar. **Friday:** breakfast: long johns, grape juice; lunch: spaghetti, tossed salad with romaine, corn, apricots.

tato mash, green beans, biscuits, fresh kiwi. **Friday:** macaroni and cheese, meat balls, seasoned peas, apple, carrots, whole wheat roll, jelly.
Heartland
Activities: Tuesday: 7 p.m. Hope meeting. **Thursday:** 4 p.m. junior high boys basketball at Healy vs. Grinnell-Wheatland. **Friday:** 4 p.m. ACT registration deadline for February test; 6:30 p.m. high school basketball, Sharon Springs. **Saturday:** 4 p.m. junior high basketball, McCook, Neb., vs. Platte Valley Christian.
Golden Plains
Activities: Monday: second semester begins; 4:30 p.m. Western Kansas Liberty League high school boys basketball vs. Logan, Grainfield. **Tuesday:** 3 p.m. girls high school league tournament basketball, Grainfield. **Friday:** league basketball semifinals, Colby. **Saturday:** league basketball finals, Colby.
Menus: not available.

Brewster
Activities: Monday: 5 p.m. Western Kansas Liberty League high school basketball tournament, Wheatland-Grinnell. **Tuesday:** 3 p.m. league high school basketball tournament, Wheatland-Grinnell. **Thursday:** 4 p.m. junior high basketball vs. Cheylin at Winona. **Friday:** no school; 3 p.m. league high school basketball tournament, Colby. **Saturday:** 10 a.m. league high school basketball tournament, Colby.
Menus: Monday: breakfast: scrambled eggs; lunch: smothered burrito, veggie sticks, corn, applesauce, banana. **Tuesday:** breakfast: chocolate chip muffin; lunch: country style beef patty, mashed potatoes, broccoli, mandarin oranges, pineapple. **Wednesday:** breakfast: grilled cheese; lunch: ham square, green beans, carrots, strawberries. **Thursday:** break-

fast: French toast sticks, sausage; lunch: turkey and cheese sandwich, baked beans, fries, lettuce, tomato, peaches, apple.
Colby Community College
Activities: Monday: faculty returns; 6 p.m. women's basketball vs. Seward; 8 p.m. men's basketball vs. Seward. **Tuesday:** wrestling, Chanute. **Wednesday:** classes begin; 6 p.m. women's basketball, Dodge City; 8 p.m. men's basketball, Dodge City; 6 to 9 a.m. Wellness Challenge blood work, Citizens Medical Center. **Thursday:** 6 to 9 a.m. Wellness Challenge blood work, Citizens Medical Center; wrestling, Parsons. **Friday:** 6 to 9 a.m. Wellness Challenge blood work, Citizens Medical Center; 9 p.m. to midnight - Trojans Late Night: Super Heroes. **Saturday:** 6 to 9 a.m. Wellness Challenge blood work, Citizens Medical Center; wrestling, National Duals, Springfield, Ill.; 10 a.m. women's track, Lubbock, Texas.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$7.51
Corn (bushel)	\$6.89
Milo (hundredweight)	\$11.86
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.13

In Memory of Lola Skiles

Today, January 5, 2013, would have been your 90 birthday, Grandma Skiles. It's heartbreaking that you're not with us to enjoy these moments, but like Karter always says, "Grandma has the best seat in the house". You would of held your third and fourth great-grandchildren all day like it was a paying job, because that's what grandmas do. You might have threatened your older great-grandsons with a flyswatter for being so rambunctious; we all know you were way to soft to follow through. You would have been so proud of Kayla for being brave and moving down to Texas. You'd laugh at what a goober your youngest son has turned Karter into. And I can only hope you'd be proud of the woman/wife/mother that you've helped shape us into. "Happy Birthday Grandma, we love you and miss you everyday. You can bet we're eating a Dove chocolate in your memory. And that party I promised you, we'll do it, when we meet again.

Your Loving Family,
Frank & Bernice, Kristin & Kerry Barnett, Sawyer & Fynnlee, LeeAnn & Harry Hopkins, Griffen & baby, Kayla & Karter

Thank You

A big thank you to all who sent cards or stopped by our 50th anniversary and Don's 50 year referee retirement party. It was a great time. Thanks for all those stories & antidotes showed by those who came. The cards were so comforting and encouraging. The 50 years have been a wonderful life experience and you realize how important friends are at times like these. To those who were sick or had family obligations and couldn't come, we appreciate you also. We love you all and cherish your friendship. We are especially grateful to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for giving us these 50 incredible years.

In grateful thanks,
Don & Phyllis Dawes

Stop and Take a Moment

2012 is over!!!! Welcome 2013...a new beginning! How many times have you wished for a "do over"? I know I have desired a "do over" often. Many times in life we wish we had the opportunity to do something differently...the truth is we can have a "do over". I think each New Year reminds me of that option.

On this second day of 2013, I am reminded that this New Year brings the opportunity for me to achieve new things, do things different and to dream new dreams. However, if I think about it...I have a "do over" any time I desire to work on changing what I can and quit focusing on changing what I cannot.

There is one "do over" I never desire, which is a different career path. I am so blessed and fortunate to get to do each day what I feel passionate about. Working for Sellers and working with Buyers in real estate transactions for over 30 years now.

Here is my wish for you in 2013...of course the obvious; health, happiness, blessings, but also I want to add that you remember daily that you have the option to a "do over" anytime you desire...not just the first of each year. I hope you found passion to go after all your desires, goals and dreams...it is never too late for a "do over".

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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, 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.

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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)

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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-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.

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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.

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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.

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. - Intercessory & Prayer, Tue. 5:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study.

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