

Babies

Trace Logan Breese

Trace Logan Breese, son of Ashley and Andrew Breese of Colby, was born Friday, Dec. 21, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Brother Talon Levi Breese welcomed him home. Grandparents are Danny and Ronda Bacon of Hoxie, Kelvin Edgett of Edmond, Linda and Butch Stockman of Colby and Mashell James of Wichita.

Jayden Connor Middleton

Jayden Connor Middleton, son of Nicole Middleton of Monument, was born Thursday, Dec. 20, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

He weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches. Grandparents are Tonya Tauber of Monument and Dorne Middleton of Hoisington.

Kaylee Marie Wilson

Kaylee Marie Wilson, daughter of Kurt and Nicole Wilson of Colby, was born Monday, Dec. 24, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 20 1/4 inches.

Brother Karson Wilson welcomed her home. Grandparents are Sandy and Gary Wilson of Hays and Paul and Linda Falzone of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho.

Apply by Feb. 15 for this scholarship

Farm Credit of Western Kansas is continuing its scholarship program. Each year Farm Credit chooses one student to receive a \$500 per year scholarship which is renewable for up to four years of post-secondary education. Area high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of Farm Credit members are eligible. Students interested in applying should contact their high school

counselor or Cathy Hawk at the office in Colby, (785) 462-6714, for an application or go to www.fcwk.com. Applications are due by Friday, Feb. 15.

Farm Credit makes loans to buy or refinance of farm, ranch or agribusiness real estate and facilities as well as loans for farm operations, agribusiness, livestock and equipment. It also has an extensive crop insurance program.

Junior swine producers to meet in Manhattan

Kansas State University will hold Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day on Saturday, Feb. 16, at Weber Arena in Manhattan. "We're planning a fun-filled day of activities where youth, parents, swine project leaders and others can increase their knowledge and experience of swine production and management practices," said Kristine Clowers, youth livestock coordinator in K-State's department of animal sciences and industry. More than \$600 in prizes will be given away.

The day begins with registration at 9 a.m. Sessions include:

- Selecting your youth project.
- Skillathon (non-competitive).
- Nutrition of your show pig.
- Educational materials for your swine project and livestock nominations.
- Youth pork quality assurance certification session.
- Pig care to show day.
- Hands-on showmanship.

 The day ends with a wrap-up. Cost is \$10 per person until Friday, Feb. 1, and \$15 after that date. All participants receive a K-State Show Pig Guide, Skillathon practice, T-shirt and lunch. Information is available at www.asi.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=58 or by contacting Clowers at (785) 532-1264 or clowers@ksu.edu.

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Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$7.36
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Tragedy in Connecticut school continues tradition of passing blame

I have watched with interest as my Facebook friends respond to the tragedy in Connecticut. It seems that we are all blaming something.

My friends on the left blame guns. My friends on the right blame violent video games and the secularization of society. (Frankly, this is where I place the lion's share of the blame). So, who is to blame?

We were talking about this subject this morning at coffee, and after coming back to my office I continued to think about it. As I did, I was reminded of something I pointed out to my world religions students last semester.

In our discussion of indigenous religions, I pointed out that animistic peoples tend to blame themselves for any calamity that occurs. They assume that the tribe, or someone in the tribe, must have done something to offend the spirits - and they immediately take steps to placate them.

When my students' faces reflected a smug, condescending attitude toward these "ignorant savages" I pointed out that we do the same thing; that whether we are animists, atheists or anything in between, there has always been a natural human tendency to react to catastrophe by blaming the tribe.

When faced with earthquakes, famine or pestilence of any sort, humans immediately



Mark Carlton

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default to the conclusion that we or somebody else must have done something wrong.

To give you a modern example, let's take an objective look at the theory of human-caused global warming. Our planet has experienced periodic warming cycles. If this were not the case, we would still have glaciers in New England and Anasazi living in cliff dwellings.

Many scientists think the earth is warming again. But why? Many, perhaps most on the left, think that we must be doing something to cause it. But if the planet begins to cool off - as it did in the seventies - they will say that's our fault too. How do I know? That is what they were blaming it on at the time.

That's just the way we are. When bad happens we look for someone to blame. That's why the story of Chicken Little rings true to every generation. The sky is always falling and we must always run to the king and de-

mand that he fix it. Our choice of villains is generally dictated by our world view. In this culture our villains are often dictated by our political leanings. Those on the right will find their villains on the left, and those left will blame the right. But when we do this we are really doing the same thing animists do when tragedy strikes; we are assuming that we - or those nasty people on the other side of the political and social fence - must have done something to offend the spirits.

Understand, I'm not saying that there may not be some truth in our social critiques. We may be doing something to offend God, or Mother Nature, or the moral order of the universe.

But perhaps we are wrong in our choice of villains. Maybe the problem is not our law-abiding neighbor who just happens to view the world differently than we do. Perhaps, just perhaps, Adam Lanza is to blame. It really could be as simple as that.

Mark Carlton is pastor of the Colby Berean Church. You can reach him at pastormark@colbyberean.com or 460-2763.

Book reviews compete for Hatchet Job award

By Jill Lawless Associated Press

LONDON - A mauling of Martin Amis and a savaging of Salman Rushdie are in the running for the best bad book review of 2012.

Eight finalists were announced for the Hatchet Job of the Year Award, a prize set up to reward scathing works of literary journalism.

The nominees include Ron Charles' Washington Post review of Amis' satirical saga "Lionel Asbo" - a "ham fisted novel" full of "blanched stereotypes" - and Zoe Heller's assessment of Rushdie's memoir "Joseph Anton" for the New York Review of Books. Heller slammed the author's "magisterial amour propre" and concluded: "The world is as large and as wide as it ever was; it's just Rushdie who got small."

The prize was founded last year by literary website The Omnivore to reward the "angriest, funniest,

most trenchant" review in a newspaper or magazine. Its serious aim is to raise the profile of book critics and "promote integrity and wit in literary journalism."

"Book reviews are, in the main, too fawning and dull," said Omnivore editor Anna Baddeley.

Finalists for the award also include Richard Evans' assessment of A.N. Wilson's "Hitler: A Short Biography" - "stale, unoriginal material ... banal and cliché-ridden historical judgments" - and Craig Brown's review of "The Odd Couple" by Richard Bradford. Brown dismissed the book about the friendship between writers Kingsley Amis and Philip Larkin as "a triumph of 'cut and paste.'"

Last year's inaugural prize was won by Adam Mars-Jones for a review of Michael Cunningham's novel "By Nightfall" that accused the Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist of scattering literary allusions like "tin cans tied to a tricycle."

Juanita L. Mines

Juanita L. Mines, 89, of Lincoln, NE passed away on Friday, Jan. 4, 2013. Born in 1923, in Norton, KS to Merlin and Lola Taylor. Juanita grew up in Colby, KS, graduated from Colby High School, and attended Colorado Women's College in Denver, CO. She is survived by her son, Steve (Judy) O'Neal of Douglas, WY, and daughter, Michelle (Dan) Walsh of Lincoln, NE. Cremation, no visitation. Memorials to the family for future designation and Celebration of Life Remembrance. Condolences online with full obituary at www.aspenaftercare.com.



Grad commissioned

Kevin V. Lang, a 2008 Colby High School graduate, was commissioned as an ensign in the Navy on Nov. 9, 2012, following completion of Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I. He received a bachelor's degree from Liberty University in May 2012.

Designated as a naval intelligence officer, he will be completing the initial training process in June before being deployed to his first assignment.

Ensign Lang is the son of Ken and Beverly Lang of Chandler, Ariz., formerly of Colby.



Ensign Lang



Jessica Milliman graduated from Northwest Kansas Tech in Cosmetology in December 2012. She loves all aspects of working in the salon from cutting hair to hair color to pedicures. Jessica's emphasis is on nails, including acrylic, gel, polish, and manicures.

Jessica is now taking appointments at Uptown Style in Colby, KS. Schedule with Jessica in the month of January and receive \$5.00 off your services when you mention this ad. To schedule call 785-462-2383 or check us out online at www.uptownstyleonline.com or on FaceBook.

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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.

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BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyberean.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)

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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 colbyfree.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.

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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.

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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