# Monument High School's Class of 1953 holds reunion

The 1953 Monument High School graduating class met Friday, July 18, at ElRanchito in Monument for lunch.

The graduating class totaled eight and all but one attended the event. Some activities throughout their day together are highlighted.

After lunch, said Shirley (Thrasher) Wedel, one of the class members, we drove down the street to the school where we were joined by our seventh and eighth grade teacher, Mrs. Edith Schaffer. We toured the buildings and recalled the "good ol' days."

Student News

Sowers accepted to pharmacy

program

Jill Susanne Sowers, a 2001

Goodland High School graduate,

was accepted of the School of Phar-

macy at the University of Kansas.

She completed the two-year pre-

pharmacy requirments at Kansas

State University earning a 4.0 grade

Colby and Lon Sowers of Gem.

Sunday, Aug. 10

The Kansas Mennonite Men's

Chorus, under the direction of Ron

Garber, will perform at 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 10 at the Colby High

This is the choir's 34th year of

singing to honor God. The majority

of the singers come from Kansas,

with a few traveling from as far as

Colorado, Nebraska and Okla-

homa. The traveling choir is a

group of 120 men who pay their

own travel expenses inorder to raise

The group has toured in Europe,

Canada and throughout the mid-

western United States. Everyone is

welcome to attend. For information

**Britton Renea Knowles** 

announce the birth of their daugh-

ter, Britton Renea Knowles on May

10, 2003 at Citizens Medical Cen-

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C. Cayton









S. Wedel

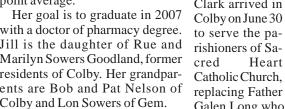
ating class, Betty (Vogler) Bartlett and husband, Jim, Colby, were unable to be there due to a family The eighth member of the gradu- emergency out of state.

## Colby welcomes new pastor at Sacred Heart

Any time a parish of any denomi-

nation welcomes a new pastor, all are wondering if he will meet their expectations.

Father Dana Clark arrived in Colby on June 30 to serve the parishioners of Sa-Heart Catholic Church,



Galen Long who was being transferred to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. It is always difficult to replace a popular person in any field, and especially in the field of church

Rev. Clark

Father Dana seeks to be his own person while making very few journey to the priesthood with the changes in parish ministry at this time. He demonstrates congeniality and self-assuredness often displaying a twinkle in his eye.

Father Clark was born in Salina, the oldest son of Riley and Betty Clark, and the second oldest in a but he never had time to build a family of 17 children. He has 11 sisters and six brothers, all still living mind. in or close to Salina.

nephews, but is a bit unsure: "They keep popping up."

Father graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Salina, Marymount College in Salina, with a degree in computer technology, and Kansas State University with a master's degree in computer sci- Cathedral, he was active in Sacred

For 18 years he worked for computer consulting companies in pretty well organized and structured Manhattan, becoming financially able to help his parents, who still people. live in Salina, and several of his

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previous business day

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younger siblings. During this period, he received a lot of signs from God to join the priesthood.

At the age of 43, Father Clark decided to follow his calling to the priesthood. He attended and graduated from Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis on May 11, 2001. A week later he was ordained by Bishop George Fitzsimons at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina.

His first assignment was to be associate pastor at Sacred Heart Cathedral. After two years, he has joyfully accepted the assignment as pastor of Sacred Heart Church in

Father recalls that he was deacon at Sacred Heart Church in St. Louis so all of his ministries have been associated with the Sacred Heart, for whom he has a great devotion.

Father Dana promises to share his parish soon.

He has said that he always had a love for the church, always wanting to do more. He thought about starting his own computer company to do work for parishes and schools, company. God had other things in After his successful business ca-

He thinks he has 40 nieces and reer, Father is undaunted about handling the responsibilities of a parish the size of Colby's, which also supports a grade school.

After all, with 15 siblings younger than him, he has had much experience with children.

While serving at Sacred Heart Heart Jr. High and Sr. High Schools in Salina. Father states that he is and he strives to work well with

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young people as well as the sick and infirm.

Colby stopped in to visit after din-

He is very interested in evangelizing and working with the RCIA program. He is actively involved with Rachel's Vineyard, a group in Hays who work to help in the healing process of those (women and men) who have had an abortion.

impressions are lasting impressions, Father Dana Clark will be a Free Press that deal with the work valuable asset to Sacred Heart Par- of the parish. She can be reached at ish. He states, "I think I am really 462-6448.

going to like it here. There's no question this is a good parish with good people and good staff "and of course, kids add that little extra that makes life more enjoyable."

And of course, Sacred Heart parishioners think they are going to like having him as their new pastor.

Editor's note: Joan Albers is ac-If, as the old saying goes, first tive in Sacred Heart Parish, and on occasion submits articles to the

## **Community Calendar**

SATURDAY, August 2

Thomas County Fair parade, 10 a.m., starting at Fike Park Pioneer Memorial Library's book sale, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thomas County EMS Nine-Run-Run, registration 6 a.m. and Nine-Ride-Ride, registration 7 a.m., both events at Fike Park Pioneer Day at VFW, noon

Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 5-8 p.m.

Bingo, Jaycees Center, 7 p.m. Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, August 3

Last chance-Pioneer Memorial Library book sale, all books free Sunday Morning Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 9:30 a.m. Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 2-8 p.m. Higher Ground, Berean Church, 6 p.m.

New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

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#### **MAXINE CALHOON** Carmelita Maxine Calhoon, the daughter

**CARMELITA** 

of Tubby and Lulu Grady, was born Aug. 14, 1935 in Colby, Kan. She attended Colby public school and graduated from Colby High School in 1953. Carmelita and O.D. Calhoon were married in Colby Jan. 24, 1954 and had three daughters, Cathy Crystal and Kelley. Carmelita lived most of her life in Colby.

She attended Colby Community College and earned a teachers' degree from Ft. Hays State University. She served as a math instructor at Colby Community College for many years.

Following her retirement from teaching,

Carmelita devoted her time to her true profession, full-time mother, wife, daughter and grandmother. Proudly wearing her 'World's Greatest Grandma" shirt Carmelita and O.D. traveled often to Silt Co., to spend time with Cathy (Desautels) and her children, Luke and Jenny; to Council Bluffs, IA for visits with Crystal (Nuss) and her children Kara and Ellen, and to Woodbridge, VA to see Kelley (Van Horn) and her children Amanda, Melanie and Danielle. Carmelita and O.D. would follow both Lucas and Jenny's education (especially Luke's math classes) and athletic endeavors at Cornell College; Kara's academic travels from University of Iowa and University of Chicago and Ellen's musical performances in Council Bluffs; and the swimming successes of Mandy, Melanie and Dani in Woodbridge. Carmelita would spend many hours on the phone and emailing her grandchildren, encouraging them in academics, athletics, music and life. With lessons learned from her dad Tubby, Carmelita's goal was to bring a smile to anyone she would meet. In re cent years, she would spend countless hours with her mother Lulu at Lantern Park bringing cheer not only to Lulu, but other residents of Lantern Park.

Carmelita's other passions were music, playing bridge, her daily conversations at the donut shop and her Saturday nights at the Country Club. Carmelita was the only piano accompanist for her father's robust singing. She was influential in encouraging all of her children and grandchildren to learn to play musical instruments and to enjoy various forms of music. She was a devoted fan of the Colby Bluegrass Festival and the rhythm band at Lantern Park Camelita was Life Master in Bridge, a dedicated Duplicate Bridge Tournament player and enjoyed playing bridge with countless

Carmelita is survived by her mother Lulu Grady, husband O.D. Calhoon, daughter Cathy and husband Alan Desautels and their children Luke and Jennifer; daughter Crystal and husband Jason Nuss and their children Kara and Ellen; daughter Kelley and husband Thurston Van Horn and their children Amanda, Melanie and Danielle.

She was preceded in death by her father Lloyd "Tubby" Grady.

Donations may be made in Carmelita's memory to the Colby Bluegrass Festival.

Services were held Friday, July 25, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at the Colby United Methodist Church in Colby. Rev. James Mardock officiated. Pallbearers were Randy Albers, Mike Woofter, Don Woofter, Steve Alwin, Dee Carpenter and Jon Friesen. Honorary Pallbearers were Max Embree, Joe Mildrexler, Jim Kriss, Gene Criss, Max Pickerill, Lynn Hagler and Bill Dowell. Mrs. Sharon Kriss was pianist and vocals were by the McLemore Family. Burial was held at the Beulah Cemetery in Colby. Services were conducted by Kersenbrock Funeral

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