

# Family

## What is your religious belief?

Over the past months, I have written articles giving brief explanations of Judaism, Islam and Buddhism.

It has been interesting trying to explain religious practices that are not my own and to give insight into beliefs I do not hold. It has also made me wonder how I might explain my own faith to someone unfamiliar with it.

Have you ever thought how you would do that?

To those who, if asked, "Are you religious?" would answer, "Yes," I pose these questions:

How would you tell someone about your religion and beliefs? Would you say that, like those who practice Judaism, your religion informs and shapes your moral and ethical behavior? If so, how and why – or why not?

Would you say that, like Muslims, everything you do is done in submission to God? How and why – or why not? And would you say that, like the Buddhists, what you say and how you live conforms to your inner spiritual beliefs? How and why – or why not?

What difference does "being religious" make in your life? Do you pray? Regularly? When the going gets tough? When all is going very well? Do you make worship a priority, or just one more thing on your already busy schedule? If someone close to you were asked if you are religious, how might they answer? Or if someone not so close to you were asked, what do you think they would say?

And to those who, if asked, "Are you religious?" would answer, "No," I pose these questions:

What informs your moral and ethical behavior? Is your life lived independent of any spiritual au-



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thority or beliefs? Do you think there is some Power that is beyond our human understanding?

If you were religious, how might you be changed? Some of us believe that there is only one way to salvation, while others claim there are a variety of paths. And still others scoff at the very idea of some kind of eternal salvation.

Some think regular worship with a community of like believers is one of the most important things they can do, while others find individual time spent in spiritual reflection to be the highest form of worship.

How and where and why do you worship? If you don't, why not?

I ask all these questions because I think it is important to understand our own beliefs before we can really understand or even criticize what others might believe. We are quick to judge others without first examining our own beliefs, motives and behaviors. We are often too ready to play God, rather than letting God be God.

It really is so easy to just say the other person is wrong without taking a good look at where *we* might be in error.

Why not take a brief look at your own faith and see what you might learn about yourself and your God? Perhaps the first step in becoming religiously literate is to know ourselves better. Then, and only then, we might be better prepared to move on to learn about and from others.

## Grocery chief honors worker at Colby store

You don't get a call from Mr. Dillon every day, but if you work for Dillons Stores, it's kind of a big deal.

Dave Dillon, the Hutchinson native who has led Cincinnati-based Kroger Co. to the top of the food chain, couldn't be at the Colby store in person Thursday to honor Danyelle DeuFriend, but he called and talk to her from his cell phone.

Dillon thanked DeuFriend, human resources coordinator for the store, and said that he wished he could be there to give her the 2008 Kroger Community Service Award for the Dillons Stores group in Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri.

"You make the community the kind of community we want to live in," Dillon, chairman and chief executive officer of the nationwide grocery firm, said.

Store Manager Tom Chain personally thanked DeuFriend for her community service.

The company created the award in 1983 to recognize employees for outstanding volunteer efforts.

DeuFriend has worked for Dillons in Colby for two years, but has been an active volunteer for the past 15. She has volunteered for Big Brothers Big Sisters, Relay for Life, United Way, Students Against Drunk Drivers, the Yellow Ribbon Foundation and the Thomas County Fair.

She said that one of her most rewarding involvements has been her role with the store's bowling team for the annual Big Brothers Big Sisters "Bowl for



**Danyelle DeuFriend**

Kid's Sake" fund raiser. In last year's tournament, DeuFriend collected the most contributions of all 225 participants and the Dillons team collected the most contributions among 38 teams. Chain said this was due to her strong leadership.

DeuFriend said she believes it's important to give back to the community and encouraged others to get involved.

"I really enjoy helping people," she said. "There is no better feeling than knowing you have truly impacted someone's life in a positive way. I am ecstatic that Kroger has given me this opportunity to give back to those organizations that strive so hard and give so much to better the lives of others."

Representatives from Dillons gave Danyelle a recognition certificate and donations of \$250 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County and the Yellow Ribbon Foundation.

## Senior Progress Center

Tuesday there will be a board meeting at the Senior Progress Center following lunch. All board members are encouraged to attend.

Activities for the week: **Monday:** shuffle board. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m., exercise; board meeting after lunch. **Wednesday:** 10:30 a.m., Wii bowling. **Thursday:** 10 a.m., exercise; 11 a.m., root beer floats. **Friday:** 10 a.m., exercise; 10:30 a.m., pool game.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** creamed chicken, green beans, citrus slices, biscuit, cook's choice complement. **Tuesday:** chef salad, cantaloupe, crax, brownie. **Wednesday:** pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, seasoned carrots,

applesauce gelatin. **Thursday:** chili dog, broccoli salad, peaches, cookie. **Friday:** Swiss steak with tomatoes, scalloped potatoes, peas, roll, blueberry banana salad.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch at the senior center.

## Come to party

The family of Bonnie Lager will honor her with an open house for her 80th birthday from 2-4 p.m. on Friday at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall in Grinnell.

The family requests no gifts. Cards will reach her at Box 322, Grinnell, Kan., 67738.

### Wedding Registry

**Chrissy Chamberlain & Tucker Olsen**  
*July 11th, 2009*

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Who hugs, laughs, smiles and says,  
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I have a cousin...  
Who plays in the park near my house,  
And urges me to do things I wouldn't  
have the guts to do...  
If it weren't for him...  
But not anymore...

I have a cousin...  
Who can teach me how things work  
and why they work that way,  
Or why you have to do them...  
But not anymore...

I have a cousin...  
Who tells me the most amazing stories,  
turns bright red when he laughs,  
And has a comeback for everything...  
But not anymore...

I have a cousin...  
Who comes to play and usually lets me be  
first at anything,  
Or any games we play,  
Especially when I have to be the tagger first,  
But not anymore...

I have a cousin...  
Who drives a grain cart, so he can grow up  
and be the best,  
Just like his dad  
But not anymore...

I have a cousin...  
Who is so full of life and lives every day like  
it was his last one,  
But just because he is no longer with us,  
We all still love him all the same.

I just wish my cousin could come out to play.

## Dear Friends and Family...



**Tate Siruta**  
10-27-01 - 3-23-09

All though it seems like yesterday it has been 3 months since our wonderful son Tate has passed. On behalf of him and his whole family, we would like to extend our deepest appreciation to one and all whom prayed for us, sent food, stopped by, called, sent flowers and cards, or whom made a donation to his memorial. This community has been heaven sent. We have made it this far and will continue to get stronger with all the love and concerns that everyone has shown us.

A huge thank you to Don and Kathy Harrison, Pastor Jim Mardock and the United Methodist Church!

### Tate Siruta's Family

Duskin and Missy Siruta,  
Grandma Carol Williams, Wayne Williams,  
Grandma Bonnie Siruta, Ron and Dee Siruta & Family,  
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## Schedule of church services

**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, Interim Pastor, Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages, Adults: choice of Fireproof, Crown Financial, or the Bible Class. 785-462-8234. cdag@st-tel.net.

**BEREAN CHURCH**, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyberean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Awana Clubs, Wednesday, 7 p.m., Middle & High School, Wednesday, 7 p.m. @ the Heartland Christian School Gym.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Carroll H. Morony, Pastor, 615 W. Webster, 785-462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study: Sundays at 7 p.m. RC Club 2nd and 4th Sundays at 2 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.

**MINGO BIBLE CHURCH**, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Intern Pastor Pat Colley. Sunday School: 9:30AM -all ages. Sunday Services: 10:45AM. Sunday Nights: 1st Sunday of the month: potluck following morning service - no evening service; 2nd Sunday: services at 6:30 PM; 3rd Sunday: informal fellowship - bring a snack to share! 4th and 5th Sunday: services at 6:30 p.m.

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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**, Minister, Jarrod Spencer. 510 E. 4th, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m., Interpretation for the deaf, Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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**OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Brewster, Sunday worship 9:00 a.m.; 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

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**LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH**, 205 1st St., Pastor Jerry Vincent, 785-586-2376, Sunday School (classes for 3 years & up and 3 adult classes) 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

**WINONA METHODIST CHURCH**, Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)

**BREWSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, PO Box 250, Brewster. Pastor Dorine Chambers, 785-462-6044, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.

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**REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH**, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 785-687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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