

Family

Deaths

David D. Berens

David D. Berens, 63, Manhattan, brother of Gary Berens of Colby, died Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka.

He was born Sept. 18, 1945, in Colby, the son of Wendell and Anna (Weigel) Berens.

Berens attended school in Colby and graduated from Gem High School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam, later worked as a surveyor and inspector and retired from Bartlett and West.

On April 1, 1971, he was married to Alice Bieker in Topeka. They later divorced. He had lived many years in Wamego before moving to Manhattan five years ago.

He was preceded in death by his

parents and a brother, Ed Berens.

He is survived by four children, Deanna (Brian) Romine of Lyndon; Michael (Deadra) Berens of Carrollton, Texas; and Matthew (Melissa) Berens and Teresa (Justin) Berens, both of Manhattan; his brother Gary (Marsha) Berens; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 19, 2009, at the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Colby.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Lyndon American Legion Post or the Colmery-O'Neil Veterans Affairs Medical Center, in care of Feltner Funeral Home, 818 Topeka Avenue, Lyndon, Kan., 66451.

Reynold Theodore Moellering

Reynold Theodore Moellering, 87, Hoxie milk cow farmer and father of Marita Schieck, Colby, died Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009, at his home.

He was born Sept. 11, 1921, to John and Elizabeth (Robben) Moellering in Angelus.

On Aug. 21, 1945, he married Hilda Schwarz in Angelus. They lived on a farm near Angelus until 1977 when they moved to Oakley. In 2005, they moved to Hoxie.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Oakley and Knights of Columbus of Angelus. He especially loved raising and training horses. They had a team and wagon that they used for various functions around the area.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Estella Juenemann, Marie Schwarz, and Frances Schwarz and one grandson, Kevin Zimmerman.

Survivors include his wife, Hoxie; six daughters, Ann Delzeit, Scranton; Betty Grunewald,

Mills, Wyo.; Pauline Zimmerman, Oakley; Marita Schieck, Colby; Joyce Tice, Hoxie, and Lucy Zerr, Levant; three brothers, John Moellering, Grinnell; Robert Moellering, Hoxie; and Bernard Moellering, Oakley; three sisters, Emilyn Broeckelman, Oakley; Jean Dempewolf, Colby; and Betty Feldt, Hays; 16 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 14, 2009, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Oakley, with burial in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, Hoxie and 5:30 to 8 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Oakley, with a vigil service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph Catholic School and may be sent in care of the funeral home, Box 235, Hoxie, Kan., 67740.

Corrections

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Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day <b>Hi-Plains Co-op</b>	
Wheat (bushel)	\$3.68
Corn (bushel)	\$2.69
Milo (hundredweight)	\$4.01
Soybeans (bushel)	\$7.96

Pain is God's unlikely gift to the world



Carroll Morony

• From the Pulpit

Back in June a tooth that the dentist had done a root canal on and repaired a year or so earlier began hurting something fierce. It was so sensitive that even the slightest touch caused shooting pains. Of course it was on a weekend. My initial concern was that maybe something had gone wrong up inside where he had done the repair and I might lose that tooth and face a really expensive repair. I suffered through the weekend and got in to see him. The good news was that it was not as I thought. The tooth itself was fine. The bad news was that it was seriously infected and had been over some time. The worst news was that even though I brush my teeth regularly, I had not been flossing or using our waterpik to keep the gum line as clean as I should have. The fact was, I brought misery on myself for lack of taking care. I do better now. That's motivation!

Over the years, I've had a couple of other significant injuries, whose "pain" communicated to me what I needed to know. I suffered a compression fracture in my lower back tobogganing one time. It eventually healed just fine, but whenever I overdo it the muscles in my lower back "remind me" that I need to back off and ease up. Another time I broke my leg skiing. I'd never had a broken bone before. Now I know what that feels like. The sharp, excruciating pain communicated that something was drastically wrong.

No one in their right mind likes pain. But pain is one of those unlikely gifts from God. Physical pain is our body's way of telling us

something is not right and needs to be taken care of. It's God's built-in warning system. We ignore such signs at our own risk. We men are especially notorious for doing so, and just "buck up" and put up with it until we are forced to deal with it – often at greater cost in time and money. No too smart, but that's the way we are. Pain can also signal that growth is taking place – as in exercise programs that stretch us.

Ignoring God's warning system in our life has other consequences as well, which can be equally or even more devastating. There are other kinds of pain: emotional, relational, spiritual, mental. When we hurt in any of these ways then something is wrong. These, too, are part of God's gift of pain – warning us that something needs to be healed or made right. Unfortunately,

the source or cause of our emotional, relational, mental or spiritual pain is not often easily identified or fixed, as physical pain is by going to the doctor. But there is a remedy, though it involves time and effort on our part.

In Matthew 11:28, Jesus says, "Come to me, you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light, and you will find rest for your soul." The problem is often inside us. Facing ourselves or the reality of our situation can be really painful, but Jesus will help us do just that. Like my tooth, it can be quite humbling and disconcerting to find out that the emotional or spiritual pain we are experiencing is our own fault brought about by our own neglect or bad behaviors. And like my other injuries, sometimes the social or mental pain we experience is the result of something that just simply happened to us, but we must deal with it or it will eat away at us.

What kinds of personal pain are you coping with that do not seem to go away? Seeking out Jesus and God's Word is the starting point for the healing that is needed. Prayer, forgiveness, humility, and God's help in changing attitudes or habits are all tools of the Master Physician. Often a respected Christian friend, a pastor, or a counselor who will listen without being judgmental also helps.

Give thanks to God for the unlikely and surprising gift of pain. It is how we know that something in our life needs to be addressed and made right. And the sooner we do so, the sooner we will come to the point of health and wholeness that God desires for our life.

Book signings coming soon

The Carnegie Art Center in Goodland will have two book signings during September.

The first author is Ed Mills, president of the Northwest Kansas Technical College. His book begins a fiction series, and is titled "The Girvin Social Club," about the foiling of Middle Eastern terrorists in Texas.

Copies of the book will be available at the signing from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 19.

Former Goodland resident Charlotte Hinger will be signing copies of her book "Deadly Descent," a murder mystery about a cold case in a western Kansas community. She will be at the center from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26.

**Fall Festival**

**Winona United Methodist Church**  
501 Bellview Ave.  
**Sunday, Sept. 20th**  
**4 - 6:30 p.m.**

~ Crafts ~ Bake Sale ~  
~ Childrens' Crafts ~  
~ Games ~ Story Teller ~

• **Cake Walk**  
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SERVICES DIRECTORY

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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-RAIRIE 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. Wednesday Youth at The Rock 3:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday Nite Life at The Rock 5-6 p.m.. 785-462-8234. cday@st-tel.net.

**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.

**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 11:00 a.m.

**WESLEYAN CHURCH**, 320 W. Pine - 785-462-8391, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:40 a.m., Sunday Evening Cellgroups at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Youth Ministries, Kids Clubhouse 7 p.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**, (Disciples of Christ), Pastor Lyle Knebel, 385 W. 3rd - 785-460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. E-mail: fccolby@st-tel.net.

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

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Rev. Don White and Rev. Tim Llewellyn, East 5th & Country Club, 785-462-3497, Services, Sat., 5:30 p.m., Sunday; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.; Services, 11:00 a.m. Visit us at www.trinitycolby.com.

**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.

**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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