

Family

Do you look for good?

My mother grew up in Sioux City, Iowa, during the Great Depression. She also grew up in a single-parent household. Mom was eight years old when her mother and father were divorced. One of her most vivid memories was of the day her father walked over the hill in front of their house and out of their lives. She never saw him again.

A divorce is rough under the best of circumstances, but this one was even more devastating for several reasons. First, it occurred right at the beginning of the Great Depression. Second, even though my grandfather was from a wealthy family, and later became quite wealthy in his own right, he never paid a penny of child support or alimony. Thus, the responsibility of supporting their three school-aged children fell completely to my grandmother.

Fortunately, my grandmother was able to get a job that meant she could support her children – but not in the manner they were accustomed to. It was not long before the family was forced to give up their large, two-storied house and move into a smaller one in a poorer neighborhood.

The financial, emotional and societal pressures were enormous. However, my grandmother was a remarkable woman, and she somehow managed to “pull it off.” All three of her children grew up to become responsible and productive members of society. But it took an enormous toll on her. She died a very bitter woman.

All of her children carried a variety of memories from those difficult years; some pleasant, some painful. One of my mother’s favorite memories concerns walking in the snow. Sioux City is know for its cold, snowy winters and for its rolling hills. Since the family could not afford a car, it was necessary to walk up and down those snow-covered hills to reach their many destinations. These treks were difficult, tortuous in many respects. The snow was deep, the air cold, and the wind could chill you to the bone.

Remembering these times brought little joy to my aunt. All



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From the Pulpit

she could remember was how cold and difficult it was. My mother’s response was different. Her eyes actually sparkled when she described those time. She recalled it as walking through a winter wonderland.

The question is, why did these two women remember the same scene so differently?

The reason is this — as she walked my mother would focus on the sound of the hymns as they were played by the chimes of the Methodist church. These hymns were especially beautiful during the Christmas season when the familiar melodies of “O Come All Ye Faithful” and “Silent Night, Holy Night” would peal out of the bell tower and echo over the snow long before the church itself could be seen. It was the music that added the “magic” to the scene. And so, one girl focused on the snow and ice and never forgot the way it chilled her to the bone, while the other heard the chimes and never forgot the way the music warmed her heart. But was it the music that warmed her or was it something else?

In her later years, Mom came to understand that the real source of warmth in those difficult day was not the music, but faith. It was her faith, her simple childlike faith in the God she learned about in Sunday school, that warmed and sustained her during those difficult days. How so? The songs she heard drifting across the snow and ice were the same songs she

had first heard and sung at Sunday school, and they reminded her of the heavenly Father she had learned about there – the one who never walks out on his children. So it was faith that gave my Mom the ability to hear the chimes of the City of God even as she trudged through drifting snow in the City of Man. And, once you have it, you will be able to hear the chimes too.

Mark Carlton is pastor of the Colby Berean Church.

Corrections

The article “Brewster High women’s team beats Cheylin,” on Page 8 of the Thursday, Dec. 10, Colby Free Press incorrectly said the boys’ team whipped Riley County Monday. It should have been Rawlins County.

Bonnie Holm writes for the Colby Free Press, not for Colby High School. These were editing errors.

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THE CLASSIFIEDS- Where the Deals Are!

Deaths

Duane A. Touslee

Duane A. Touslee, 83, Garden City, brother of Boyd (Esther) Touslee of Colby, died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009, at Garden Valley Retirement Village.

He was born July 25, 1926, in Levant, the son of S.E. “Rust” and Leona (Dryden) Touslee.

Touslee was a 1944 graduate of Colby High School and earned his bachelor’s degree from Kansas Wesleyan in 1951.

He served in the Army in 1945 and 46, stationed in Japan.

For 43 years he was a tax examiner for the State of Kansas.

He was a long-time member of the First United Methodist Church in Topeka; the American Legion; and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

On May 21, 1972, he married Dorothy Porter in Topeka. She preceded him in death on June 28, 1997.

Touslee moved to Garden City in 2005 to be closer to his family. Other survivors include a sister, Marilyn Touslee (Bill) Pabst-Phillips of Garden City; five nieces and nephews; seven great-nieces and -nephews; and great-great-niece.

Services will be at 11 a.m. at Penwell-Gabel Mid Town Chapel in Topeka on Monday, Dec. 14, 2009 with burial at the Topeka Cemetery.

To leave condolences for the family online, please visit www. PenwellGabelTopeka.com.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Tuesday

7:50 a.m. – Vehicle blocking drive at 220 N. Sterling.

12:13 p.m. – Highway Patrol advised of hit and run accident at 255 Hill St.

12:58 p.m. – Kids sledding into street by Sacred Heart School.

2:26 p.m. – Suicide threats at 1150 S. Franklin.

3:42 p.m. – Assisted ambulance at college dorm.

3:51 p.m. – Welfare check on children.

4 p.m. – Semi blocking roadway at Country Club and Willow. Provided traffic control for wrecker.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Tuesday

8:07 a.m. – Arrest warrant served on Joseph Anthony Callejas.

9:11 a.m. – Patty Purvis reported accident on I-70 at mile 52. Turned over to Kansas Highway Patrol.

7 p.m. – Vehicle slid off the roadway on I-70 at mile 41.

Meadow Lake Ladies

The Meadow Lake Ladies’ Association will have an evening for getting away from holiday stress beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the

Meadow Lake clubhouse.

Snacks will be furnished and ladies are invited for an evening of visiting and relaxing.

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SERVICES DIRECTORY

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 785-462-6342, Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

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. Pastor Steve Todd. Worship Service 10:15 a.m. 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. 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. Pastor Mark Carlton, Senior Pastor and Pastor Jason Purdy, Youth Pastor. Middle School Group Wednesday 7 p.m. at the Attic and High School Youth Group Sunday 6 p.m. at the Attic.

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.

PLEASANT HOME CHURCH, Pastor, Perry Baird, 785-890-3375, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, 501 Bellview Ave. Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)

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MINGO BIBLE CHURCH, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Intern Pastor Tom Peyton. 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.

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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 Gary Slavens, 785-460-2656; Erwin Mitchell, 1st counselor, 785-460-1952; Tim Wilson, 2nd counselor, 785-846-7796. 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 to public, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays or by appointment. Call 785-462-3571.

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COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. James Mardock, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 785-460-6521, Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., Fellowship coffee 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., KXXX broadcasts 11:00 worship. www.colbyumc.org

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

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