

# Family

## Deaths

### Sarah I. Protzman

Sarah I. Protzman, 94, formerly of Colby, died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2010, in Apple Valley Minn.

Services are pending with the Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, (785) 462-7979.

### Dennis Roger Thummel

Dennis Roger Thummel, 65, Hoisington, father of Bill (Karen) Thummel of Colby, died Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010, at Country Place Assisted Living in Hoisington.

He was born Sept. 2, 1944, in Englewood, Colo., the son of Walter and Eleanor (Korte) Thummel. He was raised in Selden and attended school there, then served in the Navy.

On July 20, 1965, he married Shirley Packard. They lived several places in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Colorado where he managed co-operatives, and lived in Brighton, Colo., after his retirement.

Mr. Thummel was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, St. Augustine Catholic Church in Brighton and the Lions. Woodworking, yard

work, boating and the activities of his grandchildren kept him busy.

Survivors also include his wife, Brighton; a daughter, Shelley (Donny) Gotchall, Great Bend; three brothers, Wayne "Tom" (Pat) Thummel, Nashville, Ind.; Steve (Glenda) Thummel, Liberal; and Joe Thummel, Altus, Okla.; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden, with the Rev. Dana Clark officiating and inurnment in the Selden Cemetery.

No visitation. A vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden.

The family suggests memorials to the Rocky Mountain Cancer Center in Boulder Colo., in care of the funeral home, 121 N Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## On the Beat

### COLBY POLICE Wednesday

8:09 a.m. – Aggressive dog at 1110 Plains Ave. Spoke with owner, dog secured.  
8:32 a.m. – Assisted deputy.  
10:31 a.m. – Civil stand-by.  
1:49 p.m. – Civil stand-by.  
4:21 p.m. – Subject throwing items at coworker. Report filed.

8:20 p.m. – Accident at Fourth and Franklin.

### THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Wednesday

6:49 p.m. – Gunshots heard in the area of 1634 E. College. No one found.  
11:44 p.m. – Driving under the influence report on traffic stop at mile 48 on U.S. 24.

## Ladies' Gold

Twelve women played in the Ladies Hi-Low golf event Aug. 24 at Meadow Lake Golf Club

Winners were, first flight: first Audrey Hines, second Anita Beckman, third tie between Janet Harper and Becky Peterson. In the Scramble, first went to Randy and Mary Lou Jones, and second to Stan and Cheryl Edmundson.

On Tuesday, 12 women played

in the Low Net game. First flight winners were Becky Peterson first, Janet Harper second, Cheryl Edmundson third. In the second flight, it was Lauren Felter first, Wanda Brown second, Susan Wark third.

The start time will change next week to 5:30 p.m. for the Two-Lady Scramble.

## Author Club to convene

The Kansas Author Club convention will be Friday through Sunday, Oct. 1-3, at the Holiday Inn, 200 McDonald Drive in Lawrence. Registration is needed by Saturday, Sept. 25. The fee is \$88.

Best-selling author Nancy Pickard will be the keynote speaker. Numerous workshops, dinner and musical entertainment will be provided

For details, go to [www.Kansas-Authors.org](http://www.Kansas-Authors.org).

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day  
**Hi-Plains Co-op**


Wheat (bushel) \$5.92  
Corn (bushel) \$3.89  
Milo (hundredweight) \$6.46  
Soybeans (bushel) \$9.19

## Corrections

A story "County talks about pay for workers" on Page 1 of the Thursday, Sept. 2, edition of the *Colby Free Press*, Lane Bruggeman, assistant to the county treasurer, referred to as a man. Bruggeman is a woman. This was an editing error.

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# Patience trumps grumpy mood

I have been particularly grumpy and cantankerous of late.

I have whined sarcastically at some of my "friends" on Facebook over petty things. Fortunately, I deleted all but two or three of these within a minute of posting, but I wrote them nonetheless.

I have been hypercritical of myself and others, and rather than let silly mistakes just slide, I've been ready with an admonishment or a correction. Sometimes these have managed to stay just on the tip of my tongue. A few times, they have come out of my mouth as not-so-nice words.

I ask forgiveness from those whom I may have touched with my nastiness. I am blaming the heat.

So as I sat poised at the computer, ready to write this article, I felt myself wondering at what target I could aim my rhetorically loaded cannon and let off a barrage of "I'm right and you're wrong," all in the name of theological correctness. Then I realized I was doing one of those things I hate the most in others, being judgmentally superior, all in the name of God.

Then I remembered a stranger who had held a door open for me this week – just because it was a kind thing to do. I really appreciate it when someone – man or woman – does that. And I realized there are so many other things that people do that I am truly grateful for.

I would love to bestow sainthood on all who use their turn signals when making a turn, especially when they are turned on before the intersection and not halfway through it.

Those who deal with the public every day and manage to endure nasty, angry and mean people with a smile are amazing and wonderful. So are customers who wait patiently for



**Carol Rahn**

• From the Pulpit

a check-out clerk who is slow, in training, or just having a bad day, and then say a sincere "Thank you" when the transaction is complete.

And what a joy it is when someone says "Please," "Thank you," or "You're welcome."

I read an editorial awhile back about how "It was nothing," or "No big deal," have replaced "You're welcome." I was a little put off at first, since I am often guilty of responding in just that way, but then I realized the author had a point. Saying "You're welcome," says something important about the transaction, that it was not a mere trifle, but that the person for whom it was done meant enough for the doer to take time and effort for them.

Have you ever given a big smile and wave to someone who, at least at a distance, you think is someone you know, only to find out as you got closer it's a complete stranger? I have a special place in my heart for those still unnamed and unknown strangers who smile and wave back as if they were my dearest friends.

I appreciate people who say, "Have a nice day" and really mean it. They actually want you to have a day filled with good things and good people. That alone can brighten your day.

A big thank you to all the teachers. We place our children and our future in your hands, but

too easily take what you do for granted. Sometimes we are too quick to criticize, thinking our child is perfect and can never do anything wrong. Right! Thank you for your care and dedication, your hard work and your creativity, your patience and your love.

I will never be able to understand why we pay narcissistic, boorish, loud and marginally moral superstar athletes huge amounts of money and begrudge our teachers a raise of a few dollars. Bless you.

And blessings too on all the unintentional teachers who, just by who they are, pass on a bit of learning, a piece of wisdom, a new insight, a fresh idea. What a gift!

And a special thank you to all who struggle every day to live your faith in ways that show your love of God and of your neighbor – even when it's hot. Thank you to those who strive to see the face of Christ in everyone they meet and find it to be a joy, rather than a commandment of drudgery, to care for the least of God's children.

My favorite verse in scripture is Micah 6:8: "What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God?"

I give thanks to God that there are folks who actually do that.

Blessings on all who bless others in small and simple ways, who offer grace instead of judgment, who smile when they could snarl, who laugh when they could frown. Thank you for your presence in my life, and in all our lives. Thank you for being the face of Christ for me.

*Carol Rahn is pastor of Colby's First Presbyterian Church.*

## KanDrive and 511 help with road information

Fans traveling to football games this fall can help themselves arrive at stadiums safely and on time for kickoff by using KanDrive, the Kansas Department of Transportation's new travel information portal, and the Kansas 511 travel information phone system.

Before you head out, by visiting KanDrive, [www.kandrive.org](http://www.kandrive.org), a one-stop gateway for travel information in Kansas and surrounding

states, you can get information to plan your trip.

In addition to the statewide map, snapshot camera and electronic roadside sign views along I-70 and other highways in the state, the site provides road work and weather information and links to travel resources.

Road information can also be obtained by calling 511 in Kansas or (866) 511-KDOT (5368) from

anywhere in the U.S. to find out about the latest driving conditions, work zone and travel weather information for the Turnpike and any Interstate, U.S. or state highway in Kansas and Nebraska.

Phone numbers for road conditions in other states surrounding Kansas are also provided. Information is free from a landline phone; however, for cellular phone users, cell minutes may apply.

Travelers can also use handheld mobile devices, such as Smartphones or Blackberries to access text reports for construction project and road condition information by visiting [511mm.ksdot.org](http://511mm.ksdot.org).

For everyone's safety, please do not call 511 or use your mobile device while driving. The department also reminds travelers to abide by Kansas law by buckling up and not texting while driving.

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**Ear, Nose & Throat – Dr. Regier**  
First Wednesday  
(785) 628-3131

**Ear, Nose & Throat – Dr. Black**  
Fourth Wednesday  
(785) 628-3131

**Mobile Echo**  
Tuesdays  
(785) 460-1250

**Orthopedics – Dr. Bassett**  
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(866) 428-8221

**Urology – Dr. Werth**  
First Thursday  
(785) 432-3332 or (785) 462-7511

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