

Family

Take a stand at 'cross'roads

Life is full of choices. Have you ever found yourself at a crossroads with a decision you had to make? Some decisions come with more than two choices. Of course, there are always at least two choices – yes or no. However, sometimes you encounter a situation where you may have so many choices it is difficult to choose.

One who is a believer stands at a crossroads on a daily basis. For one, you decide whether you are going to follow Christ or not.

Picking up your cross and carrying it is a challenging choice within itself. Thinking of the pain or discomfort your decision may bring can be taxing all on its own. You will find yourself at the crossroads of the cross many times in life. Sometimes you may sit there for a while, where other times you find it easier to make the decision. Either way, it is still the cross, and the ironic thing about the cross, as we normally think about it, is that it forms a "T" or cross, where we can go forward, left, or right, giving you choices.

When the world comes falling inward on you, you will find yourself at a crossroads. When you make a poor choice in dating and something like abuse or pregnancy is a result. When you make a poor choice in finances and overdrawn bank account or bill collectors calling is the result.

When you or your spouse fails to stay faithful to the marriage and broken trust is a result. When a spouse is not there for you and dis-



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tance is a result. When a child makes a poor choice and humiliation is a result. When grades are going south and retaking a grade is a result. When the economy is headed downward and job loss is a result.

With all of these you find yourself at a crossroads. Fortunately, the cross will still be there, waiting for you to make a decision.

Have you ever felt like life is just handing you a deck full of "bad luck" cards? Around each corner and with each week comes one unfortunate event after another? Or you feel like people are so busy that you have no one to turn to and life is so lonely.

You do or have done for others but nothing seems to be coming back your way. You feel spent, tired, worn out, and hopeless. You are at a crossroads. Which way will you turn? The crossroads of the cross is waiting for you to decide which decision you will make.

In so many of life's journeys we need to find a place of rest. We need a place where we can prop up our feet and clear off our mind. The cross is that beacon in the storm or the oasis

in the desert. At the cross there is hope for the hopeless. There is rest for the restless. There is comfort for the discomfited. Rest is available if you make your choice to come to the cross.

Through all life's journeys and decisions, even though the cross is waiting for you to make your decision, it is also has a more important significance. The cross is still the cross and it is a staple in one's life to know that God is there. It will stand in the midst of the storm. It will stand in the midst of the crashes. It will stand in the midst of ruins.

What crossroads are you at right now? Is it any of the ones listed as an example? Carrying that burden is most likely weighing you down and wearing you out. You may experience times when you are short-tempered with someone because of the short fuse you have due to the crossroads where you are standing.

Come to the cross and make the decision easy by laying your burdens down. They are too heavy to keep carrying them day after day; you are not created to carry them. So, if you are at a crossroads, make the decision to go toward the cross, laying your burdens there.

A couple of paragraphs above, I said the cross was a staple; staples help anchor. May the cross be an anchor when you are at the crossroads! After all, the cross is still the cross!

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Deaths

Betty Elaine Fitzsimmons Sloan

Betty Elaine Fitzsimmons Sloan, 86, former Colby school board member and college instructor, died today, Friday, Sept. 24, 2010, at her home in Colby.

She was born April 18, 1924, to Ethyl Lene (Logan) and Everett Wallace Elmore in Rozel. She graduated from Lewis Rural School in 1942. With interruptions due to the war, she attended the University of Kansas and Hutchinson Junior College, finally graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in speech and English from Kansas State University in 1947.

On May 20, 1944, she married John Warren Fitzsimmons. In 1952, they moved to Colby, where they ran Jack Fitzsimmons Motors for many years. He preceded her in death on Oct. 14, 1999.

On Sept. 20, 2003, she married Harlan Sloan, who died July 22, 2004.

Though a homemaker for most of her life, she was the first speech and drama instructor at Colby Community College, served several terms on the school board, and later worked at the college's H.F. Davis Library. She and her husband were presented with

Honorary Associate of Arts degrees in 1998.

She was very active in church and community. She was a member and past president of PEO, a member and past elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Colby and a member of the American Association of University Women.

Also preceding her in death were her parents and two brothers, Everett W. Elmore Jr. and Keith E. Elmore.

Survivors include three daughters, Dee Holman and Jill Fitzsimmons, both of Great Bend; and Jackie (Bruce) Wingerd, Clay Center; a sister-in-law, Freda Helwig, Macksville; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010, at the church, with the Rev. Carol Rahn officiating. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Farmington Cemetery in Macksville.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Harrison Chapel in Colby.

The family suggests memorials to the H.F. Davis Library, the church or to Hospice Services in care of the funeral chapel, Box 634, Colby Kan., 67701.

Armenia produces world's biggest candy bar

YEREVAN, Armenia (AP) — Anyone looking for huge amounts of free chocolate should book a flight to Armenia's capital next month.

That's when the world's largest

chocolate bar will be up for grabs in Yerevan's main square. The Guinness Book of World Records certified the 9,702-pound (4,410-kilogram) chocolate bar at a ceremony Saturday.

It was made by the Grand Candy factory and contains all natural ingredients, including 70 percent cocoa mass. The chocolate bar

is 224 inches (560 centimeters) long, 110 inches (275 centimeters) wide and 10 inches (25 centimeters) thick.

The factory owner, Karen Vardanyan, said that the bar was produced to mark the 10th anniversary of the company. He said it will be divided up and handed out Oct. 16.

Corrections

The story, on the Colby Community College pool on Page 1 of the Wednesday, Sept. 22, edition of the Colby Free Press incorrectly said the marketing and funding committees had been combined. Rather, the funding and pool direction committees were combined. This was a reporting error. It also incorrectly stated the pool

cover would pay for itself in three years. The cover would pay for itself in less than a year and a half. This was an editing error.

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The article "Vice president to take over for now" continued on Page 3 of the Thursday Free Press incorrectly said the college was expected to experience a

shortfall of \$75,000 based on fall enrollment numbers. The expected shortfall is actually \$300,000. This was a reporting error.

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Markets

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Hi-Plains Co-op	
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A heartfelt thank you
to all my wonderful
family and friends in
helping me to celebrate
my 80th Birthday.
The blessings of love,
cards and fellowship
were great. Your
friendship is such
a treasure.

God Bless You All,
Robert Potter

Thank You

The Family of Curtis Cayton would like to thank everyone for their best wishes, prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls during the summer while Curtis was in the hospital and recovering from surgery. Thank you for showering our family with that same love and support again after Curtis' passing. It has helped make a very difficult time a little more bearable with our family and friends standing beside us.

The Northwest Kansas Foundation for Hope is a wonderful organization that helps a lot of families in our rural area. Because of your generosity, we were able to give back to them in honor of Curtis, allowing them to assist other families while going through their fight with cancer.

*Thank You, Kathy Cayton
Rod, Kalie, and Ryan Hansen
Jason, Kristin, Jordan, and Emma McCormack
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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, (Disciples of Christ), Pastor Lyle Knebel, 385 W. 3rd - 785-460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church at 10:00 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 evening services at 6:30 p.m. on all Sundays except the 5th Sunday of every month. 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. and Saturday, 5:30 p.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. AWANA Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the church.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Rev. Craig Crossman, 615 W. Webster, 785-462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.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, Edison, 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)

MINGO BIBLE CHURCH, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Pastor Tom Peyton. Sunday School: 9:30AM - all ages. Worship Services: 10:45AM. Sunday Evenings 6:30. 3rd Sunday informal fellowship - bring a snack to share! First Sunday of month - carry-in dinner following morning worship.

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 9:00 a.m. Podcasts of the worship services are available at the church website colbypres.org.

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 Andy Rose, 785-460-6807; Erwin Mitchell, 1st counselor, 785-460-1952; Calvin Haverfield, 2nd counselor, 785-953-1043. 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, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays or by appointment. Call 785-462-3571.

REDEEMING LOVE MINISTRIES, INC., 345 N. Franklin, Dr. W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Equipping Class, Sunday, 9 a.m., Sunday worship, 10 a.m., Wednesday, R.L.M Training Centers (Bible School), 6p.m. Shoponline at: www.rlmregionalchurch.com.

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., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m. www.colbychurch.com

OASIS WORSHIP CENTER, Colby, Pastor J. Curry, 785-462-0913. Sunday Service at 2 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.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Rev. Robert Alexander. East 5th & Country Club, 785-462-3497, Services, Sat., 5:30 p.m., Sunday; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m.; Services, 10:30 a.m. Visit us at www.trinitycolby.com.

LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH, 205 1st St., Pastor Charles Taff, 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.

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, REXFORD, Joan Dingwerth, Director, 785-687-2565.

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

BREWSTER COMMUNITY CHURCH, Mike Pinkelman, Pastor, Brewster - 785-694-2720, Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Wed. mornings 6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Wed. 7:00 p.m. - Children's Ministries (Royal Rangers/Missionettes), Wed. 7:15 p.m. - Intercessory & Prayer, Tue. 5:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study.

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