

# Family

## Building schools shows caring

I suspect many of you have already read the book "Three Cups of Tea," which tells the story of Greg Mortenson and his quest to build schools, especially schools for girls, in the most remote and wild areas of northern Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Mortenson grew up in Tanzania, the son of Lutheran missionaries. After serving in the U.S. Army, he earned a nursing degree from the University of South Dakota. But his real love was climbing the highest mountains in the world.

In 1993, Mortenson was unsuccessful in an attempt to climb Pakistan's K2, the second-highest mountain in the world. He had dedicated this climb to his sister, who had died three years before from a massive seizure after a life-long struggle with epilepsy.

Dejected, Mortenson became separated from his party during the descent. Alone, without food, water, or shelter, he stumbled into the impoverished Pakistani village of Korphe, where he was nursed back to health.

During his recovery he would watch the children sitting writing with sticks in the sand. The village could not afford the \$1-a-day salary to hire a teacher.

Before he left, he asked one of



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the girls what she would like most to have, and she answered, "A school." This began his campaign to build schools in this mountainous region of Pakistan and Afghanistan, so that girls especially could receive an education.

To pay for a school in Korphe, Mortenson sent out 500 letters to celebrities, politicians and people of influence. He received one answer — \$100 from Tom Brokaw, a fellow South Dakota alum.

Mortenson moved from his apartment, sold everything but his car, which became his home, and worked as an emergency room nurse to support himself. He set aside most of his earnings for his project. Connecting with a person willing to pay for building the school, Mortenson was finally able to buy supplies for Korphe's school.

When he began to move materials to this remote village, he came upon a new problem: The wood-

and-rope bridge that spanned a chasm with a wild river beneath was the only thing connecting the village to the nearest road. Before building a school, he had to build a bridge. More fundraising had to happen, but finally the first school was built.

With the completion of the first school, Mortenson set out to build another and another. A fatwa (an Islamic legal judgment) was issued against him by religious leaders in one town, forbidding him from building a school to educate girls.

However, the leaders said they would let the building go forward if their religious leaders in Iran agreed. So Mortenson wrote to the Iranian religious leaders for permission. You can imagine how Iranian ayatollahs would respond to an American asking to build a school to educate girls.

Mortenson eventually founded the Central Asia Institute, and has helped build almost 150 schools in rural towns of Pakistan and Afghanistan. These provide an education for 64,000 children, including 52,000 girls.

Pennies for Peace, a fund-rais-

ing program, encourages schools and other groups to collect pennies for the institute. One penny will buy a pencil, the groups said. \$2 will pay a teacher's salary for one day. \$20 will buy a student's supplies for a year.

Mortenson's work has not been without difficulty. In 1996, he survived an eight-day kidnapping by the Taliban in Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province tribal areas, and in 2003 he escaped a firefight between Afghan warlords by hiding for eight hours under animal hides in a truck going to a leather-tanning factory.

He has endured CIA investigations, and received threats from fellow Americans after the 2001 attacks, for helping educate Muslim children. Yet his work continues. He has also consulted allied commanders in Afghanistan about how to best bring humanitarian care into this region.

"Three Cups of Tea" is only the first chapter in this man's remarkable story. If we want to understand what this part of the world is like, this book is a must read, offering a glimpse into the greatest possibility of peace to this region.

For more, go to [www.ikat.org](http://www.ikat.org), [www.penniesforpeace.org](http://www.penniesforpeace.org) and [www.threecupsoftea.com](http://www.threecupsoftea.com).

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



**George and Dorothy Ladenburger**

## Open house to honor Oakley couple's 60th

George and Dorothy Ladenburger of Oakley invite friends and relatives to help them celebrate 60 years of marriage at an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010, at the Oakley Country Club, 815 W. Second St.

The couple were married at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 23, 1950, at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Angelus by Monsignor Michael P. Drieling. They have lived their entire married life on their farm near Oakley.

They are the parents of Daniel (Susan) Ladenburger of Stratton, Neb.; Randall Ladenburger and friend Tomaye Hipp of rural Oakley; Kenton (Diane) Ladenburger of Pratt; Kellie (Bob) Day of Lenora; Brad Ladenburger of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; and Melissa O'Donald (Scott Stephens) of Kansas City. They have 17 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The couple requests no gifts, just your love and friendship.

## Senior Progress Center

The Thomas County health Department will be at the Senior Progress Center Tuesday.

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 10:30 a.m. Rummikub. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 11 a.m. Health Department; board meeting after lunch. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 5 to 6:30 p.m. potato bar fund raiser. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 pool game.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** macaroni and cheese with smokies, Italian blend vegetables, rosy

pears, bread pudding. **Tuesday:** turkey dressing casserole, mashed potatoes, gravy, mandarin oranges, cook's choice complement. **Wednesday:** tuna salad, tomato soup, gelatin with fruit, bar cookie. **Thursday:** liver and onions, scalloped potatoes, peas, bread, fruit crisp. **Friday:** shepherd's pie, cinnamon apple slices, gingerbread.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch Monday

through Friday at the senior center. Home delivery is available, as is pick-up service. A contribution of \$3 per meal is suggested for seniors, \$5.25 for others. For anyone under 60, home delivery is \$5.75.

Make reservations at (784) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$5.67
Corn (bushel)	\$4.36
Milo (hundredweight)	\$7.32
Soybeans (bushel)	\$9.86

## Colby Fall Fling

Home based businesses, Crafts and More  
October 2nd, 9 - 3 at the 4-H Building in Colby.

Over 20 tables of products for your shopping pleasure.

Come try a free cup of PrairieFire Coffee while you shop.

### Who's in My Pew?

Both 8:00 and 11:00 services will be combined

**COME JOIN US!**  
**Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010**  
**10:00 a.m.**

Brunch to follow at the  
**Colby United Methodist Church**  
950 S. Franklin Ave.  
785.460.2761

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

### Donita Valetta Clemans

Donita Valetta Clemans was born July 3, 1952 in St. Francis, KS and passed away on September 16, 2010 in Colorado Springs, CO after a three year battle with cancer. She was the youngest child of Warren E. and Valetta V. Anderson Clemans. She had two older brothers and one sister. She lived with her family on a farm in Beaver Valley community until 1954 when they moved to Burlington. She attended school in Burlington through 10th grade. At age 16 she married Raymond D. Rowley and to this union one daughter, Dalene Rae, was born.

On August 21, 1993, she married Randall J. Dreitz and eventually moved to Stratton where she lived until her passing. Donita worked hard all her life at various jobs throughout both communities. In 2002 she welcomed her granddaughter, Carissa Rae, into her life. On October 17, 2005 Randall passed away after a short illness.

She was always available to help her parents when they became disabled and was a very loving daughter. Over the years she has enjoyed bowling, fishing, crocheting, and watching the Broncos, but her favorite thing to do was spend time with Dalene and Carissa.

Surviving her are: Daughter, Dalene Rowley, Doug Brogan, and granddaughter Carissa Brogan; stepchildren; Robert Dreitz and Teresa Derringer and stepgrandchildren, Phillip, Madison, Michaela, and Aubrey. She is also survived by her brothers; Arlyn (Saron) Clemans and Royce (Yvonne) Clemans of Burlington; sister, Janice King of Eads, CO and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Memorials may be made in Donita's name and may be left at First National Bank in Burlington at 107 South 14th St. P.O. Box 700, Burlington, CO 80807.

## In Loving Memory.

Phyllis Denise Herschberger was born to Raymond "Slick" Majors and Viola Haddock in Scott City on July 31, 1937. Phyllis attended a variety of country schools through her early years and completed her schooling at Russel Springs in 1956. On July 8, 1956, she married her husband, Harley.

They began their life in a small trailer house on the Herschberger family farm located 18 miles southwest of Russell Springs. In 1957, they moved to Harley's parents' adobe home that his father built. Phyllis remained home dedicating herself to being the mother to four sons. Family was everything to Phyllis. Their eldest son, Kevin Charles, and his wife Suzanne of Colby, Brian Wade, of Norwalk, Connecticut is the third son and Jason Clay of Russell Springs is their youngest son.

Phyllis provided her family a hot meal three times a day, made many of the clothes they wore and tried her hardest to keep her boys out of trouble. That was not an easy task. Phyllis volunteered as a 4-H leader, organized local women's functions, and was involved with the election voting in her home for over 20 years. Phyllis and Harley were active members of the Russell Springs Church.

Phyllis loved her friends and had more than you can count. She visited with them every day, and planned many activities together. Her neighbor and one of her closest and dearest friends Gloria Hanson made sure Phyllis had things other than the farm to keep her active.

Phyllis and Harley retired from farming in 2000 and continued to live on the family farm until 2008 when they moved to Colby to be closer to medical care.

Phyllis' memory would be one of her greatest gifts. Even on the last moments of her life, she knew each and every one of her family. People often called upon her to provide information about people she had known or met within her life. Over the years Phyllis and Harley had acquired 7 grandchildren, Michael, Dustin, Crystal, Kortney, Janie, Cole, and Levi, and 4 great-grandchildren, Harley, Lilly, Adalynn, and Tavin.

After fifty-four years of marriage, Phyllis' life ended on September 20, 2010, at the Colby Hospital. She struggled her last 5 1/2 years after suffering a stroke, paralyzing her left side. Harley fulfilled their marriage vows, by taking sole care of her in these last years. They had an amazing relationship.



# SERVICES DIRECTORY

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



**OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH.** Brewster, Sunday worship 9:00 a.m.; 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00 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](mailto:cdag@st-tel.net).

**BEREAN CHURCH**, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, [www.colbyborean.com](http://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)

*To become a sponsor, call Andrea or Heather today at 462-3963.*

**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](http://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](http://www.rlmregionalchurch.com).

**COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Rev. James Marlock, 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](http://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](http://www.colbychurch.com)

## Clarification

A feature on Edward Limo on Page 8 of the Thursday, Sept. 30, edition of the *Colby Free Press* incorrectly said Colby Coach Jeff Becker went to see Limo run in Kenya last December. Becker was the women's cross country coach at New Mexico Junior College at the time. He was looking at Limo as a favor to Trojans' coach James Ortiz. Becker, a friend of Or-

tiz, was the mens' cross country coach at Colby five years ago.

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