

Deaths

Lesslie E. Bennett

Lesslie E. Bennett, 57, Colby carpenter, died Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011, in Colby. He was born Aug. 13, 1954, in Salina. Survivors include his wife, Donna K. Bennet, of the home; a son, Derek Bennett, of Denver; three daughters, Angela Tubbs, Kayla Bennett and Megan Bennett, all of Colby; a sister, Loretta Wolf; and

four grandchildren. There will be a memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 10, 2011, at the First Presbyterian Church in Colby, with the Rev. Larry Booth officiating. No visitation. Cremation. The family suggests memorials in his name, which may be sent to Donna K. Bennett, 1181 Summer Sun, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Max Albert George

Max Albert George, 90, Junction City, formerly of Colby, died Thursday, October 6, 2011, at his home. He was born Sept. 21, 1921, in Longford, to Albert and Edna George. After completing the eighth grade he quit school to help his father on the farm. He served in the Army during World War II. On April 9, 1944, he married Dora Darmstatter. Shortly after their marriage she

family gatherings were highlighted by singing with his brothers. Known as the George Brothers, the sang for many audiences over the years. He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; five siblings and their spouses Dorothy (Emerson) Bennett, Earl (Ileene) George, Laura (Dallas) Clark, Marjorie (Jack) Malcolm, and Louis (Bonnie) George; and sister-in-law Melba Pauli. Survivors include three children, Sharon (Joel) Kriss, Manhattan; Doug (Leslie) George, Conway, Ark.; Ann (Justin) Hoover, Junction City; two brothers, Elvin (Ermagene) George; and Don (LaVera) George; a brother-in-law Ross Pauli; five grandchildren; and three great-granddaughters. Services will be at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011, at the Penwell-Gabel Johnson Chapel, 203 N. Washington in Junction City, with the Rev. Marshall Stanton officiating and burial in the Keystone Cemetery near Longford. No visitation. There will be a community celebration of family and friends in Colby at a future date. The family suggests memorials to the Colby United Methodist Church or the Citizens Foundation in care of any Colby bank or the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.PenwellGabelJunction-City.com.



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contracted tuberculosis and spent the first two years of their marriage in the Norton Tuberculosis Sanitarium, while he worked as a grocery clerk to be near her. When she was released, they moved to Junction City for two years where he ran a service station. In 1949 after brief construction jobs in WaKeeney and Delta, Colo., they moved to Colby, where they lived until recently moving back to Junction City. A builder of houses, he built or worked on over 200 homes in the Colby area. He also was very interested in antique tractors and over the years owned and restored 26 tractors. Perhaps one of his proudest achievements was raising money and then helping with the process of moving the Cooper Barn from Rexford to the Prairie Museum in Colby. He enjoyed the activities of his children and grandchildren, whether music or sports. Extended

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Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club

The regular monthly meeting of the Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club was held Monday, Oct. 3, at the Thomas County 4-H Building. Twenty-five members answered the roll call of their favorite farm animal. Several prospective new members attended. Kaley Shields led the club in several rounds of Old McDonald's Farm. Installation of 2012 officers was held. They are Brenon Ziegelmeier, president; Taylor Todd, vice president; Sara Lamb, secretary; Tucker Gerstner, treasurer; Cassie Wells, reporter; Conner Heer, song leader; Hally Vaughn, recreation leader; Jory Koon and Sara Lamb,

council representatives; and Tyler Todd, historian. After a short business meeting Taylor Todd announced the program. Sara Lamb gave a project talk on photography. Recreation was led by Hally Vaughn. The group played Heads Up Seven Up. The November meeting will be a Thanksgiving pot-luck at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 7. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 and refreshments were provided by the Strange and Ortnier families. - Cassie Wells, reporter

Tax cut opposed in Kentucky

GRAYSON, Ky. (AP) - In an unusual move, residents of one eastern Kentucky town are opposing a plan to cut taxes. A crowd of people attended a Carter County school board meeting and urged its members to reconsider a proposal to cut taxes by 3 cents per \$100 of assessed property value, according to *The Independent* (<http://bit.ly/ovpiGt>). The board voted 4-1 at a special

meeting to lower the tax rate. One of those who addressed the board was teacher, parent and taxpayer Darlene Gillespie, who said the tax cut "would most hurt the kids whose parents can't afford to help." Board of education members did not make any statements after the comments and took no further action on the proposed cut.

Thank pastors for their caring



Carol Rahn

From the Pulpit

Preacher and author Barbara Brown Taylor, in her book "Leaving Church," tells of her journey from being an associate pastor in a large downtown Atlanta Episcopal church to becoming a solo pastor in a rural church in northern Georgia.

She was already well known for her writing and her preaching and had hoped that escaping the city would give her time for privacy and quiet time away from the spotlight and pressures of city living and serving a city church. But that was not to be. Her reputation followed her and the small under-100 member church "where everybody knows your name" grew to become a two-service-on-Sunday-morning large and still growing church. This was not the kind of church she wanted to serve.

Her desire for quiet and privacy was also not to be. She still had to be always "on," whether in the pulpit on Sunday morning or walking down Main Street. Eventually she decided that the only way she could continue in the ministry was to leave church, to no longer serve as a parish pastor. The pressures were too many, and, for Taylor, the rewards, as wonderful as they were, were still too few. She continued to teach, write and preach, but at her convenience. She had time to walk the foothills of the Georgia mountains, tend her chickens and reclaim her life.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

Many church pastors share some, if not all, of Brown's feelings about being in parish ministry. Many wonder about what might happen if they lost their temper at a less than competent store clerk or worry that an offhand remark made in passing might become fodder for the "Did you hear what the pastor said?" rumor mill.

Days off don't matter if there is a funeral or a crisis within the church family. Pastors can't leave the job at 5 p.m. and know they can put everything aside until the next morning. And weekends just don't happen. Most of us make these sacrifices without complaint (or at least not much complaint) because we know that it is part of our calling to serve God and others.

Most pastors I know truly appreciate their churches and their members. They feel comfortable with their congregations and know that at least most of the time they can be themselves without fear of criticism. But most pastors also know that a wrong word or spontane-

ous comment might lead to an uncomfortable situation. It can happen, it has happened, even in the best of churches. That is just the life of a pastor.

I would urge you to let the pastors in this community know how much you appreciate them. Say "thank you" or send a note letting them know you care. Make it known you think that not only is their work important, but they themselves are important too. It's amazing how good a kind word can feel after a long committee meeting or a week of too much illness. The words "I appreciate you" can go a long way.

Sometimes when church ministers get together, we try to remind ourselves that pastors are people too. Pastors can forget that, and we wonder sometimes if that might skip the minds of the folks we serve as well. This month share a kind word or offer a small gesture of gratitude, not just to your own pastor, but to other pastors in the community as well. Tell them you care. Let them know that what they do and who they are are important. Pass on a word of thanks. It will mean a lot to the good, good folks who serve this community's churches and its people.

Carol Rahn is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Colby. She may be reached at 462-6342.

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday at Colby Community College with 27 members and guests Wynn Duffy and Joyce Washburn attending.

The monthly collection for Genesis-Thomas County was taken. Membership chairman Mike Tubbs inducted Washburn into membership. She is the dean of academic education at the college.

Marla Crumrine had the program which featured Duffy, president of Genesis. She gave a presentation on food insecurity and the history of Genesis. She said one in six adult Americans do not have enough access to food. For children, the statistic is one in four. Kansas statistics show that 198,400 residents receive food through food pantries, soup kitchens or shelters.

Genesis was organized in April 1993 and opened on Aug. 30, 1993.

Guidelines for receiving assistance include being a Thomas County resident for three months or living in Thomas County and

having proof of employment, along with a referral application. Participants can utilize Genesis once every 30 days. The quantity of food received is based on family size.

The Genesis office is open every Wednesday and is staffed by RSVP volunteers. They rely solely on food and monetary donations. In 2010 Genesis joined the Kansas Food Bank, part of the Feeding American Program. The Program has an agreement with Dillons to donate food items reaching the end of their shelf life. The Food 4 Kids program has been another benefit of joining the larger organization.

Duffy noted a total of \$15,000 was spent on food for Genesis from June to September. The organization will be gearing up for the annual Christmas Basket Program. She said 207 families received a basket in 2010.

Duffy also noted as a benefit for joining the Kansas Food Bank in 2010 is the opportunity to receive certain food items from Dillons that are reaching the end of their

shelf life. Jerry Arensdorf won Roto-Lotto. Colby Rotary meets on Tuesdays at the college student union, in room 106. - Relda Galli

Lions Sight Week proclaimed

Governor Sam Brownback has proclaimed Oct. 9-15 as Kansas Lions Sight Week. The proclamation is in recognition of Lions World Sight Day Oct. 13 and Lions White Cane Safety Day Oct. 15.

A delegation of Kansas Lion leaders was on hand in the Governor's Office on Sept. 22 to witness the proclamation, acknowledging

Red Barn

Activities: Monday: 1:45 p.m. blood pressure clinic, 2 p.m. Barn-swallows. Wednesday: 10 a.m. ladies' Bible study. Thursday: 2 p.m. "Come on Down." Friday: 9:30 a.m. Koffee Klatch; 2:30 p.m. "Stitch and Chatter."

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.25
Corn (bushel)	\$5.89
Milo (hundredweight)	\$9.77
Soybeans (bushel)	\$10.33

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.

Rexford Community Church

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. Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages. Worship 10:15 a.m. Kid's Church for Kindergarten-5th grade during Worship Service. Nursery available for kids birth - 5 yrs old. Wednesday night: Family night September - May. Meal served 6 - 6:30 p.m. CD Kidz for kids birth - 5th grade, Youth Group for 6th - 12th graders and Adult Bible Study at 7 p.m. 785-462-8234. cdag@st-tel.net.
- BEREAN CHURCH**, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyberean.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. Contemporary Evening Service at 4 p.m. through the semester.
- PLEASANT HOME CHURCH**, Pastor, Perry Baird, 785-728-7380, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (MST)
- 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 11:00 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. 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 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), 6 p.m. Shoponline at: www.rlminternationalchurch.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.
- 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.
- 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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