

Deaths

Mary Jo Gensil

Mary Jo Gensil, 31, Goodland, daughter of Patty Gensil of Colby, died Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011. She was born March 19, 1980, to Michael and Patty Gensil in Goodland. She studied at the Beamgard Learning Center in Atwood until age 16, then graduated from Goodland High School with the class of 2000. She has lived at Golden West Skill Center for several years. Survivors include her mother; her grandmother, Betty Carney, Colby; two brothers, Lance Gensil, Goodland; and Michael Gensil, Colby; four uncles, Howard

Carney, Brewster; Tom Carney, Sylvan Grove; and Bob Carney and Ross Carney, both of Colby; and two aunts, Ruth Burns, Star City, Ark.; and Linda Thiele, Champaign, Ill. Graveside inurnment services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, at the Beulah Cemetery in Colby, with the Rev. Charles Taff officiating. No visitation. The family suggests memorial to the family, in care of Bateman Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th, Goodland, Kan., 67735.

Charles E. Richardson

Charles E. Richardson, 83, retired Colby auto mechanic, died Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011, at his home. He was born July 7, 1928, in Oakley, the son of Alvin and Julia (Bogart) Richardson, and lived in the area all his life. He belonged to the Odd Fellows and the First Christian Church of Colby. His parents preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, Katherine G. "Jerry" Richardson, of the home; a son, Larry (Nancy) Richardson, Greeley, Colo.; three

daughters, Donita Applebury and Lori (Dave) Bixenman, both of Colby; and Cindy (Vitus) Meier, Hoxie; a brother, Albert Richardson, Holton; a sister, Emma Nelson, Oakley; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. There will be no services or visitation. The family has chosen cremation and will have a private family inurnment later. The family suggests donations to Hospice Services of Thomas County, in care of any Colby bank or Harrison Chapel, Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday, Oct. 18, with 27 members and guests Congressman Tim Huelskamp, Emilea Finley, Sondra Finley, Joy Rothfuss, Bob Clark and Josh Bell in attendance. Following the opening song, prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, Emilea Finley was recognized as the October Student of the Month. Rep. Huelskamp addressed the club for the program. He served in the Kansas State Legislature for

14 years and is in his freshmen year in the U.S. Congress. He is currently serving on the House Ag, Budget and Veterans Affairs committees. Rep. Huelskamp provided members with an update on current legislative happenings and answered questions. Tom Peyton won Roto-Lotto. Colby Rotary meets weekly at the college student union, in room 106.

- Relda Galli

God builds us through life's trials

You are... God's building (1 Corinthians 3:9) My step-dad did some amazing things. I consider him one of the wisest people I know. I saw his wisdom on the job at his business, a garage. I worked there when I was a teenager. One of the jobs I did, along with his partner's son, was to empty the mud pits at the car wash that was attached to the garage.



Robert Alexander

From the Pulpit

We used shovels and buckets. It was not a pleasant job. Knowing that he wouldn't have us forever, he invented a setup that utilized the car wash vacuum cleaner machine and hose, a few oil barrels welded together and a ball and chain to suck the mud out of the pit. He took a very labor-intensive job and made it joyful - almost fun. Another thing he did was build a house by himself - the foundation and wiring were done by someone else. He didn't do this the standard way, on site. It was built almost entirely in a large basement originally built for a bowling alley that never materialized. It was the first modular home that I was aware of. With help from me and some friends, we put it up in a day. God does amazing things, but then we should expect that out of someone whose thoughts and ways are way over our collective heads, and who created all things in six 24-hour days.

One of the amazing things He does is build us, using our life experiences to help do that. My dad used tools like a hammer and a saw to build a home. God uses a hammer and a saw. The names we give them are misfortune, bad luck, trouble, disaster, crisis and trouble. yet God is building us into a more godly life in this world and for eternal life in the world to come. He uses our pain and suffering. He works through our sorrows and losses. Having lost my Dad when I was 6 years old, I speak from experience. The promise in Romans 8:28 is that he is able to work through whatever our experiences are - good, bad or ugly - and work them out for our good and for the good of his kingdom. Thanks to God's wisdom, he is able to use our suffering to build character and to make our faith stronger. God is building us, using pain and loss and other negative experiences to do good in our lives. At the time we are experiencing them,

we might be self-centered or consumed with our suffering, but God is right next to us, consumed with giving us strength and encouragement through his Word and through people of the Word. We might find ourselves worrying. God invites us in his Word to cast all our cares upon him "because he cares for" us (1 Peter 5:7). We might find ourselves growing tired and worn down by the troubles. Jesus invites us to come to him and get rest (Matthew 11:29). If we are sick, he assures us that in him we can find healing (Exodus 15:26). When we experience the pain of a guilty conscience, we have the promise that in Jesus' blood we find forgiveness. If we are facing death, whether it be ours, a loved one or a friend, God's promise is "I am the Resurrection and the Life." God in his wisdom used a hammer and nails on his own son, Jesus Christ, through the Romans, to make all those promises and more come true. Christ's resurrection is the "good-est" good that God could work out for us. This Good News and more assures us that when it comes to building us God is wise enough to use all our troubles as part of the house plan. As the idiom goes, he's got skills. Robert Alexander is pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Halloween safety tips protect goblins

The excitement in choosing a costume and parading among neighbors and friends can distract children and make them more vulnerable to food-related hazards. "Limiting trick or treating to your immediate neighborhood or a community-sponsored event is recommended," said Karen Blakeslee, K-State Research and Extension food scientist, who urged parents and children to be cautious with holiday foods. Offer a meal or snack before trick or treating, so children will be less hungry, less likely to eat on the run, and less likely to sample unknown treats. Encourage children to respectfully decline candy and foods not

commercially packaged. Examples might include a homemade caramel apple or popcorn ball, hand full of peanuts or candy corn. Be ready and waiting to help trick or treaters sort candy and discard treats containing known allergens (nuts, for example) and others that could cause choking (hard candy or small toy) or injury (such as a sharp pencil). Encourage children to choose treats and enjoy one or two, before storing candy out of sight. Integrate holiday candy into meals and snacks over the next few weeks to manage sweets and extend enjoyment. At community or other events, Blakeslee advises 1) checking to

make sure cider is pasteurized, and 2) if bobbing for apples, to wash apples before adding them to the tub. At parties, "scare" bacteria away by keeping hot foods hot and cold foods cold, said Blakeslee, who advised keeping trays of party foods stored safely until goblins

arrive, and, also, to not leave perishable food at room temperature for more than two hours. Information about food science and safety is available at Extension offices and at www.ksre.ksu.edu, and at the KSRE Rapid Response Center at www.rrc.ksu.edu. tween Nov. 1 and Dec. 10 and are guaranteed to grow. To receive the trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Autumn Classics Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb., 68410, by Monday, Oct. 31, or join online at arborday.org/october.

Change in weather means final harvest for tomatoes

Backyard gardeners with home grown tomatoes still ripening are cautioned about frost, said Karen Blakeslee, K-State Research and Extension food scientist. Tomatoes from dead or frost-killed vines can be eaten safely when fresh or frozen for future meals, but should not be considered candidates for home canning, said Blakeslee, who explained that

the acid content in tomatoes from dead or frost-killed vines drops below a safe-to-eat level that cannot be corrected by adding extra acid. The best tomatoes for home canning are those that are firm, disease-free, and preferably vine-ripened, Blakeslee said. Green tomatoes (picked before a frost) can, however, be home

canned using the same recommendations for red (or any other color) tomatoes, said Blakeslee, who advised following tested recipe directions exactly and using bottled lemon juice, citric acid or vinegar with 5 percent acidity to acidify the tomatoes safely.

Information on safe food preservation in the home is available at K-State Research and Extension offices and at www.ksre.ksu.edu and www.rrc.ksu.edu and the Department of Agriculture's "Complete Guide to Home Canning."

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Corn (bushel)	\$6.39
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**Services Directory**

**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.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. 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**, 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. Shop online 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.

**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 Dingworth, 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.

**Hulda I. Wark**

Hulda I. (Rall) Wark, of Rexford, Kansas, went to be with her Savior on Saturday, October 15, 2011, at the age of 90. She was born to E. Frank Rall and Irene (Richter) Rall on February 3, 1921, at the family home near Hoxie, Kansas. She attended a one-room schoolhouse and a parochial elementary school, was confirmed in the Lutheran Church, and graduated from Rexford High School in 1940. Hulda attended Brown-Mackie business school in Salina. Hulda was united in marriage to Lawrence (Jack) Wark in November 1943 during World War II. She was a member of the "Greatest Generation," those who lived and passed on the values of hard work, honesty, family, citizenship and support for America's fight for freedom at home and abroad. While Jack served overseas in the Air Force, Hulda sold war bonds and worked on a military base. She was a homemaker and a partner in the family farm operation her entire adult life. Hardworking, honest and devoted, Hulda took her job as a mother very seriously. She was a lifelong Lutheran and active as a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby, Kansas. Hulda is survived by four children: Sondra Barnett (of Rexford), Gloria Dible (and husband David of Rogers, Arkansas), Roger Wark (and wife Sherri of Topeka), and Tamera Searls (and husband Ken of Quinter). She is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren, two brothers and one sister. She was preceded in death by a son, Dennis in 1998; her husband of 49 years, Jack in 2003; a son-in-law, Bill Barnett in 1996; and six siblings. Funeral Services were held Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby, Kansas. Burial was in the Rexford Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given in her name and sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 North Penn Ave., Oberlin, KS 67749. Visit their website at www.paulsfh.com.

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