

Deaths

A. Gene Jones

A. Gene Jones, 83, Colby, known for his prison ministry, died Monday, Feb. 6, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He was born April 20, 1928, to Alfred and Olga (Barnes) Jones in rural Jewell County. He served in the Army during World War II and the Korean War. On Aug. 26, 1960, he married Frieda Heid in Bismarck N.D., and in 1968 they moved to Colby. A bricklayer and homebuilder, he was a member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the College Drive Assembly of God Church. Preceding him in death were his parents; a brother, Elton Jones; a half-brother, R.C. Dugger; and a grandson, Vance Smith.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a son, Shane (Amy) Jones, Lecompton; two daughters, Peggy (Al) Smith, Colby, and Pam (Al "Butch") Jones, Park City; a brother, Armun (Rita) Jones, Colby; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 2012, at the church, with Pastors Steve Todd and Bill Roberts officiating and burial in Beulah Cemetery with military honors. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Baalman Mortuary in Colby. The family suggests memorials to the church's youth group in care of the mortuary, Box 391, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Colby Rotary Club

The Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday with 26 members and guests Sue Evans and Megan Carmichael. Gary Adrian, soup supper chairman, thanked members for their help with the Jan. 31 soup supper. The event was deemed a success. The monthly collection for Genesis-Thomas County was taken. Melinda Olson had the program. Her guests were Thomas County Coalition members Evans and Carmichael. The coalition has a goal of improving the lifestyle of residents by making Thomas County the most 'walkable' and healthy county in Kansas. Evans provided an update on the community walking trail. It will be completed in phases and will be 2.2 miles long when all phases are completed. Carmichael discussed Safe

Routes to School, is a national program to get more kids walking and biking to school via safe routes and to improve their lifestyle with more physical activity. The coalition has been awarded several grants for providing healthy options to encourage physical activity. The Achieves Grant that was received is one of five awarded in the nation for developing a strategic plan to increase physical activity. Colby will have a successful rural community as a mentor for this program. Salamanca, N.Y. The Kansas Health Foundation has also awarded a grant for healthy community design. Kris Cameron won Roto-Lotto. Colby Rotary meets Tuesdays in Room 106 of the Student Union at Colby Community College.

Outside the beltway: political tips for the rest of us

By Laurie Kellman Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - A political tip sheet for the rest of us outside the Washington Beltway, Monday, Feb. 6: **LIVE FROM THE SEA OF TRANQUILITY:** Newt Gingrich gave "Saturday Night Live" easy fodder when he vowed to put an American colony on the moon by decade's end if he becomes president. A recent skit on the comedy show satirized "Newt Gingrich: Moon President" as it imagined the former House speaker presiding over the moon. Gingrich said Monday in Minnesota that his GOP rivals and late-night comics are off base for mocking his idea, which he described as a way to encourage innovation and scientific discovery. **GLITTER WATCH:** Minnesota has gained an odd reputation in the GOP presidential race: It's the state where candidates get glittered. Newt Gingrich got showered in May, then-candidate Michele Bachmann had some fluffing her way the next month and Mitt Romney got hit twice during a single stop this month. **GINGRICH HIRED LOBBYISTS:** Republican presidential candidate Newt Gingrich is facing more questions about lobbying. He says his consulting group never lobbied for clients. But his business hired state and federal lobbyists to work with clients, and some staff left to take lobbying jobs, according to lobbying disclosures and corporate reports. **NEGATIVITY SELLS:** Get used to negative ads, President Barack Obama says. During an interview with NBC's "Today" show, Obama said the rise of political action committees guarantees that there will be a lot of negative ads in the lead-up to November's presidential election. Obama says he would prefer to get the "big money" out of politics. Obama wouldn't say whether his cam-

paigned or outside supporters would avoid negative ads. **SANTORUM'S INDIANA BLUES:** Santorum's campaign says it has found enough valid signatures to get him on Indiana's ballot. Santorum, who has shown no signs of quitting despite losses at the polls - four in a row - and in momentum, can't afford to be left out. He's already failed to qualify for Virginia's primary next month. A Santorum spokesman said the campaign found an additional 49 signatures it believes were wrongly deemed invalid by officials in Marion County, Ind. Statewide candidates must collect 500 valid signatures from each of the state's nine congressional districts to be placed on the ballot. The county elections board ruled last week that Santorum fell 24 signatures short in the 7th Congressional District. The 49 signatures would be enough to put the campaign just over the 500 needed. The campaign is waiting to hear whether the signatures will be accepted. Indiana votes May 8. Santorum's three rivals - Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul - have qualified to compete in the primary. **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.

Loving relationships involve both rights and responsibilities



Diann Gerstner

Knowledge for Life

Mother Teresa of Calcutta once said "We must know that we have been created for greater things, not just to be a number in the world, not just to go for diplomas and degrees, this work and that work. We have been created in order to love and be loved." Every human being has a deep, universal longing to love and be loved. With Valentine's Day approaching, now is a good time to examine your close friendship or marriage against the Relationship Bill of Rights. In loving relationships not only does each of us have these 12 rights, but we also bear the responsibility of extending them to our partners: 1) You have the right to be treated with respect, kindness and trust. 2) You have the right to be accepted as you are, and appreciated, encouraged and loved. 3) You have the right to feel all of your feelings. 4) You have the right to think freely and to

voice your thoughts and opinions. 5) You have the right to be listened to with attention, caring and openness. 6) You have the right to say no, to disagree, to change your mind, to be confused. 7) You have the right to face problems, to resolve conflict, to learn and grow. 8) You have the right to quiet time, privacy and friends and activities of your own. 9) You have the right to trust your inner sense of what is best, to make your own decision and to have and follow your dreams. 10) You have the right to warmth and affection. 11) You have the right to be playful, enthusiastic, creative, childlike and joyful. 12) You have the right to make mistakes, the right to be forgiven, the right to make fresh starts. Consider taking this Relationship Bill of Rights and discussing some or all of the items with your spouse or partner. But do so when you are both fresh and have some time to yourselves so that you won't be disturbed or rushed. Keep the tone upbeat and loving, and stay as much as possible in the present or future. Celebrate the fact that you are together, that you are learning and growing and that your future can be almost anything you want it to be.

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Guidelines set for voters to get photographic ID

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment Office of Vital Statistics has published the guidelines and the affidavit required for Kansas residents requesting a free birth certificate for the purposes of obtaining free photographic identification necessary to vote in Kansas elections. Starting this year, Kansas must present a photo ID at the polls before voting in local and state government elections in accordance with the voter identification provision of the Kansas Secure and Fair Elections Act. A birth certificate is among the documents the Kansas Department of Revenue Division of Vehicles will accept from Kansas applicants for a free nondriver identification card. To qualify for the free birth certificate for purposes of acquiring a free photo ID from the Division of Vehicles, a person must (1) not possess any documents listed as valid photographic identification documents under Kansas law, (2) lack any of the documents necessary to prove identity; (3) sign an affidavit attesting to items 1 and 2

(4) be registered to vote in Kansas, and (5) have been born in Kansas. Kansas requesting a birth certificate for the purpose of obtaining a free nondriver identification card: • Will not be able to get a free driver's license, just a nondriver identification card. • Cannot simultaneously hold a Kansas driver's license and a Kansas nondriver identification card. • Will only be issued one birth certificate under this program. • Can share the forms submitted under this program with other agencies. The State of Kansas guidelines and affidavit for obtaining a free birth certificate to be used in acquiring free voter identification can be found at [www.kdheks.gov/vital/birth\\_cert\\_voter\\_ID\\_guidance.htm](http://www.kdheks.gov/vital/birth_cert_voter_ID_guidance.htm). For more on Voter ID and Voter Registration requirements, visit the Secretary of State's "Got Voter ID" website at [www.gotvoterid.com](http://www.gotvoterid.com).

Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club

The regular monthly meeting of the Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club was held Monday in the 4-H building at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Each February, parents of club members take their member's role. Steve Ziegelmeier called the meeting to order and Todd Stramel led the flag salute. Roll call was answered with another organization members participate in. Thirty-four club members and parents answered roll. Heather Scott led members in singing "Swinging On A Star." Reports of officers: Nick Wells announced the January club report was printed in the Colby Free Press on Jan. 4. Tucker Gerstner gave the treasurer's report and Heather Scott gave the parliamentary tip. Donna Lamb gave the 4-H Council and leaders report and reminded members to attend the pizza making Saturday. The

March meeting will be mini-club day and all members should give a talk. There was no business meeting. Jay Todd announced the program. Todd and Melissa Stramel gave a demonstration on how to properly give a demonstration. Heather Scott gave an illustrated talk on how to get ready for the new babies, i.e. calving, lambing, foaling, etc. Travis Vaughn talked about his favorite winter project, refereeing basketball games. Steve Ziegelmeier led recreation in which everyone played Rock, Paper, Scissors; Chance Hoeting proved to be champion. Steve Ziegelmeier asked for announcements. Jessica Vaughn lead the 4-H pledge and the meeting was adjourned. Refreshments were hosted by the Stramels and the Shieldses. - submitted by Cassie Wells

Pharmacy student on list

Travis Powell of Colby, a fourth year School of Pharmacy and Health Professions student at Creighton University, was named to the fall Dean's List for the

2011-2012 academic year. Full-time students who earn a 3.5 or better grade average are eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll.

Markets

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

Wheat (bushel)	\$6.67
Corn (bushel)	\$6.26
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.71
Soybeans (bushel)	\$10.89

**AYSO Spring Soccer Registration**  
Feb. 15th - 19th  
If you are wanting to play soccer and didn't register last fall, call **Emily Griffin 785-460-0647** to get a form. Registration fee is \$50 and covers insurance & uniforms. Spring Season is from March 31st - May 26th

We want your local news: e-mail to [colby.editor@nwkansas.com](mailto:colby.editor@nwkansas.com)

**cpia Central Plains Irrigation Conference & Exposition**  
February 21 & 22  
City Limits Convention Center, Colby Kansas  
Feb. 21 • 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. & Feb. 22 • 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Sponsored by Central Plains Irrigation Association, Kansas State University, Colorado State University & the University of Nebraska

**Technical Session Topics:**  
Crop Water Budget: Effects of Tillage  
Crop Water Budget: Effects of Irrigation Management  
Optimizing Crop Water Productivity when Irrigation Water is Limited  
Optimizing Crop Water Productivity Using Center Pivot Irrigation  
Optimizing Crop Water Productivity Using Subsurface Drip Irrigation  
Emerging Irrigation Scheduling Technologies  
Support Software for the Irrigation Manager  
Crop Insurance and Economic Issues

**Registration Cost: \$90 or \$100 for CCA CEUs**  
Equipment exposition will feature dealers from all facets of the irrigation industry  
**Registration forms available at:**  
HYPERLINK "http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/sdi/REvents/cpia.html"  
[www.oznet.ksu.edu/sdi/REvents/cpia.html](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/sdi/REvents/cpia.html) or contact Donna Lamm at 785-462-7574 or 7140 or donnalamm@yahoo.com

**General Public Transportation Van**  
Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Days: Monday - Friday  
Phone: 785-460-2901  
(8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)  
785-443-9208  
(12:30 - 4 p.m.)  
If possible call for Reservations by 11 am the previous business day. Provided to Colby, Brewster, Gem, Menlo, Rexford and a Portion of Oakley as needed.  
"This Project Funded in Part by the KDOT Public Transit Program"

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**  
February 14  
Publishes Monday, February 13, 2012

**1x3 BOX ad (includes photo/special message... Choose from 4 styles...PRICE \$23.85**

Ad #1: Retro Heart Ad #2: Simple Heart Ad #3: Heart Cluster Ad #4: Pet Paws

**Basic Ad 1x2: Option 1**  
XOXOXO Graphic and text  
A.R. You are the light of my life. Love, R.R.  
PRICE: \$15.90

**Basic Ad 1x1: Option 2**  
Choice of 1 graphic and text  
To my true love, Amy...Happy Valentines Day! Love, A.B.  
Choice of 1 Artwork:  
PRICE: \$7.95

**1x3 BOX AD: \$23.85**  
Select style  Ad 1 Retro Heart  Ad 2 Simple Heart  Ad 3 Heart Cluster  Ad 4 Pet Paws

**Basic ad 1x2 (Option 1): XOXO Graphic & text...\$15.90**

**Basic ad 1x1 (Option 2): 1 Graphic & text...\$7.95**  
Select graphic  Teddy Bear  Love heart  Lips

**Deadline February 9 at 3 p.m.**  
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