

Babies

Ruxin Dawes Arnberger

Ruxin Dawes Arnberger, son of Brett and Ashley Arnberger of Colby, was born Wednesday, April 4, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 21 inches.

Grandparents of Ruxin are Rod and Terri Arnberger of Levant, Kelly and Tammie Stevenson of

Selden and Travis and Orba Smith of Selden.

Great-grandparents are Duane and Jean Dawes and Gary and Alice Wolf, all of Colby, Dick and Pat Stevenson of Selden and Bob and the late Norma Arnberger of Winona.

Ferna Garrett of Colby is his great-great-grandmother.

Yessenia Aaralynn Garcia

Yessenia Aaralynn Garcia, daughter of Manuel Garcia and Anali Ramos of Bird City, was born Saturday, April 14, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 19 3/4 inches.

She was welcomed home by her 3-year old brother, Manuel Yovani Garcia.

Carson A. Owen

Carson A. Owen, son of Luke Owen and Amber Bond of Colby, was born Sunday, April 8, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 7 pounds and mea-

sured 19 inches.

Grandparents are Kyle and Becky Bond of Colby and Tony and Relda Owen of Hill City.

Alexander John Warren

Alexander John Warren, son of Brandon Warren and Misty Palacios of Goodland, was born Friday, April 6, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 18 1/2 inches.

He was welcomed home by his brothers Skyler Warren, Seth War-

ren, Nelson Taylor III, Nathaniel Taylor and Jace Fink and sister Brailynn Brabbin.

Grandparents are Ron and Rita Hazlett of Menlo and Rick and Shortie Warren of Goodland.

Great-grandparents are Vern and Shirley Hazlett of Colby and Edna Warren of Kanorado.

God's the best matchmaker



Robert Alexander

• From the Pulpit

"So the Lord caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs... (and) made (the rib) into a woman and brought her to the man" (Genesis 2:21-22).

Marriage between a man and woman is instituted by God. It's the foundation of society, always has been, always will be. When it crumbles, then society crumbles.

Well, folks, you're hearing society crumble while you read this. With the frequency of divorce and children being raised without the full-time involvement of both father and mother, you're seeing plenty of evidence of society crumbling.

Our prisons are overflowing with men and women who come from broken homes. The crime rate has risen significantly. Pregnancy out of wedlock is not just a teenager phenomenon. Gangs fill the void of absent fathers for boys. Girls fill the void by being active sexually.

Living together, an unholy union, is the next logical step for many couples after going together and often there are children involved. Most cases of children being raped and molested involve a live-in. Children need

marriage - a full-time father and a full-time mother. Marriage needs the full-time involvement of God.

I've heard many amazing stories of how God arranged matches. My wife and I are among those amazing stories. Even more amazing is how God has been able to help marriages survive troubles, even adultery, and thrive.

What help does God give that is the foundation of marriage? Simply put, it's forgiveness. "As the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive" (Colossians 3:13b).

At the heart of forgiveness is Christ crucified. It's at the cross of Jesus that people come together for help to forgive each other. It's at His feet that couples can find help to repair any damage done and help them grow strong in their love for each other.

It's before Him who reconciled us to the

heavenly Father on the cross that any relationship can find reconciliation and new life. Christ suffered for our sins - some of the same sins that bring about troubles in marriage and any relationship.

God the Father matches us with Christ in baptism. This is a holy action that only His holy Word can bring about. In a miracle that rates right up there with creation, the heavenly Father unites us in His Son's death and resurrection, effectively forgiving us for Christ's sake, and helping us in whatever relationship we're in to forgive as we have been forgiven.

No relationship, no matter how monumental the sins, is beyond repair when the power of the resurrected Jesus is involved. When we are matched up with Jesus, it's truly a match made in heaven by the matchmaker extraordinaire.

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to face up to our sins, repent of them and know the forgiveness that You so graciously give us through Your Son. Likewise, help us to forgive others in the same spirit of love that You show us at the cross. Amen.

The Rev. Bob Alexander is pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church at Fifth and Country Club in Colby. He may be reached at 462-3497.

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)	\$5.88
Corn (bushel)	\$5.96
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.16
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.76

Parents: make dollars count

Expectant parents typically need to stretch their finances, though there are temptations to spend unnecessarily.

If shopping for a crib in a furniture store or baby department, new parents may be pressured into buying a more expensive crib, matching changing table and youth dresser a child will outgrow within a few years, said Jamie Rathbun, K-State Extension agent in Ellsworth County.

Do your homework, and look for a crib check-rated for safety, said Rathbun, who encourages parents to consider a good used crib and changing table that meet safety standards or borrow from a friend who no longer needs them.

Investing in a good used dresser a child will be able to use as he or she grows also can free up funds for essential items, such as a car seat.

"Put the money where it matters," said Rathbun, who advises new parents to skip unnecessary extras to buy the safest possible car seat.

When expecting, Rathbun researched consumer evaluations and chose to invest in a check-rated car seat. At the time, she couldn't have imagined that she and her six-month-old daughter would be involved in a roll-over accident. Both were securely buckled in and came through the accident unharmed.

Thief dials 911 accidentally

SOUTHINGTON, Conn. (AP) - Authorities say a Connecticut man accidentally dialed 911 from his cellphone while stealing about 700 pounds of scrap metals.

Police say the 46-year-old man was arrested after the robbery from a Southington merchant.

WFSB-TV reports he was charged with third-degree criminal trespassing and sixth-degree larceny. He was released on bond.

Colby Trail Blazers

KWHA Horse Club
at the Th. Co. Fairgrounds
APRIL 28TH, 2012

Rain Date: May 5th

Entries from 8-8:45 AM
Show starts at 9:15 AM

For any information about attending the show or how to become a member please contact Lacey Brott at 443-3491.

Stop and Take a Moment

There is no place like home..

Like a plant that grows and continues to bloom, your home does too! Depending on who you are, there are many first time memories. Like a vine that brings forth buds, some people start families before or after owning a home. The home is a dwelling, a special place where families grow and celebrate baby showers, birthdays, graduations, weddings and anniversaries. Behind closed doors you can be yourself, laugh, cry, smile, act silly or be as happy as you want! Many parents even track a child's growth by putting notches somewhere in the house. Yes, I have my two children's notches as well as my grandsons on my kitchen doorway.

A home is much more than walls, and windows, it is a personal statement about you. It is also perhaps, the best financial investment you have. A home has always been a part of the "American Dream", a dream we all deserve and cherish. I personally can't imagine any safer haven to go to, at the end of my day. When I walk into the door of my home I find the comfort of "my space"...the embrace of..MY HOME. Owning your own home is still possible, and living where we do there is still 100% loan programs for buyers to obtain financing. Please contact me and lets discuss how you can become a home owner...and experience the dream of home ownership!

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Friends & family are invited to stop by and wish **Bob Bixenman** a **Happy 90th Birthday** on Sunday, April 22nd from 2-4 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Training Center at 360 N. Franklin, Colby KS. Those unable to attend may send cards to 1725 W. 5th, Colby KS.

Virginia G. Mustoe

Virginia G. Mustoe, 91, went peacefully home to be with God on April 17, 2012. She was born on June 26, 1920, in Hiawatha, Ks, to Edward and Edna Goodwin and graduated from Kansas State University in 1942 with a B.S. in Home Economics. She married E. Dale Mustoe, Jr., on October 31, 1942 and lived in Champaign, Ill., and Jacksonville, Fla. before making their home on Foster Farms near Rexford, KS. After raising her daughters, she was the school secretary and then taught second grade for 15 years. She and Dale spent many winters in Case Grande, AZ and enjoyed travel throughout the US and beyond in their recreational vehicle. Retired in 1979, they moved to Topeka in 2002 and lived in Aldersgate Village. After Dale's death, Virginia moved to Brighton Gardens in Prairie Village.

She was an active member of Rexford Community Church, singing in the choir and serving in many capacities. They faithfully attended Brookwood Covenant in Topeka until Dale could no longer drive. Virginia exemplified a person who chose to live a joyful, grateful life. Even at the end of her life, she chose always to be kind to those who came across her path.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Edna Goodwin, husband, Dale, daughter Martha Shank, sisters Mildred Goodwin, Marjorie Bearg and Francis Miller. She is survived by two daughters, Barbara (Larry) Stetler of Overland Park and Dalene (David) Strieff of Glen Ellyn, Ill., son-in-law Glen (Jaquie) Shank of Abilene, her loving brother, Stanley Goodwin, grandchildren Lisa (Mick) Holt, Brad (Jenna) Shank, Betsy (Brett) Olson, John Morgan, Melody (David) Murray, James Morgan, and David (Holly) Stetler. She is also survived by her 15 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 20 at Westbrooke Church, 9777 Antioch Rd, Overland Park, KS 66212, with a service celebrating her life at 11am. Graveside Services will be held at 3:30 pm, Friday, April 20th at Mt. Hope Cemetery, 4700 SW 17th St. Topeka, Kansas 66604. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation of your choice to: Mission Adelante (ministry to Bhutanese refugees/FBO David Stetler): 22 S. 18th St., Kansas City, KS 66102; Transforming Center (ministry to pastors/FBO Dalene Strieff), 1600 Somerset Lane, Wheaton, IL 60189; or First Asia Development (ministry assisting the poor in India/FBO David & Melody Murray): P.O. 8696, Fayetteville, Ark. 72703. For information, please call Signature Funerals 816-214-5174 or visit www.signaturefunerals.com.

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Services Directory

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.

CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH, 1890 S. Franklin Ave. - Colby High School Auditorium. Pastor Dave Funk. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. www.celebratejesus.org

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 Intercersory 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.colbyberan.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m and Saturday, 5:30 p.m.. Pastor Mark Carlton, Youth Pastor Ben Phillips. 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.

WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, 501 Bellview Ave. Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)

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)

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.

OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH, Brewster, Sunday worship 9:00 a.m.; 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

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., 345N. 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 Markdock, 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

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

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.

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 Mike Baughn, 785-694-2278, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.

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. - Intercersory & Prayer, Tue. 5:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study.

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