

Deaths

Fern Colton

Fern Colton, 84, Hays, sister of John (Rosalie) Jacobs and Madeline (Charles) Gravener of Colby, died Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2012, at the Via Christi-St. Francis Medical Center in Wichita.

She was born Nov. 8, 1927, in Brewster to Jess W. and Germaine (Richard) Jacobs.

On Nov. 28, 1947, she married Charles R. Colton in Colby. He died Jan. 11, 2011.

A teacher, she worked many years with special education students.

She was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church and its Altar Society, Christian Mothers and Daughters of Isabella, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, the Retired Teachers Association and the Fort Hays State University Alumni Association.

A son, Ronald Colton, preceded her in death in 1989.

Survivors also include a daughter,

Carolyn Sylvester, Wichita; another sister, Jessie (Bud) Enfield, Goodland; four grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

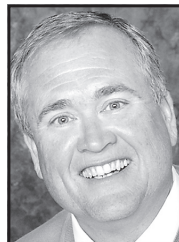
Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, 2012, at the church in Hays, with burial in the St. Joseph Cemetery.

There was to be a rosary service at 5 p.m. today for the Altar Society, Daughter of Isabella and auxiliary, followed by a parish vigil service at 5:30 at the Hays memorial Chapel Funeral Home, 20th and Pine. Visitation is from 4 to 6 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to the oncology department of Hays Medical Center, in care of the funeral home, 1906 Pine St., Hays, Kan., 67601.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.haysmemorial.com.

To be God's hero often means risk, commitment go unnoticed



Eugene Rothfuss

From the Pulpit

When I was a kid, I used to get a magazine called *Boys' Life*, the official magazine of the Boy Scouts, from the library or from friends.

Boys' Life often had a cartoon reenactment of some heroic deed performed by a scout, for which he had earned a medal and great honor. I would fantasize about performing my own act of bravery and courage — preferably pulling someone from a burning building or dragging a drowning person from the water and reviving them with mouth to mouth resuscitation (when I got to be a teen it was always a beautiful girl I saved) — and when the great crowd came to ooh and aah, modestly saying “Aw, shucks, it weren’t nothing much.” I practiced saying it regularly, just to be ready.

The only thing that kept me from realizing my dream to become a great hero was a shortage of disasters in our small town. Although when my sister Patty was about 6, she tried to help me out by starting our mom and dad’s bed on fire. I briefly contemplated letting it burn until it was big enough to really need to rescue someone from it, but after thought realized the only people in the house to save were sisters, and everyone knows that saving your sister just isn’t the same, so I went ahead and helped extinguish the bed fire before it spread.

Have you ever wanted to be a hero?

The truth is, most of us don’t really want to be a hero — we just want the honor and notice and praise that being a hero brings. Being a hero is dangerous, life-threatening, and takes commitment — and often no one notices at all.

There is a secular song called “The Wind Beneath my Wings,” by Jeff Silbar and Larry

Henley, that to me will always be a song about my faith in God and my commitment to serve him, even in the shadows. It says, “You’ve been content to let me shine / You always walked a step behind.... / I would be nothing without you.”

The Faith Hall of Fame in the Bible is Hebrews 11. In Hebrews 11:32 and following, there is a list of heroes of the Christian faith.

“And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, ... David, Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword.... They wandered in deserts and mountains.... These were all commended for their faith....”

God is calling you and I to be heroes for him. Hebrews 12:1 says, “Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run....”

We don’t have to wait for the opportunity — the opportunity is here now. Some poet wrote this short snippet, “When opportunity does knock, by some uncanny quirk, it often goes unnoticed, it so resembles work.”

I don’t want to confuse you. God is probably not calling you to be chained and put in prison, stoned, sawed in two, or put to death by the sword. Those things are not what made them heroes — those things came as a result of being heroes for God.

Hebrews 11 is the faith Hall of Fame, true. But the Bible is full of lists of people who were heroes for God!

By God’s definition, a hero is someone God called who obeyed.

Look at Hebrews 12:1 again “... Let us run with perseverance the race (course) marked out for us....” I see two truths in those words.

First, God has marked out the course for each of us, and when we accepted Jesus Christ as our Savior, we committed ourselves to run his course, not ours. God has a specific call on your life to a particular place, and particular ministry, a particular church family, a particular vocation, a particular lifestyle, and it is he who will sustain and strengthen you in answering his call.

Second, God’s heroes are those who run with perseverance, casting aside the sin that so easily entangles and everything that hinders.

It’s not glorious, but it’s true. In the Bible, the heroes are simply those who obeyed God, even when it would have been much easier to do something else — anything else.

You and I can be a faith heroes.

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Representative attends leadership institute

State Rep. Rick Billinger of Goodland was among 37 lawmakers at a leadership training program that identifies and helps emerging state and provincial leaders in the Midwest.

Billinger met with fellow lawmakers from Kansas, 10 other Midwestern states and four Canadian provinces Aug. 10-14, in Madison, Wis., for the Council of State Governments’ 18th annual Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development.

“The Bowhay Institute is one of the premier leadership training programs in the nation,” says Illinois Rep. Elaine Nekritz, co-chair of the institute’s steering committee. “Many of the graduates now hold leadership positions in their

states.”

Legislators from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin and the provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan were chosen to participate through a competitive, nonpartisan selection process.

The institute was founded in 1995 to help new legislators meet the demands of “devolution” of federal responsibilities and, in many states, term limits. The program is a partnership of the council’s Midwestern office with the University of Wisconsin’s Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs.

The U.S. Farm Service Agency announced Wednesday that an extension for emergency grazing of Conservation Reserve Program acreage has been authorized through Friday, Nov. 30, two months beyond the original Sept. 30 final date.

According to Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, this extension

will not incur an additional rental payment reduction beyond the 10 percent already set.

The emergency grazing extension applies to eligible practices except for continuous practices. Participants shall leave at least 25 percent of each field or contiguous fields ungrazed for wildlife, or graze not more than 75 percent

of the stocking rate as set by the Natural Resource Conservation Service. All livestock must be removed by the end of this grazing period. Producers without livestock may rent or lease the grazing privileges.

This extension applies only to

grazing, not to haying.

Conservation Reserve haying and grazing policies will be posted online at www.fsa.usda.gov/ks.

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Oakley hospital introduces staff

The Logan County Hospital and New Frontiers Health Services plan a reception from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday to introduce several new faces.

A new nurse practitioner, Lyn Fossom, has started work this month, said hospital Administrator Darcy Howard.

Two physician’s assistants have also recently started at the hospital and clinic, Cory Anderson in

March, and Kathy Kimpler in October.

A new addition, the Logan County Rehabilitation and Wellness Center, has been open since June 18.

Fort Hays announces summer grads

Two students from Colby and one from Hoxie are among the 476 undergraduate and 57 graduate students who completed requirements for associate, bachelor and graduate degrees in the summer 2012 term at Fort Hays State University.

Sara Fox, Colby, earned a Bachelor of Science in

agriculture (animal science).

Vicki Nickols, Colby, earned a Master of Science in counseling (school).

Julia Colson, Hoxie, earned a Bachelor of Arts in history.

Drought kills newly planted Christmas trees

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The drought has killed many of the newly-planted Christmas trees in southern Wisconsin.

Growers say they’ll have to plant twice as many next year to make up for the loss. Caledonia Tree Farm owner Russell Kook

near Merrimac says most of the 4,500 seedlings he planted this year have died. Kook says other growers he’s talked to are experiencing the same losses.

The *State Journal* (bit.ly/T1P-CmW) says Wisconsin has about 900 Christmas tree farms that pro-

duce about 1 million trees a year. The state ranks fifth in production nationally.

Growers say there should be plenty of trees this season because the older trees have deeper root systems and can survive the drought conditions.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$8.20
Corn (bushel)	\$8.16
Milo (hundredweight)	\$13.82
Soybeans (bushel)	\$16.53

Corrections

An article, “Farm Bureau honors Stramels with award,” on Page 1 of the Wednesday, Aug. 29, *Colby Free Press* incorrectly said that the Thomas County Farm Bureau Association honored Tom Rundel with the Century Farm Award. Betty Rundel, Tom’s mother, received the award, although Tom Rundel and other family members were present. This was a reporting error.

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Stop and Take a Moment

Farm Land

I don’t know about you, but one thing I have always loved about Kansas is the open space. I may not be a farm girl but I grew up loving the wheat waving in the breeze. There is such a natural organic beauty about a growing crop. Whether it is corn, wheat, etc. A farmer has put great effort into his crop. Like an artist with a bare canvas, he takes the raw farm land and begins the process of creating a visual display of beauty, from the raw land. There is nothing more breathtaking than a field of golden Sunflowers.

I have traveled to many places, and have seen many great views however, being a Kansas girl...I truly love the openness, the great sunsets and the colors of our Kansas farmland. Here is a fact, according to the U.S. Census Bureau Kansas has a total of 81,814 square miles, or 52,360,960 acres of farmland, 88% of our state is devoted to farmland.

I appreciate all the area farmers and all they contribute to us all each and every day. Thank You!!!!

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Services Directory

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.

FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, Pastor Dan Keel. 815 W. 3rd. Sundays at 2 p.m. 337-401-7207 (temp)

CELEBRATE COMMUNITY CHURCH, 1890 S. Franklin Ave. - Colby Community Building. 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 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, 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. (C.D.T)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Rev. James Bridges, 615 W. Webster, 785-462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study: 6:30 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 Ring, 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 colbyfreepress.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., 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

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

The Shepherd’s Staff, Rexford

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., Beginning Sept. 2 - Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15 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. - Intercessory & Prayer, Tue. 5:00 p.m. - Women’s Bible Study.

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