



Jim Gray will speak at the Butterfield Trail dinner on Sunday, Dec. 2.

Frontier freighters to be feature at dinner

"A Bullwhacker's Life Freight-ing Supplies over the Plains" by Jim Gray will be the featured presentation at the annual Christmas dinner of the Butterfield Trail Association and Historical Society of Logan County on Sunday, Dec. 2, at the St. Francis Chapel in Russell Springs.

Bullwhackers traveled the Kansas frontier, freighting supplies and shaping a profession akin to today's long-haul truck drivers. Traveling the Santa Fe, California-Oregon and Smoky Hill trails, bullwhackers walked beside ox-drawn wagons, courting danger with every trip. Gray will discuss the troubles they faced and their role in the developing frontier.

Jim Gray is a sixth-generation Kansan who co-founded the COWBOY (Cockeyed Old West Band Of Yahoos) Society to promote and preserve Kansas's cowboy heritage through the bimonthly newspaper, *Kansas Cowboy*. He

is the author of "Desperate Seed: Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier" and writes a newspaper column, "The Way West."

"In the popular culture of the Old West most 'wagon train' stories are of immigrants traveling west in search of a better life. For some reason the commercial freighting operations have been largely forgotten," Gray said. "I felt that the bullwhacker deserved his place in Kansas history."

The dinner will begin at 1 p.m., with the program at 2 p.m. Members of the community are invited to attend the free event.

Contact Mike Baughn at (785) 694-2278 for information or e-mail prairieawman@yahoo.com..

Turkey and drinks will be provided by the Association. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish.

The program is part of the Kansas Humanities Council's The Way We Worked Speakers Bureau.

Good feeling of holiday gatherings overlooks those with loss in family

This time of the year is filled with families getting together and enjoying each other. Sometime during that time, they will likely share a meal.

For some people, there may be more than one Thanksgiving meal that is shared with more than one family unit. Some families will go to Thanksgiving at one side of their family tree and Christmas at the other side.

With holidays like Thanksgiving we focus on thankfulness and gratitude. These are great to concentrate on in a world that tends to look most at problems.

Then comes all the positive feeling with Christmas and the "most wonderful time of the year." Who cannot help but to love this time of year? However, there are some that may not be at the pinnacle of the idealistic side of the holidays.

As this time of year is often spent with family, there stands a special population that sometimes seems to be overlooked or shoved to the side. I am speaking of those who have lost loved ones over the past year. I know there will be those who have already spent their first holiday season, birthday or other special day without their loved one, but there is something about that first season away from a loved one.

In the past year, I have known several who



Jarrod Spencer

• From the Pulpit

fall into this category. Though I hadn't spent several earlier holiday seasons with my grandma and uncle, I have lost them both in the recent months. Along with that, a great gentleman I was close to was suddenly killed in a motorcycle accident this past summer.

As I think about these three individuals, my heart goes out to their families. In the case of my grandmother, my father and his siblings lost their mother. In the case of my uncle, he left behind a wife, two sons and their families and three sisters, plus other family members. In the case of my friend, he leaves behind a wife, three kids and their families and other family members.

As I reflect on these three situations I cannot help but wonder how this Thanksgiving and Christmas will affect them. Several have spent these holidays with that loved one and this one is going to have a void.

Along with that void there will be sadness and tears. Although this is a season that is normally positive in nature, for those with a void in their holiday season, all positive will be at least a bit clouded by the vacancy of their loved one.

To no longer have your loved one in your life is going to present various levels of difficulty as you venture into the holiday season. With that void this season may not be the "most wonderful time of the year" because you will be missing that person who, a few months ago, was in your life.

For those who are experiencing their first holiday season without a special loved one, I would like to say I will be praying for you as you travel through this time without them. If you know of someone in this special population, I would like to ask you to be praying for those you know.

Pray that God may comfort them as they reflect on their past, which they were fortunate to spend with their loved one. May the Great Comforter fill the void for all of you who are missing something this holiday season.

Jarrod Spencer is the minister, at the Colby Church of Christ, 510 E. Fourth St. He can be reached at (785) 460-6322 or by e-mail at jarrods@att.net.

Babies

Ashlynn Kate Rains



Ashlynn R.

Ashlynn Kate Rains, daughter of Chance and Rebecca (Wark) Rains of Sharon Springs, was born Monday, Oct. 22, 2012, at Hays Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 19 inches.

She was welcomed home by brothers Jaren, 6, and Braylon, 3.

Grandparents are Debbie Capper of Olathe, Gerald and Shirley Rains, Sharon Springs, and Vicki and the late Dennis Wark of Rexford.

Emery Joan Kastens

Emery Joan Kastens, daughter of Josh and Allie Kastens of Atwood, was born Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 21 inches.

Emery joined her sister, Brynley, 2, at home.

Grandparents are David Horinek, Karen Horinek and Cherie Hayes, all of Atwood.

Derek Trentin Garrison

Derek Trentin Garrison, son of Derek and Rosa Garrison of Colby, was born Thursday, Oct. 25, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 20 inches.

He has a sister, Aliza, and a brother, Roran.

Grandparents are Blake and Audria Garrison of Hoyt and Harley and Christina Dodds of Topeka.

Brookelynn Olivia Vahling

Brookelynn Olivia Vahling, daughter of Michael and Kandi Vahling of Oberlin, was born Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Vahling, at home. Brookelynn is the granddaughter of Peggy Handran of Laramie, Wyo., and Dick and Betty Vahling of Dresden. She is a great-granddaughter of Ruth Vahling of Dresden and Alberta Ritter of Oberlin.

She has a brother, Parker Allen

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Nov. 13 at Colby Community College with 35 members and guests Gabrielle Brown, David and Joann Brown, Jeff Dennis, Carolyn Plotts, Darius Shields, Lori Shields, Eufemia Stewart and Michael Stewart.

Gabrielle Brown is the November Student of the Month. She spoke on the activities she is in and said she serves because she wants to, not because she has to. She plans to major in graphic design at a four-year university.

Christy Rocca introduced speaker Lori Shields, Mrs. Northwest Kansas, from Norton.

She spoke about the Mrs. Kansas pageant that will be held in March. Her platform for the pageant is The Haven, a non-profit organization in Norton that provides

a place for families to stay when they come to visit incarcerated family members.

The Haven receives support through donations. It was founded by a ministry group who saw a need and bought the property "on \$500 and a prayer." About 15 people a week are guests.

Jeff Horlacher won Roto-Lotto. The club meets Tuesdays in Room 106 of the Student Union.

- Relda Galli

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.

The family of Viola L. Jones would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to the entire medical and office staff at the Colby Medical Center for the wonderful care she received. A special thanks to Brian Unruh, P.A. for the extra special care he extended to Viola and her family, the Goodland Home Health Care nurses and the special Hospice people for their care of Viola and loving support to her family during this difficult time.

Thank you to Brad Kersenbrock, Rev. Carol Rahn, the organist and soloist for a comforting beautiful service. Thank you to the ladies of the Presbyterian Church for the delicious meal after the services. We would also like to thank all our family, friends and neighbors who provided delicious food, prayers, phone calls, cards and flowers. You all have our deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks.

Mary Lou Bell and Family

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card, Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, As any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much whatever the part.*

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Roberta "Bert" Withers

Roberta "Bert" Withers, 52, Colby, died Monday, Nov. 19, 2012 in Salina with her family. Bert was born December 24, 1959 in Colby, the daughter of Robert and Louise (Rall) Withers.



She attended school in Colby, Colby Community College and Washburn Univ. She was a member of the Army Reserves and loved working at WalMart. She enjoyed watching her nephews play sports, being with her family and was an avid Denver Broncos' Fan.

Bert is survived by her parents, Bob and Louise Withers, sister, Brenda (Curtis) Counts, Salina, and two nephews, Taylor and Tanner Counts.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Tammy Walker Cancer Center for their kindness and love shown to her.

A celebration of Life service will be held at a later date in Colby at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Memorials are suggested to the Tammy Walker Cancer Center or the donor's choice. For more information or condolences go to www.ryanmortuary.com

Services Directory

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



Borean Church

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

CELEBRATION 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. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m. CD Kidz for kids birth - 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. (CDT)

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 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.

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

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-DAYS 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.rimregionalchurch.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

OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH, 217 Main St., Brewster, 785-694-2751. Sunday worship 10:00 a.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.

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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