

Area news

Briefly

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Picnic in the Park

Join us in Fike Park every Wednesday from June 4 through July 16 at noon for live, local entertainment! Check out the schedule for performers and sponsoring organizations on the Colby Convention & Visitors Bureau Facebook page and website or at select locations around town. Be sure to bring your lunch, drink, and lawn chair!

Firework sales and discharge allowed

June 27 through July 5, discharge allowed until 11 p.m. each day.

Senior Progress Center

Senior Progress Center has coffee everyday and coffee and donuts every Friday at 8:30 AM. 165 Fike Park, 785-460-2901

Prairie Museum Camp

Day at the Museum Camp this week features 'Innovation Station' on Thursday, June 26th, from 9:00AM-12:00PM. At this camp session, kids will experience hands-on activities to teach them about conductors, circuits, and how they're made!

Once again, we can't wait to see everyone there!

Joyful Blessing Meal

Everyone is invited to a Free Joyful Blessings Dinner on Saturday, June 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 615 W. Webster. All are invited, and please bring a friend.

Business After Five

Citizens Health Rehab Department is hosting a Business After Five on June 26. Come meet the new Rehab Director, Samantha McLemore, and learn about the services they provide. Located at 100 E College Dr.

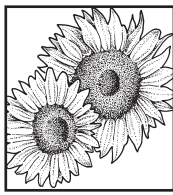
Concert in the Park

The Colby Community Band will host its annual Concert in the Park at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 5, in Fike Park. The performance will feature a variety of music, including popular patriotic selections to honor the United States. Community members are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of live music in a relaxed outdoor setting. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved to the Frahm Theatre on the Colby Community College campus. For more information, contact Director Michelle Meyer at michelle.meyer@colbycc.edu.

Just when I think I've reached the pinnacle of nirvana in my shady raised bed gardens and big yard, I run across an article in my monthly copy of the National Gardening Association about "garden railroading". This was not something new to me...I had considered this concept several times over my gardening years.

In fact, when I saw the article I remembered that we have someone in our own community who has successfully created a railroad garden landscape in their backyard. Jeff and Nona Mason, have enjoyed the world of backyard railroading for many years...and not just during the summer months.

While Jeff, who has been a railroad hobbyist, with an extensive set up in his basement, Nona does the landscaping for the outdoor railroad. Because the track is



the gardener

• Marty Melia

in place year round, Nona has been able to add annual and perennial plants to their railroad garden.

Jeff notes that their train runs on a nice sized track that is 20 by 12 feet in size. The Masons train set is an LGB brand that is a G scale sized set that they have been enjoying for 15 years now. And both the train set and track are standard train hobby equipment, run from an electric transformer...the same as an indoor train set would run.

The Masons train runs through a tunnel and past a waterfall along its way in their landscape.

According to the NGA article, Garden railroading may seem like a new idea, but it isn't. It began more

than a century ago in Britain and flourished in the United States during the 1920s and '30s. By the late 60's better quality train sets came along that would "weather" the outdoor elements better than the old equipment.

A well-conceived garden railroad is more than just train, track, and plants. You can express your interest in American history, mountain villages, steam trains, or urban railroads. This pastime also involves creating scale-model dioramas with miniature buildings, people, animals, bridges, mountains, lakes, and other realistic scenes. Depending on time and budget, they can be homemade or purchased. Thorough preparation of the soil is critical in a rail-

way garden, possibly more so than in a conventional garden. And I would think smaller scale plants like rock garden plants are a good choice for railroad gardening.

In my mind, I see my garden railroad running course through and around my 20 raised beds...through a forest of green beans...curving round the beets and potatoes and on a bridge over the giant cabbage plants. But alas, with my luck the train would suffer a devastating derailment caused when a squirrel drops a zucchini on the track!

Hear The Gardener Tuesdays and Fridays on KYZZ FM 106.1



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Dr. Mark Warta's office will be closed June 23-28, 2025.

Our office will be back open on Monday, June 30th!

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HAPPY Fourth of July

The Goodland Star-News and The Colby Free Press WILL NOT HAVE Friday, July 4th newspapers.

Goodland will only have a Tuesday, July 1 paper, and Colby a Wednesday, July 2 paper. We'll return to the normal schedule the week after.



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STORE CLOSING

Loker Retail Liquor of McDonald, KS will be closing June 30, 2025.

All spirits, cordials and wines are on sale!

Services Directory

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 785-687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, 785-462-2179, Father Brian J. Lager, Saturday Eve. Mass 5:30 p.m., Sunday Masses 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., Confessions will be heard Saturday 4:00-5:00 p.m., Sunday 7:00 - 7:45 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. and from Wednesday & Friday 7:30 - 8:00 a.m.

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

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Rev. Philip Hoppe, 855 E. 5th St., Colby, KS. Church number: 785-462-3497, Services, Sat, 5:30 p.m., Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Visit us at trinitycolby.org and see us on Facebook.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, Pastor Jordan Grimms, 320 W. Pine - 785-462-8391, Adult Sunday School 9:00 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.

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

CELEBRATE RECOVERY is a Christ-based ministry for anyone struggling with past or current hurts, habits or hang-ups! We welcome everyone! at First Baptist Church, 720 W. Walnut, Hill City, KS 67642 Join us for praise, worship, healing lessons and testimonies Starting May 31, 2025 at 7 p.m. and every Saturday after Contact (785) 821-8136 with questions

ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 785-443-0894, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Evening Prayer, 5:15 p.m. every Wednesday. **Now Handicap Accessible.**

BEREAN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyborean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Pastor Jim Meyers. High School Youth Group Sunday 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the church. AWANA (including Middle School) Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Heartland Christian School.

BREWSTER COMMUNITY CHURCH, JW Glidewell, Pastor, Brewster - 785-694-2813, Sunday School (adults) 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m. Children's Ministries (Royal Rangers/Missionettes), Wed. 7:15 p.m. - Intercessory & Prayer, Tue. 5:30 p.m. - Women's Bible Study.

BREWSTER METHODIST CHURCH, PO Box 250, Brewster. Pastor Mike Baughn, 785-694-2278, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH, 1923 S. Range, Suite 2 (Old Beringer's Hardware Store). Kirby Benisch, Campus Pastor. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. www.celebratejesus.org

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 510 E. 4th, Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 1145 S. Franklin, President Ryan Willis, 971-678-1755. Sacrament meeting 10 a.m., Priesthood, Relief Society, YM/YW, 11:00 a.m.; Family History Center open by appointment.

COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH, 730 E. 3rd (former Jaycee's building), 785-465-7020, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.

COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Rodgers Chishiba, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 785-460-6521, Sunday Worship Services 10:00 a.m., Fellowship coffee 9:00 a.m., Sunday School, 9:00 a.m., KXXX broadcasts 10:00 worship. www.colbyumc.org

COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, 245 W. College Dr., Colby. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. for all ages. Worship 10:30 a.m. Kid's Church for Kindergarten-5th grade during Worship Service. Nursery available for kids birth - 5yrs old. Wednesday night: Family night September - May 6:30 p.m. CD Kidz for kids birth - 5th grade, Youth Group for 6th - 12th graders and Adult Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. 785-462-8234. collegedriveag@gmail.com.

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.

FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, Pastor Dan Keel, 815 W. 3rd. Sundays at 2 p.m. 785-462-0512.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Pastor Matt Price, 615 W. Webster, 785-462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, (Disciples of Christ), 385 W. 3rd - 785-460-2718. Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 515 W. 4th, Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Worship is available online. For access, please call Reverend Shelly Holle, 785-462-6342.

GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP, 2nd and Sunrise, Oakley. Pastor Kyle Bloom, Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church 10:15 a.m.

GRACE ADVENTIST FELLOWSHIP meets in the Ascension-on-the-Prairie Episcopal Church on College Drive & Wheatridge Rd. on Saturday morning. 10 a.m. Bible study group & 10 a.m. worship service. Pastor Dale Rossette: For more information call 785-462-7963.

LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH, 205 1st St., Levant. Ron Alexander, 785-586-2376, Sunday School (classes for 3 years & up and 3 adult classes) 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

MINGO BIBLE CHURCH, 420 Main, Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church. Adult class and Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 am. Worship Services: 10:45 a.m. First Sunday of month - carry-in dinner following morning worship.

OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH, 217 Main St., Brewster, 785-694-2751. 1st, 3rd, 4th Sunday of the month worship 9:00 a.m., and 2nd and 5th Sunday of the month worship 10:00 a.m.

PLEASANT HOME CHURCH, 785-694-2807, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (MST)

REDEEMING LOVE, RLM Regional Church, 345 N. Franklin, Dr. W.G. Romine II - Apostle. 785-657-1611. Saturday is Sabbath Worship: 9 a.m. Equipping class, 10 a.m. is Praise and Worship with 11 a.m. is Scripture Teachings. Wednesdays at 7 p.m. is Bible Study. Youtube. com, search rlmkansas.