

# Family

## Holtwick, Bethell plan wedding

Becky Holtwick of Ottawa, and Dave and Beth Holtwick of Kansas City, Kan., announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter Carey Holtwick to Nate Bethell, son of Tom and Anne Bethell of Colby.

Nate and Carey are attending Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo. Nate is majoring in business with a minor in Spanish. Carey is majoring in computer science with a minor in math. Both were 1999 graduates of Colby High School.



Bethell and Holtwick

## Stepmother fights negative behavior

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "No Name, No Address, No Phone," about the way a stepmother treated her husband's children, brought tears to my eyes. It was a real eye-opener.

My fiancé and I have chosen to blend our families. I have an 8-year-old daughter and a 12-year-old son. My fiancé has a 5-year-old son, "Benny," whom we are trying to get custody of. The battle has been ugly and is not over yet.

The stress of being jostled back and forth between his mother and father has made Benny oppositional, defiant and difficult to live with. He got so bad that I refused to deal with him any longer. I regarded him as an ungrateful, rotten child. My fiancé was always disciplining him to appease me. He also cut back on visitations with Benny to keep peace in the household. I felt guilty about this, but was so stressed out, I didn't oppose it.

Then I read your column. It made me realize I was so focused on Benny's bad behavior, just waiting to "catch" him doing something wrong, that I had failed to recognize all the good things he was doing — and that really, all he wanted was for someone to love him unconditionally, and not expect him to be "perfect." This is every child's right, after all. I also realized we were more strict with Benny than my own children. My kids don't upset me because they're older, but they're certainly not perfect. All three children should be



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

treated equally.

Yesterday, Benny helped me clean the living room without being asked. I scooped him up in my arms and told him how much I appreciated it and what a good helper he was. His face lit up and he hugged me back. From now on, I will not see him as his mother's son. I will see Benny as the individual he is and focus on the positive.

Thank you for waking me up, Abby. Our blended family will be a lot happier because of your column. If you print this, please sign me ...

AWAKENED

DEAR AWAKENED: You are to be applauded for your awakening. All I did was write the column. You were the one perceptive enough to read between the lines, apply it to your own situation and begin to make the necessary changes. I congratulate you.

DEAR ABBY: One of the letters you printed suggested that when people visit their doctor, they take a list of all their medications. I work in a medical office and would like to offer a better idea:

## Club News

### COLBY COUNTRY CLUB

The game July 24 was throw out high and low score. Winners were: 1st flight: — 1st, 3 way tie, Anita Hills, Sidney Strait and Janet Harper; 2nd flight — 1st, Margaret Denneker; 2nd, Ann Siemsen. Game for July 31 will be Low Net. Hostesses are Diane and Julia Williams

Bridge Results were: 1st Mary Molstad; 2nd Mary Francis Sonnenfeld; 3rd Marge Roulier; 4th Katie Melvin.

### ABILENE HUSTLERS 4-H CLUB

Thirty-seven members of the Abilene Hustlers 4-H club attended their yearly club party July 6. Members enjoyed pizza and bowling at the Colby Bowl.

July 19 — 25 members showed sev-

eral of their projects at the club tour. Erin Schafer announced that the dog show is Saturday, July 21, at the fairgrounds. Elaine Bremenkamp announced that more help is needed with the food stand, so please sign up. Peg Tole is in charge of the float and has asked that everyone please meet at 5:00 at Fike Park and look like a farmer on July 31. The Junior Leaders are in charge of the booth and met after the meeting to discuss ideas.

## About Town

Mr. and Mrs. John Lehocky of Naperville, Ill., have been visiting friends and relatives in the area the past 10 days. Mrs. Lehocky is the former Norine Young and is a sister to Bill Young, Rita Jones (Mrs. Armon), and Delmer Voisin of Colby.

Recent weekend guests of Ruth Boeka were her son Jim and his wife Sue from San Diego, Calif.

Ruth Kinnear and her 7-year-old daughter Mary have moved to Colby from Brewster where they lived for three years. Ruth is originally from the Kansas City area. She can teach elementary school through high school, and will be looking for employment. She moved to Colby to be in a larger town, where she can walk everywhere. She enjoys reading, playing guitar and crafts.

Brook and Kimberly Clauder and daughters Kelsey and Chloe of Brownwood, Texas, were houseguests of Clyde and Frances Turrell in Rexford from Wednesday, July 18 through Saturday, July 21. They all visited Billy and Pat Turrell and Lola Skiles in Colby on Thursday. On Friday, Blanche Cheney was a dinner guest of the Turrells and their guests. On Saturday, July 21, Clyde and Frances, Brook, Kimberly, Kelsey and Chloe and little Brooklyn Bice were dinner guests of Blanche Cheney. Phyllis Cheney and Allen Cheney were callers. Kimberly Clauder is a granddaughter of Clyde Turrell and a niece of Lola, Billy and Blanche. The Clauders returned to their home in Brownwood Saturday evening, July 21. They had been vacationing in Colorado and stopped to visit their relatives enroute to their home.

### SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAL WORKER

DEAR MEDICAL WORKER: That's excellent advice. Readers, take heed.

P.S. Doctors should also be informed about any vitamin supplements and over-the-counter medicines you are taking.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

## Community Calendar

### TUESDAY, JULY 31

Rotary, Student Union, noon  
Alcoholics Anonymous, city hall basement, noon  
Thomas County Fair: Cat, rabbit, hand pet, poultry show, 2 p.m.  
Fair parade, downtown, 5:30 p.m. *Generations — Leading Into the New Millennium*  
Ladies cards and golf, Country Club, 5:30 p.m.; Low net: Dianne, Julia & Amy Williams  
Weight Watchers, United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.  
Domestic Violence Support Group, 7 p.m. Call 462-2860  
Sweet Adelines International, United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.  
Thomas County Fair: rodeo, grandstand, 8 p.m.  
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

## Field Day set at Research Center

NuSun Sunflower Field Day will be Tuesday, Aug. 14, at the KSU Northwest Research & Extension Center, Colby. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Tour of research sites at 9 a.m. Catered lunch provided. Sponsored by the National Sunflower Association and Kansas State University Research & Extension. Continuing education credits will be available for CCA certification. For information call your local county extension agent or Roger Stockton at the Northwest Research Extension Center, 785-462-6281.

The Colby Jaycees are sponsoring Bingo Saturday nights at 7 p.m. at the Jaycee Center. The games are open to the public. The first Bingo session was last Saturday; 91 people attended. Supper is also available. They serve a varied menu such as sandwiches, sloppy joes, chicken strips, onion rings, or hot dogs.

## Happenings

Paul and Pauline Layland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 6. They were married June 6, 1951, in Mankato. Cards will reach them at 1785 W. 5th, Colby.

The general transportation van is available to anyone in Thomas County for trips to the doctor, to visit friends, to the meal sites, etc., from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For reservations call 462-2901 by 11 a.m. the previous business day if possible.

Donna Pflasterer is the *Welcome to Colby* lady. She may be reached at 462-3491. She will bring a basket of goodies to newcomers in the community. Give her a call if you know someone who has moved.

## Death

### Angelia Marie Enfield

A memorial service for Angelia Marie Enfield, unborn daughter of Willie and Melinda Enfield of Colby, will be held on Sunday, July 29, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Harrison Chapel, Colby.

## Bridal Registry

**Lindy Harper & Wyatt Kvasnicka**  
July 28th

**Sara Tweed & Matt Hamill**  
August 4th

**Sharon Krehbiel & Michael Hansen**  
September 29th

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**Leslie "Les" A. Belshe**, 51 our Beloved son, brother, father, husband and friend began his heavenly journey on Monday, July 23, 2001. He was born on February 11, 1950, in Scott City, Kansas. Les graduated from Colby High School in 1968. He then joined the Marines and bravely served two tours of duty in Vietnam, and was honorable discharged. After the military, Les attended college and received a degree in Geology from the University of Arizona in Tucson, 1975. Upon graduation Les began working as a Geophysicist and has lived in Houston, Texas for over 20 years. He was outstanding in his field of Geophysics and made many contributions. Les was blessed in so many ways and touched the heart and soul of many people. His wonderful legacy continues through the Life Gift. Les is survived by his loving family: his wife Gayle, daughter Rebecca, son Sean, parents Claude and Doris Belshe, brothers Dana and Brent, sisters Deanna and Susan, many nieces, nephews, brothers and sister-in-laws, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, and sister-in-law Linda Belshe. A Celebration of Les's life will be in Colby, Kansas on Tuesday, July 31, at 10:30 a.m. in the United Methodist Church, Colby, KS, and he will be laid to rest at the Beulah Cemetery, Colby, KS. Visitation at Harrison Chapel, Monday, July 30, 2001 form 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

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| Wheat | \$2.72 |
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| Milo  | \$3.26 |

## Hospital

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| 2nd place - \$1,000 cash    | Doug Lewis - 462-3627;   |   |
| 3rd place - \$500 cash      | Tammy Horn - 462-2750;   |   |
|                             | Shonna Davis - 462-2809  |   |

Prizes given away at the Thomas County Fair Races on August 4th and will be presented by the Thomas County Fair Queen (Need not be present to win).

Proceeds going towards Adaline Delzeit medical costs, Colby Public Schools, Sacred Heart School, Puddle Duck Pre-School, Heartland Christian School and The Kansas Jaycee Cerebral Palsy Ranch.

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