

Brewster's Methodist Church is not a recycling center

One of the first things to report is that the United Methodist Church in Brewster is not a recycle center. There are several items that seem to sprout up at the side door at times that include shoes, small appliances and the like.



Sally Michael
• Brewster Correspondent

The church is not responsible for getting these things distributed. There are thrift shops and such in Goodland and Colby that would appreciate it very much if those that have left items in the past would take them to these specialty stores

from now on.

They send a big "thank you" to all who cooperate.

Also, another note from the Methodist Church is an invitation for the Easter Sunrise Service

which will be held on Sunday, April 11. Folks are asked to meet at the Church at 6:15 a.m. Central Time and then carpool to the beautiful country site location. If the weather is inclement, there will be an inside service.

Following the service regardless, there will be a breakfast following at the church. If there are any questions, please call (785) 694-2791.

And speaking of CDT, don't forget to reset your clocks on April 4

so that you can lose an hour of sleep again. As I've said before, it's a lot easier on us if we set the clocks forward about 2 or three in the afternoon on the third and then by the next morning it seems like less of a shock. But I suppose everyone has their own way of dealing with this assault on our "inner clocks."

The fourth of April is also the 90th birthday of Willard Moore but it's going to be celebrated on the third, with a reception in his and his wife Maxine's honor at Lantern

Park Manor. Maxine's birthday is March 27 so they are celebrating together and their families will be on hand to help them take notice of their special days. Our wishes for a great day joins all the others.

And we have heard that a lady in Goodland appreciated all the good wishes received from her friends from the Brewster area when she had her 85th birthday. Pauline Baird appreciates the efforts of her son, Jim, and wife Carolyn, plus their good friend Roger Collins and all

who sent cards, gifts and calls. It made her day a very memorable occasion.

Later this year, a former resident, Dot Mayer, will be celebrating her 100th birthday in Colorado. I will keep you informed so you will know when and where to send this lovely lady a card of recognition. Her family says her eyesight has failed but her mind is as sharp as always.

And while we are reminding you of all these dates, I will let you know there are at least two couples that will be celebrating golden anniversaries this summer. In June, Leonard and Zelma Kinkade will be observing their first 50 years together and in July, LaVelle and Erma Palmgren will be following suit. I am sure there are others that have milestones coming soon so please let me know so I can let more cats out of the "bag."

To a more serious note, please remember our people that are serving in areas so far from home and in harm's way.

Matthew Moore, son of Joe and Carlene Moore of Lakin, and grandson of Marion and Coleen Crumrine, is serving in Iraq at present and has had his unit come under attack. I know there are many who have their loved ones in prayer and we join with them in praying for the safe return of all these that are serving in such a loyal and unselfish way.

The more I hear about how demoted the tyrants and dictators that have been slowed up or stopped by the heroes that are serving out country, the more I believe it was necessary to stop them before they do more damage to America. I for one am very thankful that the leaders of our country are not faint-hearted or easily discouraged.

I appreciated the "thumbs-up" in TD's column the other night. I enjoy writing the column but must admit it is a lot easier to do it when there are things to write about and I do enjoy writing about good things like birthdays and anniversaries.

Trucker's mid-life crisis is causing lots of problems at home

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Chuck," and I have been married going on five years. He's a long-haul truck driver.

Three weeks ago, he asked me for a divorce because he's been cheating on me with a long-haul lady driver I'll call Annabelle. The next weekend, he came home and we were together like nothing happened. The weekend after that, Chuck said he's decided to hold off on the divorce until he can straighten out his head. He says he's depressed and unhappy, that he still loves me, but he doesn't know what he wants. Before he left on his new job—driving with Annabelle—he put his wedding ring back on. Then Chuck made a comment I still don't understand. He said that she was happy he did it.

Chuck says I have to lose my stomach and firm up my breasts, but that is easier said than done at 40. Before we got married, I was a size 24. Now I'm a size 16, so where does he get off saying I'm too fat?

Some of my friends say Chuck is going through a midlife crisis because he'll be 45 in a couple of months. I don't know what to do anymore. My head says to file for divorce and get on with my life. My heart says to wait a couple of months. I love him deeply even though he ripped my heart to pieces and destroyed what little self-esteem I had left. Please help.



Abigail Van Buren
• Dear Abby

— HURT AND CONFUSED
DEAR HURT AND CONFUSED: Hold off on that divorce. It appears your husband's spirits are sagging more than your stomach and breasts. His problem could be a midlife crisis or depression—but whatever it is, he needs to speak to his doctor and stop projecting his problems onto you. P.S. He should also change driving partners. If I were you, I'd demand it.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Nancy," is 14 going on 21. She wants to start dating, but I don't think she's ready. So she goes out anyway and doesn't ask my permission. After she's out, she doesn't bother to call to say where she is or if she's OK.

Nancy also refuses to do her chores. Not long ago, she failed to come home after school; she takes the bus. I looked for her for two hours, then I called the police and filed a report. She didn't show up until after 11 p.m. Her excuse was that she was working on an English project with a friend. I wanted to

believe her. I told her she should have at least called. The next night, she did the same thing.

This time, I called her friends and found out she was with a boy named "Steve" and she wasn't doing homework. What can I do, Abby? My daughter will not listen to me. She plans to continue seeing Steve, even though I forbid it—and plans to spend the night with him. I think she's too young to be dating this seriously.

— WORRIED
DEAR WORRIED: Girls who are "ready to date" are young women who have proven they are responsible, make intelligent decisions and can be trusted.

Your daughter has not done this, and she is on the verge of getting herself into serious trouble.

As her parent, you must quickly learn to assert yourself—something it appears you have not done. There is a support group for parents of hard-to-handle children. It is called BILY (Because I Love You). For information and locations, log on to the Web site at www.BILY.org.

P.S. You did not mention how old Steve is. If he is 18, he is presumed to be an adult. At 14, your daughter is legally too young to consent to sex, which would make Steve a sex offender.

DEAR ABBY: My father actu-

ally cut out the letter you printed from "Second Thoughts in Texas" and mailed it to me. It was the one from the woman asking if she should break up with "Dale," a romantic, nurturing and supportive man who isn't as bright as she would prefer him to be.

I have been dealing with the same issue for the last eight years. I'm 32; my husband, "Jay," is 28. I divorced him two years ago for the same reasons "Second Thoughts" related.

While Jay and I were apart, I dated other men—generally older. And I did find someone, "Bill," who fit the ideal I was looking for. My problem was, I could never get the "feeling" for Bill that I had for my husband, even though I tried. The breakup with Bill was terrible.

Jay and I are back together now and happier than ever.

I am still in college and I took a personality test. I gave the same test to Jay.

We couldn't believe the results. It put a lot of things in perspective about the two of us. I can get intellectual stimulation at school or at work. It is much harder to find someone who is always there for me than it is to find a witty conversationalist. She should never let him go.

— WARM HEART
DEAR WARM HEART: That letter generated a stack of mail. Here is one of those letters:

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