

# Librarian offers many suggestions for long weekend reading

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## Library Link

Memorial Day is right on our heels so I want to remind you that Pioneer Memorial Library will be closed both Sunday and Monday, in observance of the holiday. Therefore, if you are planning a big celebration and need a book, tape, CD, or movie, a special cake pan, an electric roaster, or maybe a DVD player or slide projector, then you

will need to come to the Library before closing time at 4 pm on Saturday to pick it up. Just want to give you fair warning. If you are just planning a quiet time at home, the Library still has lots of things to offer you. For instance here are a few titles you might want to check out.

Author Brian Haig posed the question, "What do you do with a military lawyer whose creative ap-

proach to his job always seems to stir up international crises?" in his latest book *Private Sector*. Major Sean Drummond is loaned to a Washington, D.C. firm and from the start his bull-headed manner and sarcastic wit are a bad fit. A plush corner office and outrageous perks can't make up for the legion of uptight, Armani-suited lawyers he must contend with. When fellow JAG officer Lisa Marrow, his pre-

decessor in the loan-out program, is viciously murdered Drummond realizes that the corridors of Cupler, Hutch, and Westin are just where he wants to be.

He starts investigating, and within days more women are found slaughtered.

Popular author Judith Kelman has written another great novel of suspense called *Every Step You Take* which deals with a very time-

ly—and terrifying—subject: identity theft. Claire Barrow thought it was just another story line—just something to please her demanding new editor—but as she sat at her computer outlining a plot about identity theft, fiction was becoming reality. She begins to realize that someone is appropriating her identity piece by piece—and it's not just a story line anymore.

And since it is a holiday weekend,

why not look through one of these two new books. *Dr. Atkins' Quick and Easy New Diet Cookbook* is a companion to Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution book.

Many people are following the low carb diet Atkins promoted and have been asking about a cookbook that would go along with his other books. It features appetizers like guacamole, smoked salmon rolls, deviled eggs and more.

# Office supervisor blind to employee's bad work ethics, habits

DEAR ABBY: I work in a large, open office with five other people. We all collaborate on the same projects. When our office was recarpeted, we rearranged our desks. I now sit next to a woman I'll call Ginger, who has one of the worst work ethics I have ever seen.

Ginger spends much of the day on personal e-mail, playing computer solitaire, taking frequent smoke breaks, sometimes even paying her bills and answering personal correspondence on company time. Our new supervisor is clueless about it.

On top of that, I recently heard Ginger lie to the supervisor about how she had so much work she couldn't complete an assignment. Should I tell our supervisor about Ginger's work habits? Should I say something to Ginger? Thanks for your help, Abby — it's been an awful burden.

— OLD-FASHIONED IN BOULDER

**DEAR OLD-FASHIONED:** Talk to the supervisor privately and tell him or her what you have told me. Say nothing to Ginger, because that's the supervisor's job — and it will only cause resentment if you do. Many companies, as a matter of policy, check what their workers are doing online — so your story can be verified. When one member of a team is a slacker, it places an unfair burden on co-workers.

DEAR ABBY: When my 11-year-old daughter takes her bath, my husband sits on the toilet and eats his dinner in the bathroom with her. I find his behavior questionable and have asked him repeatedly to allow her some privacy. Nonetheless, he continues to "assist her" in bathing by adding bath oil to the water, etc. Neither my husband nor my daughter thinks anything is wrong with this behavior — so what can I do?

He also strokes her backside to lull her to sleep at night, although she is now in sixth grade. Please advise quickly before this gets out of hand.

— UNEASY ABOUT MY DAUGHTER(S)

P.S. I have another daughter who is younger.

**DEAR UNEASY:** Your husband's behavior is inappropriate. Your daughter is old enough to bathe without supervision and should do so. You didn't mention how physically developed she is, but she will soon be a young woman. Your husband's method of "lulling" her to sleep is also too stimulating for both of them.

Discuss this with your daughter's pediatrician. Since your husband refuses to listen to you, he should hear it from an expert in child health and development. If he still refuses, the doctor can — and should — report his behavior to the proper authorities.

DEAR ABBY: I have three children. My oldest child is only 10. My parents remember leaving me home alone at that age, but that was 24 years ago. I feel things are too dangerous these days.

Is there an age when I can leave them home alone and know that all is OK?

— CAUTIOUS MOM IN KANSAS

**DEAR CAUTIOUS MOM:** I'm sad to say that times have



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**changed, and 10 is still too young. No child should be left alone unless he or she is big enough and sophisticated enough to fight off or elude an intruder, or handle other emergencies that might arise. If the children must be left, someone — a teenage baby sitter, for instance — should supervise.**

DEAR ABBY: I am being married in a couple of months. My biggest worry is that my sister, "Virginia," will do something to ruin my wedding day. She has never been able to handle not being the center of attention, and has caused more scenes and dropped more "bombshells" than I can count.

Some examples: Virginia announced her engagement to a man she had met two weeks earlier on Thanksgiving. She eloped with him on New Year's Eve — then divorced him in a hurry so she could marry husband No. 2 in time for Valentine's Day. She has started screaming matches in the middle of Christmas dinners, and she and one of her boyfriends had a knock-down-drag-out fight at a relative's wedding reception that embarrassed our entire family.

I know Virginia's behavior stems from deep self-esteem issues and emotional problems, and I feel sorry for her. But honestly, I'd like to have just one drama-free family event where everyone enjoys themselves instead of waiting for the next bomb to drop.

Our parents are no help. Mother excuses everything Virginia does by saying, "We need to be more supportive of her and keep our mouths shut." My father copes by steering clear of the whole thing.

I am seriously considering eloping because I don't see any other way to avoid having Virginia attend my wedding. The sad part is, I will regret not having my parents, family and friends around me on my happy day. My fiancé knows my sister is big trouble and says he'll support whatever decision I make. Any advice on how I can have my wedding cake and eat it, too?

— BRIDE-TO-BE

**DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE:** Have a private sisterly chat with Virginia and tell her your concerns, because it appears they are valid. Your sister may not be conscious of what she's been doing. That said, take the precaution of asking some of your relatives to escort her out if she starts a scene.

You and your fiancé appear to be mutually supportive. I wish you every happiness on your wedding day.

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of five sons, and I'm concerned about

kids not getting the facts of life from their parents.

My husband thought that warning the boys "not to do it" was enough. So, while their dad was away, I sat each son down privately and gave him "the facts." I also spelled out exactly what his responsibilities would be.

I made it clear that if my son was having a sexual encounter, he was to ALWAYS use a condom — even

if the girl said she was on the pill or "safe." I told him that if he was too embarrassed to buy them himself, I would provide them.

I emphasized that by being careful and prepared, he and the girl could avoid a sexually transmitted disease or an unwanted pregnancy.

Abby, my five sons are now 21 to 31. None of them became a teenage parent.

Mothers, please don't leave "the

talk" to your husband. Some fathers do an excellent job, but if you have one like mine, you owe it to your children (and their future mates and your future grandchildren) to keep these young people tuned in, safe and healthy.

— PROUD OF MY SONS

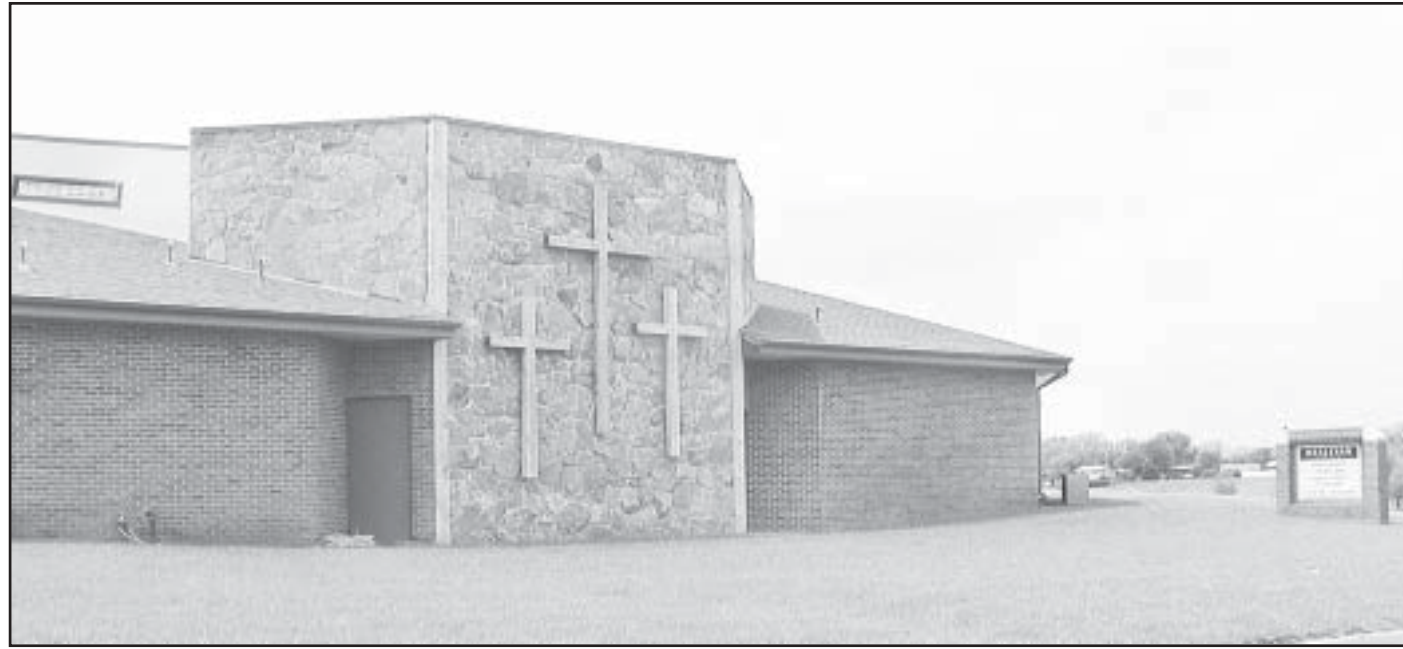
**DEAR PROUD:** You are a woman after my own heart — an activist. You wisely opened an important dialogue with your

sons, rather than risking that they'd get misinformation about this important subject from their peers. Other parents can learn from you.

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## Schedule of church services

**ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL**, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 462-3041, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Christian Education and Choir Practice for Youth, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September through May

**COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**, Rev. Leonard Burgess, 245 W. College Dr. - 462-8234, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., 1st Worship Service - 8:15 a.m. 2nd service - 10:30 a.m.

**BEREAN CHURCH**, Rev. Francis Harwerth, 1000 S. Franklin - 460-3076; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m., Sunday Evening Youth 6:00 p.m., Tim Morris, associate pastor; e-mail: [moris4him@st-tel.net](mailto:morris4him@st-tel.net). Awana Clubs, Wednesday, 7 p.m., Middle School, Wednesday, 7 p.m. @ the Colby Armory

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**, Rev. David Hill, Grant & Webster Street, 462-2867, Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Evening Worship 6:30 p.m., Wednesday Bible 7:30 p.m.

**COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**, (SBC), 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 462-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship services, 10:45 a.m.

**MINGO BIBLE CHURCH**, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Pastor Chris Shubert. Sunday School: 9:30AM - all ages. Sunday Services: 10:45AM. Sunday Nights: 1st Sunday of the month: potluck following morning service - no evening service; 2nd Sunday: services at 6:30 PM; 3rd Sunday: informal fellowship - bring a snack to share!; 4th and 5th Sunday: services at 6:30 p.m.

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC**, 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 p.m. and 9:25-9:40 p.m. on Sunday.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 462-6342, Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m. September through May; Worship 9:30 a.m. June through Labor Day.

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**TEENS FOR CHRIST CONNECTION**, Everett Robert, 462-7404, Both middle school and high school program.

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**COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Rev. James Mardock, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 462-6521, Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m., Fellowship coffee 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., KXXX broadcasts 11:00 worship. <http://www.gbmg-umc.org/colby-umc/>

**REDEEMING LOVE CHURCH**, 345 N. Franklin, Bishop W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Sunday service, 5 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**, 510 E. 4th, Jay Kelley, minister, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday Eve. Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**, (Disciples of Christ), 385 W. 3rd - 460-2718, Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. followed by Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m. E-mail: [fcclcolby@st-tel.net](mailto:fcclcolby@st-tel.net)

**LANDMARK UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**, Pastor Doyle Glasscock, 815 West 3rd - 462-3667, Service times: Sunday, 10 a.m., 6:30 p.m.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**, David S. Hall, Pastor, East 5th & Country club, 462-3497, Worship, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Lutheran Hour on KXXX at 10 a.m.; KGCR at 2 p.m. website <http://www.trinitycolbyks.org>

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**PLEASANT HOME CHURCH**, Pastor, Charlie Buch, 694-2242, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Evening service, 6:00 p.m.

**LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH**, Pastor Jerry Vincent, 586-2376, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

**WINONA METHODIST CHURCH**, Rev. Michael Eurit, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. (CDT)

**BREWSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, PO Box 250, Brewster. Pastor Dorine Chambers, 785-462-6044, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.

**THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, REXFORD**, Rev. Mike Meserve, Outreach; Lane Purcell, Men's Ministry, 687-2565

**REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH**, Rexford - 687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

**BREWSTER COMMUNITY CHURCH**, Mike Pinkelman, Pastor, Brewster - 694-2720, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Sunday Night Bible Study 7:30 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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