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A clown from the Colby Wesleyan Church played a part in a skit Tuesday at South Park Housing Authority. The church is offering crafts, food and stories to children 4 to 12 years old from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays at South Park. The events will be held on Tuesdays through July 24, except for July 3. For more information, call 462-8391.

Can you hear the thunder roll?

Dr. W.G. Romine, II
Watch for lightning!

Did you realize most of the time we are too busy to notice the approaching storms of life, until we are caught in them? Pleasures, pressures, and the pursuit of happiness have nearly blinded us from the greater view just beyond the horizon. When there are no clouds in the sky, the storms of life are building tornado force winds. Our ability to watch and pray may be our only warning in the days ahead. Even the animals are equipped with senses to identify server weather patterns, before humans notice the change in barometric pressure.

When the air is charged with static electricity, lightning can strike out of cloudless sky. If we are dependent on sight only, the blind will fair better than us. The very hairs on our bodies tell us we are not grounded when this force of nature erupts. From childhood we are instructed about the dangers of electrical storms. It amazes me how some people are trying to cheat death by riding the lightning. Trust me. You don't want to go there.

Natural storms are becoming more predictable and easier to track, but what about spiritual storms? You may know which direction the winds are blowing, but do you know what kind of storm is riding the winds? Did you know the Bible says God rides on the wings of the wind? If God, being a spirit, can ride the wind, what other kinds of spirits could do the same?

How many times have you been somewhere and just had a thought hit you? I'm talking about the kind of thoughts capable of changing your demeanor, plunging you into depression, fear, panic attacks, or rage with thoughts of death or even suicide. These are the true life-storms, which cause us to long for the worst nature can throw at us, if it would free us from this unseen terror. Thank God life storms don't hit us all at the same time. But they



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do hit all of us eventually. Sadly, the natural shelters are not sufficient to hide us from those times of uncertainty. We must find a strong tower, built without hand, capable of protection and provision for the duration of such storms. Oh yes, and sufficient room for our families and friends facing similar storms. Our hope and that of our loved ones must be placed in someone superior to that of mere human beings, and social structures. We need shelter from unseen forces, bent on devouring our very existence if it is possible. We need the One who is able to harness the wind and catch the lightning in His fists. Only God promises to protect us under the shadow of His wings.

A life-storm is not measured by rain fall, wind speed, or lightning strikes. Chances are most people, not in your circle of friends, will even notice your suffering. The last thing we do in these storms is sound the warning alarms. Most people try to hide their inner fears through overcompensating in obvious areas, noticed only by those closest to them. Strange behavior is never

obvious to strangers... This is why it's necessary for us to embrace our loved ones during their life-storms, by crying out to God to show-up and show-out; taking control of the storm while sheltering us during the onslaught. However, you must be willing to commiserate with them through true compassion for their suffering. You must become the pressure valve, through which the worst of their agony can vent. Do we love our family and friends this much?

Dr. W.G. Romine, II, is from Redeeming Love Ministries in Colby

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Another world

By Jay Kelley

So he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? Soon I will return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I go, the prince of Greece will come; but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince. And in the first year of Darius the Mede, I took my stand to support and protect him.) Daniel 10:20-11:1

There is a lot to this passage that we probably don't understand. For instance, I don't know who is taking the stand. Is it the messenger sent to Daniel helping Michael, or is it Daniel who is supporting the work in the spiritual realm with his own fidelity in our realm? I tend to take the former view, but you may not.

I don't know if that means we have guardian angels. Those who were praying for Peter's escape at Mary's house evidently did, for they told the servant girl that she had not seen Peter, but rather "his angel."

Of course, just because the Bible records accurately what people said doesn't necessarily mean the people themselves were accurate. Scripture records people's mistakes as well as their successes.

What is evident from this passage is that it is not just Christians in this

realm who are involved in spiritual warfare. It is evident that angelic beings take an interest in the affairs of mortal men and, in this case, the nations in which they live.

Man often feels powerless with good reason. Natural disasters, wars and other calamities overtake the good and the evil seemingly without purpose.

In fact, such things have no purpose if one is not a child of God. Man must serve either God (righteousness) or Satan (sin); there is no other choice. If we serve sin, disaster is truly that, for there is no hope in the future, either.

If, however, we serve God, there is always hope. We are not perfect and we live in a fallen world, but remember this, God is working world events for a short time to accomplish the salvation of any and all who will accept him.

God wants to be on our side, but we have to be on his.

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Billy Graham's wife dies

MONTREAT, N.C. (AP) — Ruth Graham, who surrendered dreams of missionary work in Tibet to marry a suitor who became the world's most renowned evangelist, died Thursday. She was 87.

Graham died at 5:05 p.m. at her home at Little Piney Cove, surrounded by her husband and all five of their children, said a statement released by Larry Ross, Billy Graham's spokesman.

"Ruth was my life partner, and we were called by God as a team," Billy Graham said in a statement. "No one else could have borne the load that she carried. She was a vital and integral part of our ministry, and my work through the years would have been impossible without her encouragement and support.

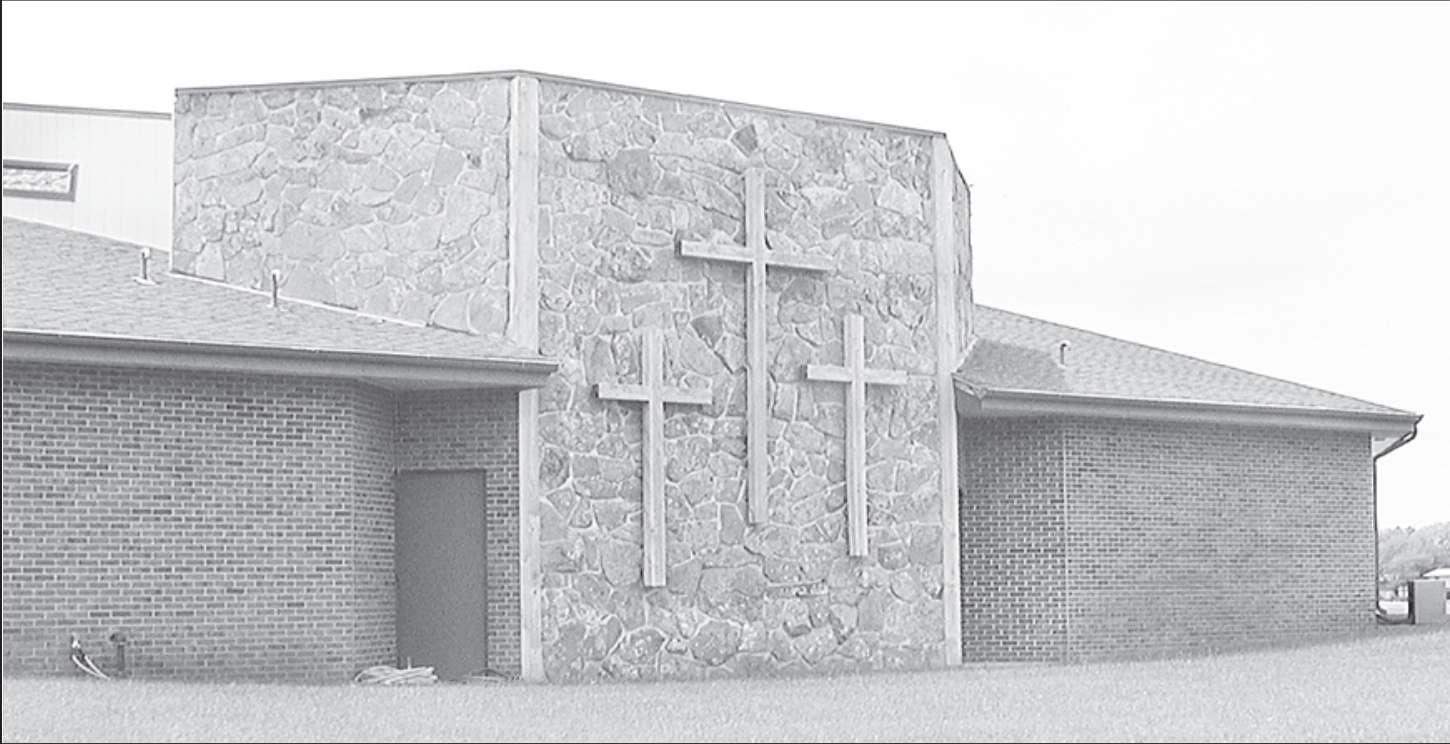
"I am so grateful to the Lord that He gave me Ruth, and especially for

these last few years we've had in the mountains together. We've rekindled the romance of our youth, and my love for her continued to grow deeper every day. I will miss her terribly, and look forward even more to the day I can join her in Heaven."

Ruth Graham had been bedridden for months with degenerative osteoarthritis of the back and neck and underwent treatment for pneumonia two weeks ago.

At her request, and in consultation with her family, she had stopped receiving nutrients through a feeding tube for the last few days, Ross said.

A public memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at the Montreat Conference Center. A private interment service will be held the next day in Charlotte.



WESLEYAN CHURCH, 320 W. Pine - 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.

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. 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, Pastor, Jeremy Gundling, 245 W. College Dr. - 462-8234, Early Service - 8:00 a.m.; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.

BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 460-2763, www.colbyberian.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Awana Clubs, Wednesday, 7 p.m., Middle & High School, Wednesday, 7 p.m. @ the Heartland Christian School Gym

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Carroll H. Morony, Pastor, 615 W. Webster, 462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, Pastor Tom Huffman, 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 460-7144, 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 a.m. and 9:25-9:40 a.m. on Sunday.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 462-6342, Worship, 9:00 a.m.; Adult Sunday school, following worship.; Sept. thru May: Kid's Club for kids age 3-5th grade meets first Wednesday of the month from 5:15-6:45 p.m.; Youth Group for 6th-9th grade meets the first Wednesday of the month 6:30-8:00 p.m., and the second Wednesday 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 1145 S. Franklin - 460-6605, President Gary Slavens, 460-2656; Rocky Robbins, 1st counselor, 460-1101; Tim Wilson, 2nd counselor, 785-846-7796. 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 to public, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays or by appointment. Call 462-3571.

COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. James Mardock, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 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

REDEEMING LOVE MINISTRIES, INC., 345 N. Franklin, Dr. W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Saturday Evening 7p.m. Worship, Equipping Class, Sunday, 10a.m., Sunday worship, 11a.m., Wednesday, R.L.M Training Centers (Bible School), 7p.m. Shop online at: http://www.cafepress.com/imakers and http://tinyurl.com/ynq4cw

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.

COLBY EVANGELISM CENTER, Rev. Robert Cooper, 815 West 3rd - 462-2062, Sunday School 9:45; Sunday service 10:00 and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Friday Youth Power Hour at 7:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, (Disciples of Christ), Pastor Bradley L. Herndon, 385 W. 3rd - 460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship at 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. E-mail: fccolby@st-tel.net

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Rev. John L. Schmidt, East 5th & Country Club, 462-3497, Services, Sat., 5:30 p.m., Sunday; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:15 a.m.; Services, 10:30 a.m. Visit us at www.trinitycolby.com

OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH, Brewster, Sunday worship 9:00 a.m.; 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

PLEASANT HOME CHURCH, Pastor, Charlie Busch, 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, 205 1st St., Pastor Jerry Vincent, 586-2376, Sunday School (classes for 3 years & up and 3 adult classes) 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

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

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

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, REXFORD, Joan Dingworth, Director, 687-2565

REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 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 (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, Thurs. 4:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study

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