

Family

Spring is busting out



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Jennifer VanEaton, community manager for the Colby branch of the American Cancer Society, unpacked daffodils to be distributed today. \$9,500 worth of daffodils were sold in northwest Kansas during the annual campaign, she said. The bear is for those who ordered a "Bear in a Bunch." More daffodils are available; call VanEaton at 460-3684.

Here's a thought

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I've recently been enjoying the fiction of Philip Gulley, a Quaker pastor. In his book "Signs and Wonders," Pastor Sam Gardner comes home from vacation and changes the sign in front of the church to read: "To dream of the person you wish to become is to waste the person you are."

I like that. The truth is, it's pretty usual for people to spend a large part of their lives thinking, "If only I were (fill in the blank)." Dreams are good; they make us wish to stretch and grow. Like anything else, however, they can be carried to extremes, causing us to reject who we are, to feel inadequate or even unloveable.

Yet the Bible tells, in the very first chapter of Genesis, that God looked at creation and pronounced it good. A person who says they are not of value is saying God's workmanship wasn't good enough, or that God misjudged the value

of the creation He pronounced "good." Are you really willing to believe God didn't get it right the first time?

People are not perfect. People make mistakes, they mess up, they sin. All of that comes with the freedom to choose, as Adam did, a way that does not lead to God. That's not a problem with God's work, but with ours.

Anyone who has spent a little time around a toddler can identify. The little one might start out the day all washed and brushed and neat and clean. Within a few minutes, though, a dirty face and hands, mussed hair, loose shoes and scattered toys will mark the child's assault on the world. In fact, the unmussed child is often a worry, as the adventure of childhood seems to be going to waste.

The season of Lent is a time to repent the lost opportunities that sin in the world and in our lives can cost. One of the opportunities is simply to be who we are, who we were created to be, and not to try and be someone else.

Rawlins County seeks family stories

Rawlins County residents met recently with representatives of Missouri publisher Bell Books, a firm which works with small towns to produce history books, and gave the company the green light to proceed with a third volume for Rawlins County.

The idea is not to repeat, but to complete the work already included in volumes I and II of the Rawlins County history.

The new book will emphasize the past 20 years, but organizers are seeking family histories which were not represented in the first two, both stories and photos.

All households, old and new families, and previous and present residents will be included free of charge. Each entry should include a signed "submitted by" statement.

Best photos to include with stories are black-and-white or color originals. Copied photos are not desirable. Photos will be returned.

People are encouraged to write their own stories, but help will be provided. Information will be gathered throughout the summer months with a deadline for all material of Aug. 15. Forms will be available soon.

Books are expected to be available at the end of the year. The cost of the book is undetermined at this time.

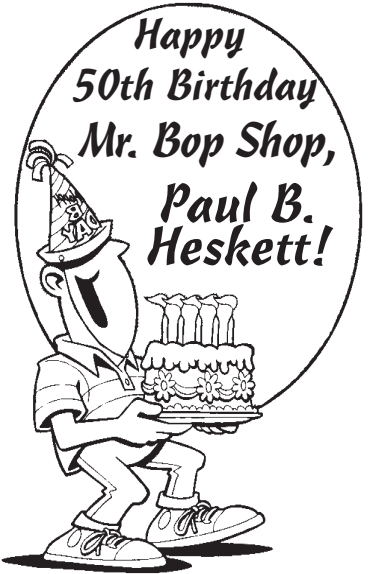
A committee on the history book project will meet at 7 p.m. the third Monday of each month at the Atwood City Library. Volunteers are needed.

School Activities, Menus

**Brewster**  
No school, spring break.  
**Colby Public School**  
No school; spring break.  
**Colby Community College**  
**Saturday:** spring break starts.  
**Activities: Sunday:** rodeo team at Fort Scott; home softball tournament. **Tuesday:** 4 p.m., baseball vs. Hesston College at Hesston. **Wednesday:** softball vs. Barton County, Carl Adams Softball Field. **Thursday:** 3 p.m., baseball vs. McCook at McCook, Neb. **Saturday:** 1 p.m., baseball at Cloud County Tournament; to be announced, horse show team, Morehead, Ky.; 11 a.m., Track at Baker Relays Baldwin City. **Sunday:** 3 p.m., softball vs. Butler County, El Dorado; 1 p.m., baseball at Cloud County Tournament.

**Golden Plains**

No school; spring break.  
**Heartland**  
Junior/senior Washington, D.C. trip. No school, spring break.  
**Sacred Heart**  
**Activities:** No school; spring break.



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is a study and adventure in archaeological digs in Israel, retracing some of the early sites where many bible characters such as Abraham lived and walked.

The guide and narrator is Ray Van der Laan, well known historian and teacher. This set of films is said to be extremely accurate and informative.

The pubic is invited and encouraged to attend and to get a feel for the country side and the bible stories that happened there.

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**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**, 245 W. College Dr., Colby, Interim Pastor, Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages, Adults: choice of Fireproof, Crown Financial, or the Bible Class. 462-8234. cday@st-tel.net.

**BEREAN CHURCH**, 1000 S. Franklin, 460-2763, www.colbyborean.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.; Bible Study Wednesday at 3 and 7 p.m.; RC Club 2nd & 4th Sunday: 2 p.m.

**COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**, 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 Intern Pastor Pat Colley. Sunday School: 9:30 AM - all ages. Sunday Services: 10:45 AM. 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.

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**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.

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**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

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

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**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.

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**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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