

# Family

## Are you bonding or just connected?

We are living in a society that is more connected than ever. I am speaking, specifically, about the idea of the electronic age.



**Jarrod Spencer**

### From the Pulpit

About 12 years ago, I had my first e-mail address. It was a great way to connect to a girlfriend who lived 11 hours away. We were able to talk and respond in a matter of seconds, giving us an opportunity to get to know each other better. It worked out well, because we were married about a year later.

Then I was introduced to instant messaging. We were able to talk simultaneously for hours without it costing anything. This, also, was an opportunity to get to know each other better, but it was no substitution for the times we could spend with each other in person.

All this was before text messaging. A few years ago, there was a commercial where a dad was going so overboard with text messaging that he was texting his kids to say "Pass the ketchup."

These electronic messages have allowed people to be more connected with each other. As a minister, I utilize this tool to keep up with people, wish them luck, send out encouraging quotes, and wish them "Happy Birthday."

Texting has its advantages. It allows for husbands and wives to talk to each other. A recent study said that 70 percent of spouses with their own cell phones will contact with each other throughout the day. In contrast to only 54 percent of those with only one cell phone would contact each other throughout the day. This feature does make it easier to for couples stay connected.

Teens love texting. E-mail is out, for the most part. If you want to get in touch with a teen, use text messaging. Another study showed that this is a worldwide trend. The study showed different age groups, but these percentages were cell phones. In China, 80 percent. In India, 64 percent. In Mexico, 85 percent. In America, 76 percent of

kids 12 to 17 used a cell phone. That shows me that cell phones, and probably text messaging, are a very hot trend. Kids stay in contact with each other through a few quick taps on a keyboard.

With all the connection that comes from this medium, where is the community? In other words, even if we are more connected than ever, there is no substitution for community. Community allows us to bond with each other, to see people's facial expressions, to feel human contact, and to experience life together.

From a family perspective, there is no substitution for the family meal. Families need to take a few moments to catch up with each other's day without the distraction of cell phones. This allows for families to grow a bit closer with community. Then, the moments they are not together, they can still be connected through their cell phones.

From a church perspective, there is no substitution for fellowship. We are in this journey together. Getting closer to each other through conversation, sharing a meal, prayer, and appreciating our Savior is second to none. Staying connected through electronic means is a great idea, but we also need to be remembering that building community is vital.

I enjoy the convenience of staying connected with people throughout their week through e-mail and text messaging. However, I must build community with them first, so that the connection is just a bonus to being involved with their lives.

Whether it is in your family, church or among friends, stay connected, but remember to build community first!

*Thank You*  
To my friends in Colby. Thanks for being so caring and supportive of me during the time of my Mom's death in Michigan. Your prayers and acts of kindness were appreciated.

*Serry Anschutz*

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$4.98
Corn (bushel)	\$3.61
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.35
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.39

## Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

**Colby Swim Club**

**Sign Ups are April 5th @ 4:00 p.m.**  
in the Health and Science Building at the Colby Community College. Watch for signs.

**All Ages Welcome.**

Call Lindsay or Grady Garrett at 785-460-1919 or 785-462-0113 or Shana Carman at 785-460-9882.

## EVERYONE'S AUCTION

**Saturday, April 4th, 9:00 am CT**  
Preview: Friday, April 3rd, 5-7 pm & Sat. 8-9 am  
T-N-T & Jones Auction Facility  
200 N Franklin, Colby, KS  
Auction Sponsored by Colby Berean Church to benefit the "Building Generations of Faith Fund"

**Antiques:** Wooden Wagon Wheels, Horse drawn JD one row corn weeder, Cooper fire extinguishers, cream cans, antique dishes, green glass telephone insulators, collector plates, wood-entertainment center, schwinn bike, porch swing, piano, desk, toddler bed, stove, dishwasher, gun cabinet, Nordic track skier, exercise bike, items too numerous to list!

**Tools:** Pickup tool boxes, miter saw, chair saw, electric air compressor, (2) 150 gal fuel tanks, leather tool belt, booster cables, hand push mower, power washer, weed eater, nelson lawn waterer, 1 hp electric mower.

**Vehicle:** 1976 GMC extended van, 4 captain chairs/bench seat.

**Furniture & household items:** Bunk beds, 4 dining room chairs w/rollers, kitchen table, oak entertainment center, schwinn bike, porch swing, piano, desk, toddler bed, stove, dishwasher, gun cabinet, Nordic track skier, exercise bike, items too numerous to list!

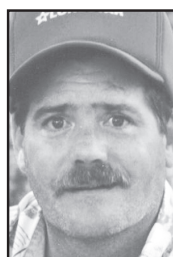
## Deaths

### Beulah M. Shirley

Beulah M. Shirley, 88, Colby, died Thursday, March 26, 2009, at the Rawlins County Good Samaritan Center in Atwood. Services are pending with the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, (785) 462-7979.

### Kevin Scott Reilley

Kevin Scott Reilley, 54, Colby, a career soldier and former Marine, died March 26, 2009, at the Logan County Hospital in Oakley. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Mike Reilley; a sister, Janet Oren; and two nephews, Kerry Reilley and Stuart Mazanec.



Kevin Reilley

He was born Sept. 13, 1954, in Colby to Glenn and Verna White Reilley. He lived on the family farm in Rawlins County, moving to Colby in 1960 and graduating from Colby High School in 1972. He entered the U.S. Marine Corps in 1972 and was a member of the 1973 All Marines Championship Rifle Squad. He served as an embassy security guard in Sri Lanka, Tokyo and Hong Kong. Following his discharge in 1976, he lived and worked briefly in Wahpeton, N.D. He entered the U.S. Army in 1977 as an infantry soldier serving at Fort Stewart, Ga., Mainz, Germany, and Fort Riley. In 1982, he became an Army recruiter. He earned awards for his skills while serving in Minneapolis and Miami. In 1990, he was assigned to Fort Campbell, Ky, in 1990, serving as a platoon sergeant until his discharge in June of 1993.

He continued to live near Fort Campbell, in Clarksville, Tenn., where he enjoyed golf and time with friends. He lived in Colby from 1999 to 2005, then returned to Clarksville to live until failing health brought

## Kids will shadow jobs

The Colby Grade School Site Council plans a job shadowing morning for fourth and fifth graders and an afternoon Careers On Wheels (COWS) event on Wednesday, April 8.

The goals are to build community partnerships between children and businesses, the group says.

On April 8, from business opening to 11 a.m., the council needs businesses to be hosts to a fourth or fifth grader for three hours. This enables kids to shadow a workplace mentor as he or she goes through a normal day on the job, providing an up-close look at how skills learned in school are put into action in the workplace.

Fourth-grade students will shadow a parent or relative; fifth graders will be matched with businesses according to career interests.

That afternoon, the COWS event will take place on the school grounds for the students in kindergarten through third grade. Business people are asked to bring a vehicle they use for their job and to give a brief (five-minute) talk to the classes as they rotate and view the vehicles.

For information, call the school at 460-5100.

## Senior Center

Thursday will be donation day at the Senior Progress Center. The center needs paper items.

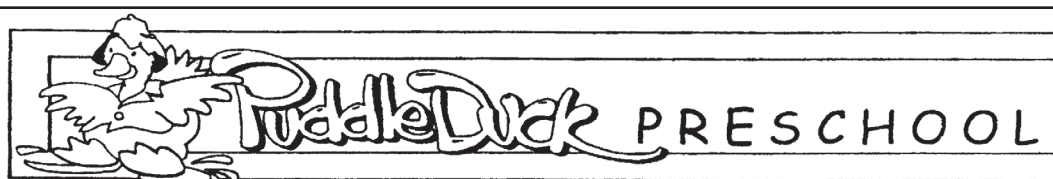
Activities for the week:

**Monday:** director's surprise day; **Tuesday:** 10 a.m., exercise, sweet day; **Wednesday:** 11 a.m. - noon, health department blood pressure check; **Thursday:** 10 a.m., exercise, donation day; **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise, 10:30 pool game.

Menus: **Wednesday:** liver and

onions in gravy, hash brown casserole, green beans, bread, mixed fruit. **Thursday:** chicken pot pie, mandarin oranges, biscuits, cottage cheese. **Friday:** tuna and noodle casserole, California blend vegetables, stewed tomatoes, bread, pineapple upside-down cake.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch Monday through Friday.



A PRESCHOOL LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5

Enrollment will be Wednesday, April 1

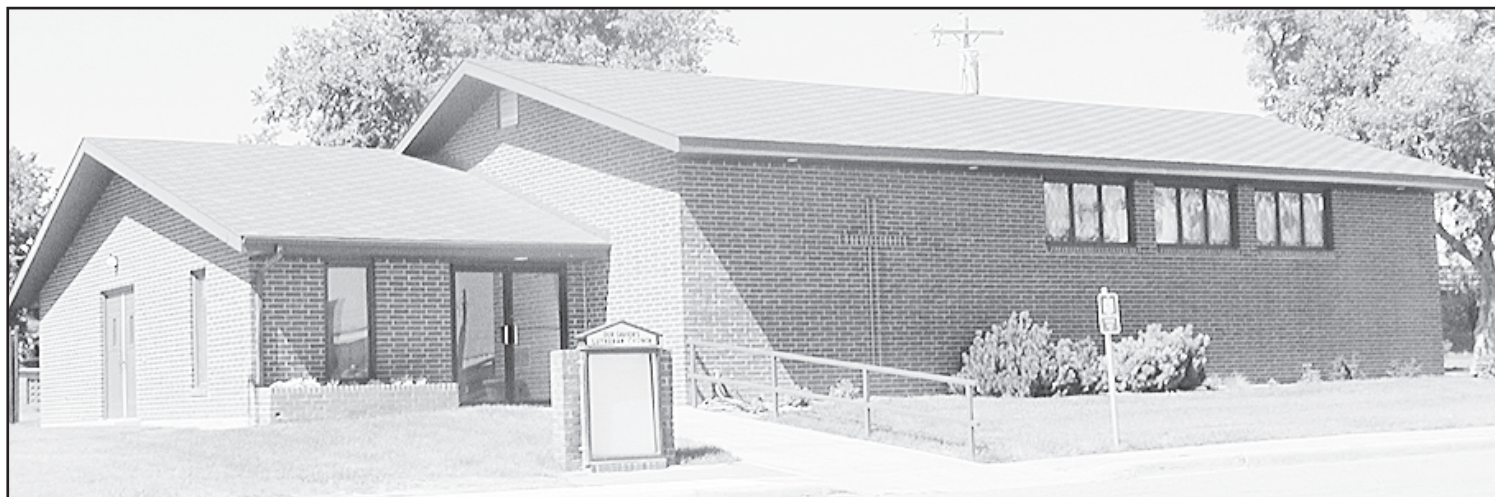
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Puddle Duck Preschool • 520 W. 5th • Colby

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL AMY JENNINGS AT 785-460-2603

# SERVICES DIRECTORY

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



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

## Schedule of church services

**COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH**, 730 E. 3rd (former Jaycee's building), Pastor Bernard Heinz, 460-0313, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 462-6342, Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

**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

**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.

**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.

**PLEASANT HOME CHURCH**, Pastor, Perry Baird, 785-890-3375, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

**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. cdag@st-tel.net.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**, 1145 S. Franklin - 460-6605, President Gary Slavens, 460-2656; Jordan Barrett, 1st counselor, 460-1101; Tim Wilson, 2nd counselor, 785-846-7796. Sacrament meeting 11:20 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 785-462-3571.

**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.

**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.

**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

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

**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.

**REDEEMING LOVE MINISTRIES, INC.**, 345 N. Franklin, Dr. W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Equipping Class, Sunday, 10a.m., Sunday worship, 11a.m., Wednesday, R.L.M Training Centers (Bible School), 5 p.m. Shop online at: www.rlmregional-church.com

**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.

**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.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**, Minister, Jarrod Spencer. 510 E. 4th, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Interpretation for the deaf, Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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

**MINGO BIBLE CHURCH**, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Intern Pastor Pat Colley. 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.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**, (Disciples of Christ), Pastor Lyle Knebel, 385 W. 3rd - 460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. E-mail: fcccob@st-tel.net.

**REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH**, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.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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To become a sponsor, call Heather or Jasmine today at 462-3963.

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