Family

Easter combines pagan rites with central Christian beliefs

Christians use many symbols when celebrating Easter. Some originate in pagan spring rituals, but many are derived from the Judeo-Christian heritage.

The word "easter" itself takes its name from Eostre, Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring. According to legend, Eostre opened the gates of Valhalla to Baldur, the murdered Sun God, who had brought light to mankind. The Anglo-Saxon tribes held festivals in her honor every April.

The date for Easter, for the Church, was established by the first Nicene Council in 325 A.D. It is related to the vernal equinox and can be as early as March 22 or as late as April 25.

Eggs are connected with Easter because they represent new life and thus the resurrection. But the tradition of decorated eggs is older than Christianity. In ancient Egypt and Persia, dyed and decorated eggs were exchanged as gifts to celebrate the coming of spring; in fact, the Persians believed that the earth itself hatched from a giant egg.

Ancient Babylonians considered the egg a symbol of fertility, as did the Druids of northern Eutheir spring festival, the Resurrec- of the common foods served as a

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AT THE COLDY BETTER HOME & LIVING SHOW.

Winners of the Drawing were:

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JUDAY CATHERINE HUELSMANN

Juday Catherine (Haremza) Huelsmann, 63, of

Colby, died April 4, 2009, at her home in Colby.

She was born April 13, 1945 in Colby, KS to

Ben and Velma (Makings) Haremza. She

was raised on a farm 4 miles east of Colby.

She married Marvin Lee Huelsmann December

28, 1964 in Goodland, KS. They lived in Good-

land, Park, St. Francis, and a farm north of Grin-

nell. Eventually they made their home in Oakley

where their children all went to school. In 1989 they

purchased the Camp Inn RV Park and made their

home there until they sold it in 2002 and moved to Colby.

She worked in the medical field for many years. She was a medical

assistant and office manager for Dr. Richard V. Ohmart in Oakley and

Many of Juday's hobbies and favorites included her flower garden,

yard art, angels, antiques, and going to auctions and garage sales.

She was a wonderful cook and especially known for her angel food

Survivors include her husband, Marvin L Huelsmann, of the home;

a son, Wayne Huelsmann and wife Aurora, Oakley; three daugh-

ters, Jeannie Haas of Hays, Becky Hatfield and husband Arthur

of Goodland, and Tina Patzel and husband Kip of Lawrence; Five

grandchildren, Brandon and Jessica Hatfield, Goodland, Alan and

Kylie Huelsmann, Oakley, and Jaime Patzel, Lawrence; One great

grandchild, Aiden Gebhardt; four brothers, Ed Haremza, Larned,

Jim Haremza, Grand Junction, CO., and Lester and David Harem-

She is proceeded in death by her parents, Ben and Velma Haremza,

three brothers, Bob, Bernard, and Raymond Haremza and sister

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday April 8, 2009, at Sa-

za, Colby; one sister Hulda Gothorp, Curtis, NE.

then continued work in the medical field when she moved to Colby.

She attended school at Gem, KS.

cakes and cheese balls.

Elizabeth (Betty) Williams.



From the Pulpit

tion, were inhabitants of Mesopotamia, land of the Persians and Babylonians.

During the Middle Ages, in parts of Europe, Easter eggs were dyed red, and neighbors cracked them together and exchanged the Easter greeting. Eggs were often blessed and exchanged as gifts, a custom that became so prevalent for a time that Easter day was often called Egg Sunday.

Sometimes messages were painted on eggs and dates arranged; there were candy eggs and egg shells with Easter scenes inside them. They used to float egg shells on the streams and rivers to carry to the dead the message of the resurrection.

Nowadays, of course, variations of these and other traditions still survive. At one time, eggs were considered a luxury to be abstained from during the Season rope. It is not strange then, that the of Lent, so that they were a treat first Christians to use eggs to mark on Easter. Baked eggs were part

The five National Park Ser-

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part of the traditional Passover Meal as a symbol of sacrifice.

Eggs are the symbolic bearers of new life that emerges in the spring in other ways, as birds, chicks and other creatures are hatched from eggs.

Eggs, we have been told, are a source of cholesterol - a contributor to heart disease. And when a person pulls a boner, they are said to have "laid an egg." But God "laid no egg" when Christ died for our sins, and Jesus' coming forth that Resurrection morning is the best medicine there is for one's heart. So taking all these traditions together as symbols of the Christian message of new life, we have something very precious that needs to be shared and told to those who are "dying."

The message is of One who created life and is still creating new life in Jesus Christ. And isn't this "eggs-actly" what we need?

I hope you will attend Easter worship services at one of Colby's many churches and experience God's gift of new life in Christ.

Markets

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Scholars get a boost



STEVE HAYNES/Colby Free Press Volunteer Sharon Steele (left) handed a dictionary to Lauren Bethell, one of eight top Colby High School seniors to be recognized, at the annual Kansas Honors Scholars night on Wednesday in Goodland. The event is sponsored by the University of Kansas.

Textile show replaces quilts

A special exhibit, "Under Cov- the unique intricately designed er: A Look at the Art and Tradition coverlets date from the early of Blankets, Coverlets, and Af- 1800s. Visitors will also be able to ghans," will be on display at the view information on the patterns Ellis County Historical Society Museum through Friday, May 8.

The exhibit takes the place of the annual quilt exhibit, featuring other types of blankets loaned by artisans and historic textiles from July and August, the museum is the museum collection. Some of open Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m.

and methods involved in making these blankets. A loom for weaving is part of the exhibit.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday. In June,

TV docs look at kids

Children's health will be the topic for Smoky Hills Public Television's Doctors on Call at 7 p.m. Tuesday and 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

The guest panelists will be Dr. Bryan Wohlwend, a pediatrician with the Hutchinson Clinic, and Dr. Shelly Gruenbacher, a familypractice physician from Quinter.

The live broadcast on Tuesdays allows viewers to call in and direct questions to medical profession-

For information on Smoky Hills and its programs and projects, go www.shptv.org or by calling (800) 337-4788 or (785) 483-6990.



On Behalf of Oriana Beltran and her family, We would like to thank all of the businesses, churches, organizations, family and friends from the bottom of our hearts, for all of their thoughtful prayers and support through our tribulation. May God Bless you the way we have been blessed.

Gracias por todo su apoyo y oraciones, que Dios los bendiga como nos ha bendecido a nostotros.

Thank You for Your Generosities! Oriana Beltran

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Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



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.

August Hutfles Schedule of church services KEN SMITH **COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH.** 730 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 462-6342, Sunday Worship 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

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.

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BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 460-2763, www.colbyberean.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

COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 460-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship services, 10:45

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.

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. **COLBY**

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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.

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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: fcccolby@st-tel.net

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

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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.

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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

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