

Family

Deaths

Cathy Marie 'Catho' Preston

Cathy Marie "Catho" Preston, 52, an Oakley homemaker and sister of Cheryl (Jim) Urbanek of Colby, died Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at her home.

She was born Dec. 17, 1958, in Ellsworth, the daughter of Howard and Verda Jimison, and grew up in Lorraine, graduating from Lorraine High School.

On July 29, 1988, she married Dennis Preston in Colby. They lived on the Preston family farm northwest of Rexford until 2000, when they moved to Oakley. She was a member of the Oakley Country Club.

Preceding her in death were her father; a brother, Michael Jimison; a nephew, Casey Jimison; and a niece, Temple Jimison.

Survivors also include her husband, of the home; her mother,

Ellsworth; a son, Terry Preston, Selden; a daughter, Lisa Bencken, Oakley; three brothers, Larry (Sue) Jimison, Great Bend; Jim (Sherry) Jimison, New Era, Mich.; and Kyle (Debbie) Jimison, Bushton; five grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 25, 2011, at the Rexford Community Church, with Pastor Lane Purcell officiating and burial in the Rexford Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Pauls Funeral Home, Fourth and Illinois in Selden, and from 8 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society in care of the funeral home, 121 N. Penn Ave., Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Mildren Lucille McWhorter

Mildred Lucille McWhorter, 95, Topeka, formerly of Colby and Junction City, died Thursday, June 23, 2011, at Midland Hospice House.

She was born April 23, 1916, in Marion County, the daughter of Arthur and Maud (Kroh) Ebricht.

When she was 8, her family moved to Colby. She graduated from Colby High School and attended Kansas State College for 2 1/2 years with a scholarship she won at the Thomas County Free Fair.

On July 29, 1939, she married Dan Phil McWhorter in Sand Springs, Okla. He died Jan. 6, 1957.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Junction City, where she taught Sunday school, served as the church secretary and a deaconess and was a worship greeter. She belonged to Pilot Club for many years, holding offices including president; volunteered with the Geary Community Hospital Auxiliary and was instrumental in its fund raising and helped operate the gift shop, as well as volunteer-

ing at Let's Help.

She was also preceded in death by siblings Sam Ebricht, Ralph Ebricht and Helen Weed, and a twin sister, Marjorie Ebricht, all of Colby.

Survivors include two sons, Dan (Sunny) McWhorter, Spokane, Wash., and Robert (Nancy) McWhorter, Longmont, Colo.; two daughters, Carolyn (Alden) Christesen, Salem, Mo., and Millie (Pat) Sears, Topeka; 10 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, June 27, 2011, at the Penwell-Gabel Johnson Chapel in Junction City, with burial in the Fort Riley Cemetery.

She will lie in state at the funeral home after 1 p.m. Sunday. Visitation will be one hour before the service.

The family suggests memorials to the church, 624 N. Jefferson, Junction City, Kan., 66441, or to the hospice, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka, Kan., 66606.

Condolences may be left at www.PenwellGabelJunctionCity.com.

Misspelled diplomas replaced

PLYMOUTH, Mass. (AP) — Graduates of a Massachusetts high school who received diplomas this month containing spelling errors are getting corrected versions — plus an apology.

The diplomas handed out to 263 Plymouth North graduates on June 4 had the word "for" spelled "fro" while the word "and" was spelled "ans." Schools officials signed all of them without noticing.

Principal Kathleen McSweeney tells *The Enterprise* of Brockton that Jostens, the Minnesota company that printed the diplomas, sent new ones to the school that arrived Monday.

School officials will sign them

and mail them this week.

Jostens also sent a letter of apology.

Corrections

The name of coach Lesley Wagoner has been misspelled for several days in a Briefly item on a water exercise class at Colby Community College. This was due to incorrect information given to the newspaper.

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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.

Does God laugh at fumbles?



Jarrod Spencer

• From the Pulpit

Being a father for the first time has had its interesting moments. My son has been such a blessing that words cannot begin to explain it fully. I am sure that is the feeling most parents have about their children. After all, there is so much that goes on in family life that you want to "bottle it up" and keep the memories for later.

A couple of years ago we moved into the house we currently live in. The house came without any appliances. I had the "pleasure" of installing a dishwasher and a microwave.

My son, fifteen months old at the time, was beginning his stint of being "daddy's little helper." He took the screwdriver and began trying to help. He would grab a flashlight and sit near me as he could be involved in the installation process as much as possible.

I like to have him help me, even if it takes me two or three times longer to finish. Now, at four years old, he loves to be with daddy around the tools. At bedtime, sometimes he'll ask me to tell him about "certain kinds of tools," as he puts it. It has been fun to educate him on the tools I have, which includes power tools and yard tools.

It wasn't too long after helping me install these appliances that my son took a new turn in life. My wife and I were in the kitchen and

wondered where our son had gone. He had been very quiet and that tends to raise awareness in us.

We called for him and he came out from the bathroom with some mascara around his eyes and eyebrows and the mascara brush in hand. He had found his way into my wife's makeup case, unscrewed the mascara, and tried his best applying it to his face. When we saw him we couldn't help but laugh. That was followed by pictures to remember the memory of this humorous incident.

My son seems to want to be involved in tasks that are associated with a particular parent at a particular time. If I am using tools, he wants to use tools. If mom is using makeup, he wants makeup. At the moment, he is really phasing out of the feminine behaviors.

Though I don't know if our daughter will go through a similar phase, I suspect she will.

My suspicions lean toward the fact she will. He has since continued to make me smile by doing things that are reflective of me and his mother.

As applying mascara is not a stop in life's journey a son should take, it made us laugh. As he is getting older, he comes up with other antics and wittiness to keep us laughing. I cannot help but think of how many times we come before God with something "on us" that shouldn't be there and He just has to laugh. Maybe we've put it on willfully, whereas other times we have just slipped into something we shouldn't have. I am probably one of the many who are making God have a good chuckle from time to time. As I know many people, I know that I am not alone in approaching God with something "on us."

I end with this prayer, "Dear God, may the times of foolishness that I exhibit make you laugh. May they not lead me down a path of danger. Thank You for making us all unique. Thank You for giving me a son and a daughter to love, teach, mentor, and laugh at!"

Jarrod Spencer is the minister, at the Colby Church of Christ, 510 East Fourth. He can be reached at (785) 460-6322 or by e-mail at jarrods@att.net.

Self-cleaning plants a bonus in flower garden

Petunias and roses continue to soar in the home garden market, as plant breeders add to the species described as "self-cleaning."

"Hardiness and disease resistance are still the most important factors when gardeners choose new plants," said Ward Upham, K-State Extension horticulturist. "But, varieties that also are self-cleaning can almost take over the market when they're first introduced."

Self-cleaning plants are those that drop their spent flowers and bloom again. In many cases, they're sterile varieties, bred not to produce seeds, Upham said. Self-cleaning roses, for example, don't develop rose hips.

That's an issue because plants that aren't self-cleaning will sometimes bloom more profusely if old, spent flowers are removed — a process called deadheading. This can include pinching off the flower or clipping back the flower's stem to the next bud or leaf.

"Annually, in particular, tend to focus their energy on seed pro-

duction after flowering, to insure that their species survives. But, if you deadhead the old flowers, the plants' seed-making energy will switch to making more blooms," he explained. "Deadheading lengthens some perennials' flower season, too."

Upham listed the following as plants that respond to deadheading: begonias, blanket flowers, campanulas, coreopsis, delphiniums, hardy geraniums (perennial

cranesbills), annual heliotropes, marigolds, Pelargonium geraniums (annuals), some petunias, some roses, salvia, scabiosa, snapdragons, sweet peas, zinnias, and yarrows.

"With ordinary petunias, you have to remove every bloom as soon as it fades — preferably pinching back the stem a bit, too. Otherwise, they'll quickly lose their looks," he said. "That's why the self-cleaning varieties were

popular as soon as they hit the market."

Other plant types have never required deadheading because they'll only bloom once. They include the butter daisy (*Melampodium paludosum*), Impatiens (all varieties), Madagascar periwinkle (*vinca, Catharanthus*), fall stonecrop (*Sedum 'Autumn Joy'*), most flowering vines, and the wishbone flower (*Torenia*).

Senior Progress Center

Come try your luck pitching horseshoes June 30 at the Senior Progress Center.

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 10:30 a.m. domino game. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 11 a.m. bingo. **Wednesday:** 11 a.m. ice cream floats. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. horseshoes. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** hot dog, corn casserole, California blend vegetables, mixed fruit. **Tuesday:** meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, cook's choice

vegetable, watermelon. **Wednesday:** chicken patty sandwich, tater triangles, cottage cheese salad, peaches. **Thursday:** Spanish rice with hamburger, cheesy broccoli, applesauce, cook's choice complement. **Friday:** turkey a la king, tossed salad, Mandarin oranges, biscuit, cake.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch Monday through Friday at the senior center. A contribution of \$3 per meal is suggested for seniors, \$5.25 for

others. For anyone under 60, home delivery is \$5.75.

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Schedule of church services

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COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH, 730 E. 3rd (former Jaycee's building), Pastor Bernard Heinz, 785-460-0313, 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., 785-462-3041, 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. Pastor Steve Todd. Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages. Worship 10:15 a.m. Kid's Church for Kindergarten-5th grade during Worship Service. Nursery available for kids birth - 5 yrs old. Wednesday night: Family night September - May. Meal served 6 - 6:30 p.m. CD Kidz for kids birth - 5th grade, Youth Group for 6th - 12th graders and Adult Bible Study at 7 p.m. 785-462-8234. cdag@st-tel.net.

BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyborean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. and Saturday, 5:30 p.m.. Pastor Mark Carlton, Senior Pastor and Pastor Jason Purdy, Youth Pastor. Middle School Group Wednesday 7 p.m. at the Attic and High School Youth Group Sunday 6 p.m. at the Attic. AWANA Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the church.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Rev. Craig Crossman, 615 W. Webster, 785-462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; RC Club 2nd and 4th Sundays at 2 p.m.

COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH (Affiliated with Southern Baptist), 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 785-460-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship Services, 10:45 a.m. Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Contemporary Evening Service at 4 p.m. through the semester.

PLEASANT HOME CHURCH, Pastor, Perry Baird, 785-728-7380, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (MST)

WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, 501 Bellview Ave. Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)

MINGO BIBLE CHURCH, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Pastor Tom Peyton. Sunday School: 9:30AM - all ages. Worship Services: 10:45AM. Sunday Evenings 6:30. 3rd Sunday informal fellowship - bring a snack to share! First Sunday of month - carry-in dinner following morning worship.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, 785-462-2179, 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, 785-462-6342, Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Podcasts of the worship services are available at the church website colbypres.org.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, 320 W. Pine - 785-462-8391, 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.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 1145 S. Franklin - 785-460-6605, President Andy Rose, 785-460-6807. 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, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays or by appointment. Call 785-462-3571.

REDEEMING LOVE MINISTRIES, INC., 345 N. Franklin, Dr. W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Equipping Class, Sunday, 9 a.m., Sunday worship, 10 a.m., Wednesday, R.L.M Training Centers (Bible School), 6 p.m. Shop online at: www.rlmregionalchurch.com.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST, Minister, Jarrod Spencer. 510 E. 4th, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m. www.colbychurch.com

OASIS WORSHIP CENTER, Colby, Pastor J. Curry, 785-462-0913. Sunday Service at 2 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, (Disciples of Christ), Pastor Lyle Knebel, 385 W. 3rd - 785-460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church at 10:00 a.m.

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

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Rev. Robert Alexander. East 5th & Country Club, 785-462-3497, Services, Sat., 5:30 p.m., Sunday; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m.; Services, 10:30 a.m. Visit us at www.trinitycolby.com.

LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH, 205 1st St., Pastor Charles Taff, 785-586-2376, Sunday School (classes for 3 years & up and 3 adult classes) 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

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, 785-687-2565.

REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 785-687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

BREWSTER COMMUNITY CHURCH, Mike Pinkelman, Pastor, Brewster - 785-694-2720, 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, Tue. 5:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study.

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