

'Much Ado' to debut at fort

Mix in a bit of matchmaking, an abundance of suitors, chaos in the kitchen, a lady visitor with conviction and a cause (civilizing the male of the species), stir in an officer and a gentleman, then top it off with a play within a play – "Trial and Treachery" – and you have an evening full of fun, entertainment and laughter. Much Ado About Everything may not be Shakespeare but it doesn't have to be, it's farce at its best. Set at a 19th Century frontier military post it evokes the look and feel of a bygone era.

The Post Players, formally know as The Fort Larned Post Players, take to the stage with an eye to delighting audiences young and old with their sense of good fun and antics. The group last performed at Fort Larned over the 2008 and 2009 Labor Day Weekends. They are again up and running with performances Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 5 and 6, at the Knights of Columbus in Larned.

The Saturday performance will be a dinner theatre presentation with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The ticket price for the dinner and play is \$15.

The Sunday performance will be a dessert theatre, beginning at 2 p.m.; ticket price is \$8.

Reservations are required for both performances. Call (620) 804-6040 in Larned or Marla Matkin at (785) 421-5513. The deadline for reserva-



tions is Oct. 31.

The Post Players plan to take their show on the road. Many in the group have devoted a great deal of their time, energy and talent to promoting Kansas and western history. They will offer a performance of the play free of charge to historic sites and organizations who are adjusting to funding cuts.

They encourage you to be a part of this worthy endeavor. "Much Ado About Everything" is a tribute to the amateur theatricals of the 1860s and to keeping their memory as well as history alive. Join in the hilarity!

Field of Christian people hold both bad and good

Jesus said that His kingdom would include both wheat and tares – weeds – and that the two would grow together until the end of the age, when Jesus said He would, "send forth His angels, and they will gather out of (His) kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness." Peter wrote that because of the presence of the tares among us, "The way of life will be maligned."

Anyone who has read history can point to many examples of failure by those who have called themselves Christians. The crusades, the inquisition, anti-Semitism, the defense of slavery by some Christians, all of these things and many more can be pointed to by those who would malign Christianity and slander Christians.

That these things happened, that they were perpetrated by those who call themselves Christians, and that Scripture was often used to defend them cannot be denied. How tragically true the words of Christ and the apostle have proven to be. There have indeed been those who commit lawlessness within the Kingdom of God. But that is only part of the story, because in the midst of the tares there has also been wheat.

I saw an example of this years ago when my wife and I visited Vad Yashem in Jerusalem. Vad Yashem is the Holocaust memorial. It is impossible to visit it without being moved by the crimes committed against the Jewish people. And any Christian has to pass by its exhibits with a certain amount of shame, because the record of the church during those dark hours is not good. Anti-Christians can rightfully point to the fact that Hitler never could have come to power without the support or the acquiescence of the German church. It gave him both.

But outside of the main pavilion there is a beautiful avenue lined on either side by locust trees. It is called the Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles. Each tree was planted in memory of a gentile who risked or lost his or her life to save the life of a Jewish person during the Holocaust. It is a field of trees, but



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it could just as easily have been a field of wheat, because almost every tree is planted in memory of a Christian who because of his or her faith in Christ risked everything to love their neighbors as they loved themselves.

Holocaust historian, Martin Gilbert, has written a book telling their stories. It is titled "The Righteous," and just as the crimes of those who call themselves Christians causes us shame, these stories make us proud.

Let me share just one of them with you. It is the story of David Prital. When the Nazis came to his Ukrainian village, he, along with many others Jews, was forced to flee for his life.

At first he was not sure where to go. He was sure the Orthodox Church would offer him no sanctuary, but he remembered there was another group of Christians in the area, a small group that was despised almost as much as the Jews. In our country they would have been called fundamentalists or evangelicals. They were Baptists. Somehow David sensed they would give him sanctuary, so he hid until he saw one of them coming in from the fields.

This man saw the frightened refugee, recognized him as a Jew and approached him. Prital writes that he comforted him with tears in his eyes and immediately invited him into his home, an act that would have cost him his life had he been discovered.

As he entered his home, this kind man told his wife, "God

[has] brought an important guest to our house. We should thank God for this blessing." And as the amazed Prital watched, the couple knelt on the floor and prayed. This is David Prital's own account of that event:

"I heard a wonderful prayer coming out of the pure and simple hearts, not written in a single prayer book. I heard a song addressed to God, thank God for the opportunity to meet a son of Israel in these crazy days. They asked God to help those who managed to stay alive by hiding in the fields and in the woods. Was it a dream? Was it possible that such people existed in the world?"

"They stopped praying and we sat down at a table for a meal, which was enjoyable.... Before the meal, the master of the house read a chapter from the Bible.

Here it is, I thought, this is the big secret. It is this eternal book that raised their morality to such unbelievable heights. It is this very book that filled their hearts with love for the Jews."

Yes, those who call themselves Christian have not always been worthy of that title, but the twisting of the Scriptures by those who seek to justify their lawlessness, or the cynicism of those who point to the abuses and seek to slander all Christians for the sins of some, should not blind us to the fact that in the midst of a world filled with tares there is also wheat, beautiful, fruitful wheat, who presence speaks to the reality of the faith they profess.

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Expert to speak in Abilene on World War II quiltmaking

A World War II quilt expert will present "Quiltmaking 1941 to 1945: The War Years," at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, in the Visitors Center auditorium of the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum. Admission is \$7 for the general public and \$5 for quilt guild members with membership cards.

Sue Reich, Connecticut quilt historian, is a certified American Quilter's Society quilt appraiser and has authored or co-authored four books and several major articles about World War II quilts.

Reich became interested in World War II quilts eight years ago when she noticed how many quilts from the 1940s were patri-

otic and how little information about them was available. Her extensive collection of the quilts has been exhibited at the Quilters Hall of Fame, American Museum of Science and Energy and the New England Quilt Museum.

During World War II, women made quilts for their husbands, brothers and loved ones. Reich is determined that these often humble textiles, made at such an important time, take their rightful place in history. Her program includes a one-hour slide presentation followed by a display and discussion of quilts from her collection.

Reich's talk coincides with the second annual display of the

Eisenhower Quilts of Valor Challenge on exhibit now through Nov. 30. The exhibit is free and open to the public in the second floor gallery of the Eisenhower Library building.

After the exhibit each year, the quilts are delivered to wounded service men and women. This national grassroots community service effort connects the home front with our wounded veterans. Information about the challenge is available on our web site at www.eisenhower.archives.gov.

The third annual Eisenhower Quilts of Valor Challenge will be held Jan. 1 through Sept. 1, ending with the quilt display in mid-September.

Ohio wedding ends with skydive

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio (AP) – A newlywed couple in southwest Ohio has put a twist on the idea of taking the plunge.

The *Middletown Journal* (<http://bit.ly/qcWZyO>) reports Phil and Gail Mathis of Middletown wed on a plane 7,500 feet in the air before jumping out of it for a skydive.

The 58-year-old groom tells the newspaper he wanted to do something crazy. He says he told his bride the only way they'd get married was if she would skydive with him, though his friends told him his love of three years wouldn't go for the idea.

But 54-year-old Gail Mathis took the leap. She says it was

about a minute of freefalling, and then she enjoyed floating downward with a parachute, but she's not sure she'd choose to skydive again.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Wednesday

6:33 a.m. – Unlocked building at Fike Park.

7:30 a.m. – Subject called 911 about scratching sound on window. All OK.

2:17 p.m. – Ellis County and Barton County arrest warrants served.

5:30 p.m. – Report filed for criminal damage to vehicle.

7:13 p.m. – Accident in the 200 block of W. Fourth.

8:34 p.m. – Suspicious vehicle: caller reported vehicle driving slowly. Made contact, subjects looking for cat.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Wednesday

8:35 a.m. – Released Kirt Alan Dugger.

8:35 a.m. – Assisted Highway

Patrol at westbound I-70 mile 46.

11:09 a.m. – Brought inmate from Brewster to Colby.

11:38 a.m. – Booked Mark Curtis Dulany.

1:53 p.m. – Vehicle identification number inspections at Tubbs and Sons.

3:12 p.m. – Provided motorist assistance on I-70.

3:12 p.m. – Booked Kellen J. Sims.

3:41 p.m. – Protective custody: report filed on incident at U.S. 24 and County Rd. 11.

4:05 p.m. – Released Lucas M. English.

4:46 p.m. – Booked Kasey R. Shields.

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Brewster Community Church

Schedule of church services

GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP, 2nd and Sunrise, Oakley. Pastor James Bloom, Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church 10:15 a.m., Wednesday evening Bible Study and Intercessory Prayer 6:30 p.m. 785-671-4020.

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-RAIRIE 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.colbyberean.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 Wednesday's. 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 11:00 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 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. Shoponline at: www.rlminternationalchurch.com.

COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. James Mardock, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 785-460-6521, 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

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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