

Paper printed in China

Colby Community College instructor Linda Davis-Stephens recently published a professional paper in China about the land and people around the Colby area.

The publication, "El Cuartelejo: High Plains Laws and Identity – Service Learning the History of a Bioregion," was published in *Anthropology and Ethnology Today*, the book series of the Chinese Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences. The title refers to projects her students have done over the years, which combine learning with volunteer service, most often through working with the Prairie Museum of Art and History on topics such as historical preservation or collecting oral histories.

Davis-Stephens presented her paper during a congress at Yunnan University in Kunming, China, in 2009.

"I am among the investigators who research ways to solve modern problems in the human-nature-society system in the context of sustainability," Davis-Stephens said.

The investigative results are reported to the Commission on Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainable Development, International Union of Anthropological and



Linda Davis-Stephens took time out to ride on a dragon boat at the Summer Palace in Beijing when she traveled to China to present her paper on the Colby region.

Ethnological Sciences. groups, schools and organizations. Her phone is (785) 460-5528.

Capitol suspect released for now

By John Hanna AP Statehouse Correspondent

TOPEKA – A man whose pickup was found to contain homemade bombs near the Kansas Statehouse has been released from custody but still could face criminal charges, a Capitol Police spokesman said Thursday.

The Kansas Highway Patrol, which operates the Capitol Police, planned to discuss possible criminal charges next week with Shawnee County District Attorney Chad Taylor, police spokesman Patrick Saleh said.

Taylor told the Associated Press that his office is meeting Friday morning with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to discuss the case.

Saleh said the owner of the pickup remains a suspect in the incident Wednesday but was released late

Wednesday after being detained by the Capitol Police and questioned by the Highway Patrol and the Topeka Police Department. He'd last been in custody at the Topeka police headquarters, and authorities were not releasing his name to preserve his privacy and his right to a fair trial, should he be charged.

The man has a home in Topeka but a Florida's driver's license, and the pickup had a Florida license plate. Saleh said officers from multiple law enforcement agencies searched the man's home Wednesday and seized items "associated with the explosive devices found in his truck," but would not elaborate.

Saleh said authorities don't believe there's a danger that the man will flee from the area but would not discuss why or the reasons behind the man's release, only that the decision was made based on what the man said in interviews. Saleh would not say whether the man was under surveillance.

Public expression of faith prompts hostility at times

The LORD said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh ... say everything I command you" (Ex. 7:1-2a).

Do you know Tim Tebow? That is a rhetorical question. I don't know anyone, especially around here, that doesn't know of the quarterback of the Denver Broncos.

He, like many other professional athletes, wears his faith on his sleeve. If you watch NFL football long enough you'll invariably see someone take a knee in the end zone after scoring a touchdown, or hear a comment made to an interviewer giving credit to God.

Reggie White, now deceased, made it OK to do such things. Well, despite the fact that there are plenty of other professional athletes who wear their faith on their sleeves, the *Atlantic Monthly* recently wrote that he's one of the "15 Most Divisive Athletes in Recent History."

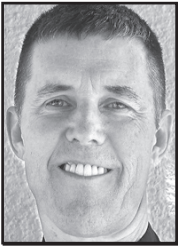
Yes, you read that right. He's divisive. Here's a sample of others on the list. Michael Vick, now quarterback for the Eagles, went to jail for torturing dogs. Pete Rose, a Hall of Fame-type of baseball player, bet on baseball games as a coach and lied about it for years until he 'fessed up as a means for pushing a book. Barry Bonds took illegal performance-enhancing drugs while breaking baseball's home run record. O.J. Simpson probably killed his ex-wife and her friend. What a distinguished list, right?

If you wear your faith on your sleeve, and I hope you do, expect hostility (Matthew 10:35-36). If loving Christ is priority one, then you can expect rejection, maybe even from your family or friends.

If you talk about your faith, share your story of how God has played a major part in your life and stand up for Jesus when it comes to being different than those around you, then you can expect the cold shoulder or worse.

If it can happen to Jesus it can happen to whoever claims Him as the only way to heaven, which He is.

Moses expected the worst when God called him to go to the Pharaoh and ask for His people's freedom. Who could blame him? Forty years prior to God dropping in to see Him in the burning bush of Mount Sinai, he had killed an Egyptian defending an Israelite. When he ran because his own people rejected



Robert Alexander
• From the Pulpit

him, he ended up living the quiet, peaceful, comfortable life of a shepherd.

No wonder he gave so many excuses not to wear his faith on his sleeve before the most powerful man in the world, the Pharaoh.

God calls you to wear your faith on your sleeve for Him who died for you. He calls you to love him – your creator. He calls you not to be "one of the boys," but to live for him who made you his child and an heir of eternal life.

He calls you to make disciples for him who forgives all your sins. He calls you to live for him who rose from the dead to give you life here and forever in heaven.

Don't expect people to embrace you as you wear your faith on your sleeve; do expect him to embrace and bless you (Matthew 5:11) and be with you (Matthew 28:20). Don't take it personally if they turn and run; do take him as your personal savior.

If someone rejects your faith, they're rejecting the savior who is at the heart of the faith that's on your sleeve and in your heart. "Whoever receives you receives me," Jesus said (Matthew 10:40), and if "whoever" does believe, then you can celebrate with the angels (Luke 15:7).

I'm not a Tim Tebow fan because I'm not a Denver Broncos fan. But I am a Tim Tebow fan because he's not afraid of what other people think of him and he's not hesitant to do deeds of faith in public that give God glory or speak words that give God glory.

He keeps wearing his faith on his sleeve and I say more power — God's power — to him and all those who choose to let Christ be priority one.

It's interesting to me that some of the people who don't like him for standing up for Jesus are the very ones who keep turning the spotlight or the cameras on him. Go, Tim Tebow, go! Go, Christians, go! Keep up the good work of faith!

Prayer: I expect people to hate me because of you, Lord, so strengthen me to stand up for you to my last breath so I can expect to see you face to face as you promised (Matthew 10:22). Amen.

The Rev. Bob Alexander is pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church at Fifth and Country Club in Colby. He may be reached at 462-3497.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.33
Corn (bushel)	\$6.19
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.59
Soybeans (bushel)	\$11.19

Corrections

A headline on Page 1 of the Friday, Feb. 10, *Colby Free Press* incorrectly implied that the Brewster fire district, Rural Fire District No. 5, wants out of a cooperative agreement with Sherman County for fire coverage. Sherman County wants to change the agreement.

This was an editing error. ☆☆☆☆

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.

Plans for Ash Wednesday

There will be an Ash Wednesday service at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 200 Main St. in Brewster. For information call Pastor George Rahn at (785) 443-2632.

Stop and Take a Moment

You Have To Laugh.....

Any real estate transaction can be stressful...the buyer, seller, agent, closer, lender, etc. My philosophy is that I have to find humor in all things if possible. Sometimes I remember to step back...take a deep breath...count to ten and then exhale very slowly. If that does not work...then I have to find HUMOR!!!!

Speaking of humor, let me share a real estate joke, (now remember this is what I think of when I contact a FSBO or 'for sale by owner' home owner). "A sign next to a home for sale by owner reads: "WE SHOOT EVERY THIRD AGENT...AND THE SECOND ONE JUST LEFT". Yes, real estate can be stressful.....I keep pedaling my bike on down the road.

I think the key to dealing with the stress is not only a touch of humor; it is working with experience. I realize now that experience is key....giving time... time to gather the skills, knowledge and yes even the lessons learned in failure; all are vital in the difference between a good agent and a great agent. I strive to be a great agent. I feel I am a well balanced agent...Knowledge, Experience, Passion, and yes HUMOR!

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Services Directory

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 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)

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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, YMYYW, 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), 6p.m. Shoponline at: www.rlmcentralchurch.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

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 Mike Baughn, 785-694-2278, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, REXFORD, Joan Dingwerth, 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/Ministries), Wed. 7:15 p.m. - Intercessory & Prayer, Tue. 5:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study.



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