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Water from melting snow was backed up over the sidewalk at First Baptist Church on Webster this week. City crews have been working to clear ice from drains and gutters so water can drain from the streets.

Judge allows program

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — A Christians-only health plan that serves nearly 20,000 churchgoers nationwide can continue operating in Kentucky, a judge has ruled.

Franklin County Circuit Judge Thomas D. Wingate ruled Jan. 18 that the Medi-Share program isn't insurance and therefore doesn't violate the state's insurance laws.

The Kentucky Office of Insurance had asked Wingate to ban the program because it is not subject to the same laws and regulations that govern conventional health insurance companies.

Richard Masters, a Louisville attorney representing Medi-Share, said the plan is simply a cost-sharing program, not insurance. Medi-Share, which is supported by contributions from participating churchgoers, is based on the biblical belief that Christians should take care of one another's needs.

The program excludes non-

Christians because, organizers say, their lifestyles can result in unnecessary medical care.

Participants in Medi-Share can't smoke, use illegal drugs or abuse alcohol. They're also not allowed to enroll if they have pre-existing conditions like heart disease, diabetes or cancer.

Ronda Sloan, spokeswoman for the Office of Insurance, cautioned consumers that participating in a "sharing" program like Medi-Share is not the same as having a policy issued by an insurance company.

Medi-Share, based in Melbourne, Fla., says it publishes a disclaimer stating it should never be considered a substitute for an insurance policy and doesn't guarantee payment of medical bills.

Medi-Share says it grew from \$23 million in gross revenues in 2002 to \$42.8 million in 2005, and now serves 19,000 families, including about 300 in Kentucky.

Teen can't handle thoughts of parenting



Dr. Joyce Brothers

● Ask Dr. Brothers

Dear Dr. Brothers: I am only 19 years old and six months pregnant. At first, my boyfriend and I thought it would be sort of cool to have a little baby. But we were afraid to tell our parents, and now that we did, they are all furious. I am starting to panic about having to be responsible for a child all the time, when I really want to go to college. My boyfriend spends all his time trying to get me to calm down. Do all girls feel this scared? — J.G.

Dear J.G.: I am sure you have a lot to feel scared about, and it's very natural for any first-time mother-to-be to have feelings of inadequacy for the task ahead. What is more important, though, is the reaction of your family. With four parents who are dead-set against the idea, it sounds as though you won't have much of a support system for dealing with the new baby — unless they decide to step in at the last minute, when grandparenthood is inevitable. But you can't really count on a change of heart.

The fact that you are worried about your freedom after the baby comes also concerns me. Young moms who feel trapped by a baby are generally less able to put its needs first, because they feel cheated. They sometimes even blame the baby, which can lead to more serious issues. You are not married, and must know that starting out as a single parent (a boyfriend is much less likely than a husband to take his parenting responsibilities seriously) is another strike against you. I wish I could reassure you, but you don't sound determined to love and take care of your baby. For all these reasons, I would suggest you at least consider adoption as the best solution for your child. You can learn a lot from this experience, as a sadder but wiser young adult. Good luck.

Dear Dr. Brothers: I am writing to you about a problem that is embarrassing to talk about, but I suppose you have heard everything by now. Anyway, the issue is my 80-year-old father's sex life. His wife (my stepmother) tells me just about everything, including the fact that Dad has recently discovered a widely used prescription drug that is keeping him very interested in and capable of having sex — lots of it. My stepmom is mortified by all this but doesn't want to hurt his feelings. She wants me to ask you what she should do. — T.E.

Dear T.E.: It has always been a curious reality that while women are finished with their childbearing years by their mid-50s, Mother Nature has given men a couple more decades in which to father children — thereby proving their virility — as long as they can keep things in working order. With this new round of prescription drugs that really work and a much healthier and younger feel to the years beyond retirement, many men are leading vigorous sex lives well into their 80s. So your dad isn't unique in that respect, and your stepmom needn't think of him as an oddity.

Women, too, can enjoy sex in what would normally be considered old age, and your stepmom might want to consult her physician about ways to make sexual relations enjoyable for her as she ages, as well. Like me, the doctor has heard everything too, so she needn't be embarrassed. If she finds your dad's plans too ambitious, she should gently tell him she can't quite keep up with him, although she will try. I don't think that would hurt his feelings, do you? And you should not be afraid to ask both of them to leave you out of their sex life!

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Colby college's 'Card Play' cast announced; shows March 2-4

The cast for the Colby Community College spring production "Card Play" has been announced by theater department director Deb Bickner.

Cast members include Carlo Figlio (Lamar, Colo.), Casey Buganski (Woodston), Dante Brown (Virginia Beach, Va.),

Tina Schmid (Colby), Jarett Finley (Atwood), Wendy Bugbee (Ulysses), Gabe Moore (Oberlin), Marcy McDonald (Ness City), Robyn Schmid (Colby), Julie Colling (Winona), Cory Grantz (Goodland), Weston Bugbee (Ulysses), Cameron

McLaughlin (Colby), Ron Redick (Colby), Bridget Bickner (Colby), and Justin Engel (Colby).

"Card Play" is a family play suitable for all ages. Performances will be March 2-4.

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Schedule of church services

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.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

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MINGO BIBLE CHURCH, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Pastor Chris Shubert. 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.

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COLBY EVANGELISM CENTER, Rev. Robert Cooper, 815 West 3rd - 462-2062, Sunday School 9:45; Sunday service 10:00 and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Friday Youth Power Hour at 7:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, (Disciples of Christ), Pastor Bradley L. Herndon, 385 W. 3rd - 460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship at 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. E-mail: fccolby@st-tel.net

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

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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.

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

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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 Bible Study

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