

Concrete barriers

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How fast is too fast?
Before we answer that, you should know there is always someone faster.

Some of the first automobile designers thought the human body would explode at three times the land speed of the fast horses of their day. To travel exposed to the elements at 50 miles per hour was deemed extraordinary in the beginning.

Truly, from the Ford Model A to the Lincoln Continual Mach III is a quantum leap in engineering and imagination.

Man went from locomotive trains to lunar travel in less than 140 years. Was it the need for speed or a desire to pass ourselves in our quest for discovery?

We are most competitive in the drive to be numero uno. Now we know the sky is not the limit, and the sound barrier is broken constantly as we flex our muscles of ingenuity.

Space may be considered the final frontier, but man has already sent rockets out beyond the points of retrieval. Look out God here we come! Are we destined to see our own creation come back to challenge us? I hope the homing beacon malfunctions when the last images are sent back to earth.

Safe lanes are not only the design of man; they are the design of God. Barriers are designed to keep us safe, while allowing maximum expression of character. The order was designed by the creator to give freedom within each designated sphere of created things.

Order is corrupted when any created thing crosses that designated boundary.

Barriers are good and boundaries protect as long as the thing created is kept in check. Any cross contamination results in abuse. Abuse left unchecked leads to chaos. Chaos results in destruction. Destruction brings extinction and God has to start over again.

The Bible warns, "Man is ever learning but unable to

come to the knowledge of the truth."

Speed is not what is going to destroy us. It is the cross contamination, stepping over boundaries, breaking through barriers designed to keep order that has tipped God's hand and started the hourglass to drain. I wonder if science and myth are not fraternal twins working together to explore unmentionable possibilities designed to open doors man was never meant to find. Each remarkable discovery, crossing natural barriers, seems to disprove the presence of our intelligent creator. With the possibilities of cloning, the Science Journals will someday headline an article titled, "Man Created Man." God stop us before we go too far.

Man was intended to be a student of his creator. Relationship with God was to allow us to understand, nurture, direct and stimulate development of all other things in and on the earth, from a position of dominion granted by God Himself. Well, good luck with that.

Instead, we pushed the envelope demanding control of everything, seen and unseen, natural and spiritual; until we lost control of nearly everything.

Thank God He stopped us from making ourselves extinct. At least we can visit museums to remind us of what we had.

Our best hope is to step gingerly forward, seeking direction from above as we put more and more created things on the endangered list.

Nature is reeling from mans over-indulgence and exploration in the name of progress. If we don't relent, that which is not exhausted will latch-out in the name of self-preservation. Remember, "The earth is on loan to us for our children's children to enjoy."

Romine is from Redeeming Love Ministries in Colby



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The Kelley Boys, a men's quartet with a wide repertoire of contemporary Christian music, will perform 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 22 at the Wesleyan Church, 320 West Pine in Colby. John Kelley and his brother Phil are the founders of the group, are originally from Parsons. The group now hails from Bartlesville, Okla., where John is a physicians' assistant, and Phil works for the Voice of the Martyrs Christian relief agency. For more information, call the Wesleyan Church at 462-8391.



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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

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

COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, Pastor, Jeremy Gundling, 245 W. College Dr. - 462-8234, Early Service - 8:00 a.m.; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.

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

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.; Sunday Evening Serendipity: 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

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

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.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 462-6342, Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Adult Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Kid's Club for kids age 3-5th grade meets first Wednesday of the month from 5:15-6:45 p.m.; Youth Group for 6th-9th grade meets the first Wednesday of the month 6:30-8:00 p.m., and the second Wednesday 7:00-8:00 p.m.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, 320 W. Pine - 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 - 460-6605, President Gary Slavens, 460-2656; Rocky Robbins, 1st counselor, 460-1101; Tim Wilson, 2nd counselor, 785-846-7796. 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 to public, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays or by appointment. Call 462-3571.

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.colbyumc.org

REDEEMING LOVE MINISTRIES, INC., 345 N. Franklin, Dr. W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Saturday Evening 7p.m. Worship, Equipping Class, Sunday, 10a.m., Sunday worship, 11a.m., Wednesday, R.L.M Training Centers (Bible School), 7p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 510 E. 4th, Jay Kelley, minister, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday Eve. Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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: fcccolby@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

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

PLEASANT HOME CHURCH, Pastor, Charlie Busch, 694-2242, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Evening service, 6:00 p.m.

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 Dingworth, Director, 687-2565

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

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