

Family

Deaths

Azel McBride

Azel McBride, 91, formerly of Colby, died Thursday, June 24, 2010, at the Pleasant View Home in Hutchinson. She was born Nov. 3, 1918, in Gem. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, John McBride. Survivors include two sons, Michael McBride, Salina, and Lynn McBride, Paola; a daughter, Karen Wolf, Hutchinson; a sisters, Veda Hixon, Hays; six grandchildren;

six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, June 28, 2010, at the Gem Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Monday at the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby. The family suggests memorials to McPherson Hospice Care in care of the funeral chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Caution advised when using fireworks

The Amputee Coalition of America urges families to make sure their children are properly supervised and all instructions followed when using fireworks this Fourth of July. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in 2008, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 7,000 people for fireworks-related injuries. These injuries most often involve hands, fingers, eyes and legs. "After every July Fourth, we hear the news reports about people losing fingers and portions of their hands to fireworks accidents," said coalition president Kendra Calhoun. "Fireworks are a traditional part of America's celebration of Independence Day, but we want families to have fun this Fourth of July, and having fun means they avoid an unnecessary trip to the hospital emergency room. Legal consumer fireworks ... can be relatively safe, but all fireworks are hazardous and can cause injury if proper safety measures are not followed. Even sparklers can cause serious burn injuries." According to the coalition, the best way to prevent losing a finger or part of your hand to a fireworks-related injury is to leave fireworks displays to the trained professionals. But for those who participate, the Safety Commission and the National Council on Fireworks Safety have issued these tips:

- Do not let children under 14 use fireworks.
- Supervise individuals under age 18.
- Only buy from reliable fireworks sellers. Read and follow all warnings and instructions. Use fireworks only as intended; don't try to alter or combine them, and don't experiment with homemade

- fireworks.
 - Use fireworks outdoors only; keep them away from houses and flammable materials.
 - Have a bucket of water nearby.
 - Do not try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak them in water and throw them away. (Keep a bucket of water nearby for dousing.)
 - Be sure other people are a safe distance away before lighting fireworks.
 - Never ignite fireworks in a container – especially a glass or metal one.
 - Store fireworks in a cool, dry place according to their specific storage instructions.
 - Do not wear loose clothing near a fire or while using fireworks.
 - Rockets should be launched from a rocket launcher – not a bottle.
 - Sparklers need to be handled carefully, too – they burn at more than 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit. Light them one at a time at arm's length. Always wear gloves while holding a sparkler, and never give one to a child under 5 years of age. Don't hold a child in your arms while using sparklers.
 - Educate children (of all ages) about the dangers of fireworks and teach them to practice safety at all times.
 - Don't mix alcohol and fireworks.
- You may go to cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/012.html to see the Consumer Product Safety Commission's list of state firework regulations. Also, check your local government's laws – many municipalities ban or restrict fireworks use.

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Protect children and pets from exposure in hot vehicles

TOPEKA — It's a news story that is repeated too often: A child or pet is found in a hot, locked, unattended vehicle. Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger is urging all Kansans this summer to protect children and animals from being fatal victims of hyperthermia (abnormally high fever) after being left in an overheated vehicle. "It's so tragic when we hear about these incidents," Commissioner Praeger said. "When temperatures are in the 90s, it takes only 10 minutes in a closed setting for a vehicle's interior temperature to raise almost 20 degrees. And since a young child's temperature can increase as much as five times faster than an adult's, there's no margin of error." According to the National Safety Council, an average of 30 children die each year as a result of hyperthermia in vehicles. Commissioner Praeger offers

- these tips for protecting children and pets around vehicles:
- Never leave a child alone in a vehicle.
 - When parking your vehicle at home, teach children that cars are not places to play. Lock vehicle doors and trunks, and keep keys out of the reach of children.
 - Busy parents should give themselves a reminder that a child is seated in the back. Place a purse or work equipment in the back next to the car seat. Or place a stuffed toy in the front seat as a reminder to look in the back seat.
 - If you see a child or pet left unattended in a vehicle, call 911.
 - Call parents when children do not show up at their normally scheduled time for day care.
- "Potentially dire health issues can be avoided by thinking ahead and focusing on the person or pet that rides with you," Commissioner Praeger said.

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Is freedom free? Someone must pay

Most of us have seen a phrase that closely resembles this: "Freedom Isn't Free." Around that phrase, you will typically find a picture of someone who has devoted their life so we could be free – most often a patriotic picture of a soldier.



Jarrod Spencer

- From the Pulpit

You could take that phrase and apply it to Jesus by thinking of Him as giving his life for our freedom. Which is to say, in order for something to be free, there was someone who paid a price before. When you think about freebies you receive at a place like a fair, the sponsor had to pay for it in order to give it away. So, is freedom free? I am going to go in a different direction and say that freedom is free. Specifically, freedom in Christ. It is free to you to take advantage of. It is free to you to decide whether or not you are going to commit. It is like a piece of money that you see on the ground. You decide whether or not you are going to pick it up or leave it there. When we lived in Illinois, our church had a once-a-week preschool. When I moved there, we charged \$10 per child for the whole year. Ridiculously cheap! Sometimes things are so cheap or free that we cannot find the value in it. Take fashion, for example. If a line of fashion came out that cost a fraction of the high-end prices, you'd probably think they were cheaply made. We typically find value in something that costs more. Many material things in this world are like that – cars, houses, watches, technology, etc. When it came to our preschool, it was probably so cheap that some

people who were not familiar with it probably didn't find the value that it held. If it would have cost \$10 per month, at least, maybe it would have felt like there was more value. So, not everyone took advantage of the opportunity before them. Back to that "money on the street" example. If you didn't pick it up, someone else is bound to. Someone else is going to take advantage of gaining a bit of wealth. When it comes to a freedom found in Christ, though, if you don't take advantage of it, you lose out. In order to have a freedom, someone may have to die; to take advantage of that freedom, someone has to act. Unlike our American freedom, which once we are born, we possess, Christian freedom is a choice. I challenge you to think about how freedom in Christ is totally free. You can leave it for the next person or you can pick it up and share it with the next person. That way, you can have the benefit and so can the next one. Is freedom free? In this case, YES! The real question is, have you or will you take advantage of acquiring freedom in Christ?

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