

Missionaries glad to serve in Colby

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An Arizona woman described the experiences she and her husband have had living as missionaries in Colby.

Teresa and Wes Smith are members of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, or Mormons. They are staying in town for a year as missionaries, helping people out and bringing them into the church. In fact, when she was interviewed Teresa Smith said that her husband was out helping someone whose car broke down.

They lived in Show Low, Ariz., before moving here in September. Since they did not have a place in mind, church leaders prayed to ask God where they would be sent. It was only when they got a letter from the president of the church that they knew where they would go.

“But we’re so glad we’re here,” Smith said, “because as the president said, this is where God wanted us, in Colby.”

Show Low is also a small town, Teresa Smith said, and she grew up in a similar town in Ohio. She is not used to several amenities, such as the airport.

“All in all, I’m finding it plus, plus, plus,” she said.

The Smiths volunteer at Colby Grade School’s after school program, and the Prairie Senior Living Center. She said they were called to work in service, one of many callings a missionary can receive.

“And I’m grateful they love me back,”she said.

Other callings include working on military bases, providing humanitarian aid, building temples and even working with researching genealogy. Colby’s Mormon church has a family research center.

The church trained them in Salt Lake City, Utah and paid their hotel and gas expenses to get to Colby, but other than that the Smiths are staying here on their own time. Teresa Smith is a retired teacher and was a senior activities director for a senior center. Wes Smith worked as an outdoor guide when the couple lived in Wyoming.

Since coming to town, the Smiths have brought 19 people into the church, most of them former members of the denomination, who they convinced to become active again. They plan to

baptize Andy Brown, 20, into the church on Sunday.

Mormons do not baptize children under 8, Teresa Smith said, because they are not considered accountable for their actions.

She described one of their contacts, Sharla Williams of Rexford, as her “blood sister.” Williams left the church in her 20s, when she and her first husband were in the military. Between late-night shifts at the Logan County Hospital in Oakley, she often watched a television channel sponsored by Brigham Young University, a Mormon school, which is when she decided she needed to go back to the church.

Since she had taken her name out of the list of church members, Williams needed to be re-baptized. She called her friend Katy Rose, the wife of church official Andy Rose, who then called Teresa Smith.

Andy Rose is the president of a church “stake” based in Garden City. The church’s Wichita-based Kansas mission, which covers most of the state along with parts of western Oklahoma, eastern Colorado and southeast Nebraska. It is subdivided into five stakes and 13 wards or branches, which are individual churches.

There are four missionaries working at the Mormon church in Colby, which has a congregation of about 50. These are the Smiths and two “elders” who are actually younger men, often seen riding their bicycles around town as they talk to people about their faith. Teresa Smith said that Mormon men are considered elders from the time they turn 18, and women 19 years old or older are called sisters.

The elders spend even more time than she and her husband, she added, driving around to meet with church members in other towns. She guessed the the couple has put 10,000 miles on their car since moving here.

Goodland’s church has four people serving there, including a husband and wife and two sisters. It serves Mormons as far away as Burlington.

“We’re getting ready for Christ,” she said, “because he’s coming”.

Each Mormon is given a mission during their lifetime. The Smiths converted to Mormonism in their 30s. Before they were given their mission, they lived around the country and adopted their two daughters.



Laura TerHaar sang for the anniversary banquet at Shepherd’s Staff.

Teen repurposes motorized toys into quirky art

By Madeline Buckley
South Bend Tribune

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Tucked amid the usual jewelry and other handmade items at The State theater’s Sunday bazaar, a booth with something strange and decidedly out of the ordinary drew Lorri Wright’s attention.

“When I first saw them, I thought, what the heck are these?” Wright said.

The booth in South Bend lured her closer, where she saw an array of mechanical toys.

Toys, certainly, but they weren’t like any toy Wright had ever seen.

Painted a coppery-silver, with odds and ends of various materials serving as eyes, maybe, or arms, the toys danced around, sang, skipped or talked.

They are 15-year-old Isabelle Gilchrist’s misfit toys – her artistic repurposings of old motorized toys she bought for pennies at resale stores.

Upon closer look, you can see glimmers of what the toy once was, perhaps a fuzzy duck that moved around when turned on, and squeaked out a catch-phrase.

But the new toys are different. They’re wacky and industrial, a jarring difference from the cuddly toys they once were.

Some have an almost nightmarish, surreal appearance, while others grin happily.

The mechanics remain the same, though, as a button or switch makes the toy come to life.

Wright bought one toy, something she described as “like a vampire.” Later, she returned and bought a Christmas-themed toy.

“They have these cute little songs coming out when they look so creepy. It’s a nice juxtaposition,” Wright told the *South Bend Tribune* (bit.ly/1aNaFh3).

The artist behind the toys is a small and slight Clay High School student with purple glasses and orange streaks in her hair.

“They’re my babies,” Gilchrist laughs while fondly patting her toys that she displayed at her St. Joseph County home.

She calls the style “steampunk,” an art form inspired by the seemingly incongruent mix of Victorian and mechanical themes.

And the toys, which she prices between \$25 and \$50, have their

Conference center celebrates 30 years

By Laura TerHaar
Colby Free Press
www.shepherdstaff.org

Shepherd’s Staff Christian Conference and Retreat Center celebrated the 30th anniversary of its founding with a banquet at the Main Center in Rexford on Nov. 23.

Established in 1983, Shepherd’s Staff offers its nine facilities to area churches and organizations for retreats, seminars and various educational programs as well as camps and sporting events. It has recently opened the historic Philip Houston House as a bed and breakfast facility.

Invited guests at the banquet heard from the president of the Colby Gideons Camp, Phil Knox of Brewster, Pastor Brant Rice, Celebration Community Church

in Hays and Colby, Val Hiser, a volunteer staff member from North Platte, Neb., Doug Mason of Teens For Christ in Oberlin and Brian Dinkel, from Garden City sharing about the Shepherd’s Staff Creative Arts Camp.

Dr. Frank Dingwerth, board president, from Arlington, Texas, gave the invocation and Joan Dingwerth, executive director was the Master of Ceremonies.

Missionary staff member D. TerHaar spoke about his family’s calling to serve with Shepherd’s Staff and his wife Laura sang “Thank You.” Pastor Lane Purcell, Rexford Community Church gave the closing prayer.

At the conclusion of the evening, guests had the opportunity to contribute money or items for the support of the ministry.

allure, as the 15 she made for her first appearance at the bazaar sold out.

Gilchrist sold 12 toys at the next bazaar.

The downtown shop Made in Michiana even courted the teenager to sell the toys there, but Gilchrist said she doesn’t think she can produce them fast enough.

“It takes maybe an hour, I guess, to make each one,” Gilchrist said. “I skin a lot of them, glue things to them and paint them.”

She calls her operation “The Land of Misfit Toys,” named for the Island of Misfit Toys in the TV special “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.”

People have also compared her toys to those of Sid, the destructive neighbor boy in “Toy Story.”

Gilchrist scours local Goodwill stores for motorized toys, finding ponies, ducks, Santa Clauses and a giraffe.

“It’s all her. Nobody else does this,” her father, Jon Gilchrist said, beaming with pride.

And he sees it as an opportunity to teach his daughter the value of business and finances.

“I’m trying to make her more financially independent on it. She buys the art supplies. She pays the registration fees,” he said.



We cherish our dear friends & relatives.

Thank You

We would like to thank all of our friends and relatives who sent greetings for our 60th anniversary. They helped to make our day perfect.

Jim & Marjorie Brown

Corrections

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Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.88
Corn (bushel)	\$4.24
Milo (hundredweight)	\$7.32
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.36

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The family of Gerald Tubbs Sr invite friends & family to join them celebrating his 88th birthday on December 6th with a card shower.

Birthday wishes may be sent to: 945 East 5th St. Colby, KS 67701



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Services Directory

Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, Pastor Dan Keel. 815 W. 3rd. Sundays at 2 p.m. 785-462-0512.

CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH, 1890 S. Franklin Ave. - Colby Community Building. Kirby Benisch, Campus Pastor. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. www.celebratejesus.org

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-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.

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 BIBLE FELLOWSHIP, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyborean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Pastor Mark Carlton, Youth Pastor Ben Phillips. 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.

WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, 501 Bellview Ave. Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Pastor Paul Brigham, 615 W. Webster, 785-462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study: 6:30 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)

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. 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, Reverend Andrew Sonneborn, 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.

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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.

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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.

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 (adults) 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Children’s Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m. Children’s Ministries (Royal Rangers/Missionettes), Wed. 7:15 p.m. - Intercessory & Prayer, Tue. 5:30 p.m. - Women’s Bible Study.

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