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At college board meeting Wrestlers praised and center toured

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The Colby Community College wrestling team, back from their second place finish in the national tournament, paid a visit to the college's board of trustees at Monday night's meeting.

Colby College had two wrestlers bring home individual national titles. Coach Steve Lampe introduced each wrestler.

Lampe said he was disappointed the team did not win the national title but was proud of all the wrestlers and was still confident they were the best team in the National Junior College Athletic Association division.

Board chairman, Kenton Krehbiel, attended the tournament at Rochester, Minn., and applauded the wrestlers on their performance. "When you lost, you lost with dignity," he said. "When you won, you won with respect."

Afterwards, the trustees toured the Comprehensive Learning Center where students can receive tutoring in different subjects. The center, in Thomas Hall, has computers, special equip-

ment, study guides, assorted materials. It is staffed by 12 tutors who specialize in a variety of areas, and they are open every day, including weekends.

All college students have access to the free tutoring services and can have the tutors review course work and explain concepts that they may be having trouble with. Joyce Washburn, coordinator of academic services, said that each student who uses the center must log in and out. In the fall, the center logged 7,399 visits and 4,780 hours of usage. Last semester alone, 539 students made use of the facility.

In other business, the board:

- Received an overview of the presentations made by prospective architects for the wellness center. A chart was given to the trustees to list the square footage, estimated costs, track size, wrestling room set-up, fees and other details. It was decided to make no further decisions until the Endowment Association has an opportunity to review the plans.

- Three 10-minute executive sessions were held, after which it was voted to retain Bob Overman for the purpose of negotiations.



Joyce Washburn (center), coordinator of academic services at Colby Community College, gave the board of trustees a tour of the Comprehensive Learning Center during their Monday evening

meeting. Pictured from left to right are Cleona Flipse, trustee; Dr. Mikel Ary, president of the college; Washburn; Curt Stephens, trustee; and Don Kready, trustee.

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Aviation safety program on Colby airport's plate

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The Colby Municipal Airport is planning its annual aviation safety program on Saturday, March 15, with presentations ranging from fuel awareness to accidents and causes and remedies.

This free program will run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., said Mark Ostmeyer, airport manager, and is open to all pilots or those interested in aviation.

Bruce Allred, safety program

manager with the Wichita Flight Standards District Office, will talk about running low on fuel and how critical that can be.

"Most pilots can recall a time or two when they have become uncomfortably aware that they were stretching their fuel to the limits of their airplanes range," he said. "During those times, the headwind always seems to increase and the ground speed drops by at least a third of what they had flight planned for."

Refiguring fuel remaining versus distance to go just adds to the fear, Allred said, and his presentation will offer awareness in this situation.

Another speaker, Dave Dewhirst, an aviation safety counselor and owner of Sabris Corporation plans to discuss accidents, such as those caused by structural failure that oftentimes are out of the pilots control. "Whether the cause is mechanical or the fault of the pilot," Dewhirst said, "there are remedies

that we can put in place to minimize or eliminate the chance of a repeat of the accident."

Dr. Lawrence Lay, who is an aviation medical examiner, pilot examiner and aeronautical engineer, will offer information on what a pilot can expect when applying for their Federal Aviation Administration medical certificate.

In addition, Lay will review what over-the-counter medications that can be taken when flying and what to expect from the pilot examiner

when taking a practical test for private, instrument, multi-engine or commercial.

This year's seminar, Ostmeyer said, is being sponsored by the Wichita Flight Standards Office, Wichita Air Traffic Control Tower, CBK Flyers, McAviation Services, Country Kandids, Great Plains Spraying, Wichita Flight Service Station, and Dillons.

For questions, call Ostmeyer at (785) 462-4438 or Allred at (316) 941-1208.

State's surplus property center is bulging with items

TOPEKA (AP) — With state agencies downsizing because of Kansas' budget problems, inventory is way up and priced to move at the state surplus property center. "We've sold over 100 vehicles alone this month," said Steve Magee, director of the state surplus program. Usually, he said, the program sells about 50 surplus vehicles a month.

Located in buildings at Forbes

Field, the surplus program is bulging with everything from dump trucks to lab equipment, computers to used prison inmate clothing that is cut up and sold as rags.

If you can imagine any item, state government—a \$10-billion-a-year operation—will use it and eventually get rid of it. And the recent economic nosedive in state tax receipts is translating into boom times for the surplus business.

Surplus sales hit nearly \$7 million last year and are expected to pass that figure this year, Magee said.

"Our goal is to encourage people to utilize this stuff. Instead of going out to buy a \$500 desk, you could get one here for \$50," he said.

Many of the buyers are townships, cities and counties. Kansas Highway Patrol cars that are retired at 50,000 miles are often picked up

by smaller sheriff's and police departments, Magee said.

Even the University of Kansas buys state surplus.

Gaylen Liska, assistant director of vehicle fleet maintenance, said the university buys everything from construction equipment to tools.

"You always take a chance with anything used, but so far I've had good luck with them," Liska said.

The surplus program is under the

Kansas Department of Corrections. From the sales, 90 percent of the money goes back to the agency where the item came from and 10 percent goes to inmate labor programs.

"You could get a deal on whatever it is we have," said Bill Miskill, a spokesman for the Kansas Department of Corrections. But there is no dickering on the price and the state offers no warranty.

Might lift teacher's certificate

TOPEKA (AP)—A peer disciplinary panel recommended Monday revoking the certification of a Phillipsburg teacher who made a written bomb threat.

Jan Johnson, a former fifth-grade teacher with 26 years of experience, was sentenced in January to 18 months of probation for making a bomb threat in March of 2002 that caused Phillipsburg Junior High School to evacuate its entire student body.

Johnson, who pleaded no contest in December of 2002 to a reduced charge of making a criminal threat, also was ordered to pay \$352 in restitution to the Phillips County Emergency Medical Services.

Additionally, he was also ordered to pay \$3,580 to the Phillipsburg school district.



Snow tonight

Tonight...snow likely, total accumulation 1 to 2 inches. Colder with lows near 10 above. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph becoming southeast late. Chance of snow 70 percent. Wednesday...a slight chance of flurries in the morning...otherwise partly sunny. Not as cold with highs in the upper 30s. Southwest wind around 10 mph. Wednesday night...mostly clear. Lows in the lower 20s. Thursday...mostly sunny and warmer. Highs in the upper 50s. Thursday night...mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s.

The numbers

Monday's high, 56
Low this morning, 15
Soil temperature, 36
Year ago, 52 and 3
Month's snowfall, 00.00
Month's precipitation, 00.00
Records, 84 in 1921 and -18 in 1960

Haas, Kendrick, Dizmang top spellers at grade school

Rylee Haas, Samuel Kendrick and Andrea Dizmang were at the top their class in the spelling bee held this past week at the Colby Elementary School.

Haas was first among the fifth graders, Kendrick among fourth graders and Dizmang among third graders.

All total, 85 students participated in the bee sponsored by the Parent Teacher Organization.

Fifth grade students held their spelldown on Tuesday, with fourth

graders on Wednesday and third graders on Thursday. Students could volunteer to participate in the spelling bee if they chose to.

Other placings: In the fifth grade class, Caitlyn Gordon was second, while Heather Griggs and Jennifer Colton tied for third place.

Other fifth grade participants were: Barbara Bickner, Courtney Brungardt, Shayla Gagnon, April Gee, Brandon Gordon, Gray Henry, Aryn Khan, Jordon Voss, Alli Jo Barton, Lucas Baumfalk, Caitlyn

Gordon, Heather Griggs, Shane Huff, Dylan Stithem, Brock Waggoner, Skyler Brogan, Copelen Justice, Rachel Lamm, Xavier Sloan, Keesa Wright, Amanda Zwegardt, Kaity Wilson, Kayla Bennett, Jaylea Black, Gunner Gawith, Krisstal Kriss, Jewel Margheim, Brandon Rasmussen, Jill Withington and Dylan Woofter.

In the fourth grade, Shelby Terrell was second and Tanesha Harrington was third.

Other fourth grade participants

were: Amanda Barnum, Sune Creighton, Amanda Edmundson, Andrew Flanagan, Katherine Kaus, Sara Martin, Daryan Seidl, Nathan Quagliano, Tera Raymond, Travis White, Brittany Bange, Kalyn Clark, Seth DeHart, Cody Duffey, Katrina Kaus, Shanell Sager, Arianna Valdez, Dryden Baumfalk, Macy Ellis, Kayla Hockersmith, Jessica Kennedy, Andrew Ketchem, Bailey Koerperich, Skyler Mengel, Ryan Parker, Brock Roemer and Abigail Rohr.

In the third grade, Leah Jennings was second and Trevor Strutt was third. Other third grade participants were: Madison Gawith, Zachery Hinnergardt, Jordan Rasmussen, Samantha Reed, Houston Rush, Jennifer Schwanke, Keagan Strange, Skylar Barrett, Bailey Herron, Christina Ostmeyer, Braden Sager, Haley Stickel, Michael Tubbs, Alexandria Diercks, Alyse Dumler, Sydne Hollis, Konnor Kriss, Jason Lease, Jared Nally and Kayla Skiles.

Briefly

Can still enroll your child

Enrollment for next year's kindergarteners was held Feb. 28 at the Colby Elementary School. For those who missed this pre-enrollment, Terrel Harrison, principal, is asking parents and/or guardians to stop by the school office, 210 N. Grant, as soon as possible to enroll your child. Harrison said to bring the child's immunization records, birth certificate and social security number for the enrollment. Any children residing in the Colby School District and who will be five years old on or before Aug. 31, 2003 is eligible to enroll. It is not necessary to bring children for the pre-enrollment, she said.

Storm spotter meeting scheduled

The National Weather Service will be conducting storm spotter training in the Little Theater room of the Colby Community Building on Tuesday, March 11. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. and is open to the public free of charge.

Walk Kansas sign-up ends soon

Registration for the Walk Kansas Program will be accepted until Friday. Walk Kansas is a fitness program sponsored by Kansas State University Research and Extension. The program will run from March 15 through May 9. Teams are formed and participants walk the equivalent of the mileage it would be to walk across the state of Kansas, or 423 miles. For information or to register, contact the Thomas County Extension Office at 462-4587.

New exhibit opens at college

Diane Frazey Mahanna's art exhibit is now open at the Cultural Arts Center gallery at Colby Community College. Kathy Gordon, art instructor, said the exhibit can be seen from 1 to 5 p.m. daily or on weekends by prior arrangements. For questions, call Gordon at 462-3984, ext. 310.

Caregivers group to meet

The Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging is sponsor-

ing a support group for caregivers on Wednesday. If you care for someone over the age of 60, you are encouraged to join the group at Colby Community College at 7 p.m. in the Student Union room 106.

Help available with form filings

Free assistance in filling out the Low Income Energy Assistance Program applications is available to individuals with disabilities until March 31. Free assistance in completing the Homestead Food Sales Tax Returns will be available until April 15. For information, or to set up an appointment, call (785) 625-6942 or (800) 569-5926.

Sacred Heart enrollment this week

Sacred Heart School will hold kindergarten and pre-school enrollment on Wednesday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the school lobby at 1150 W. 6th St. School officials ask that parents or guardians bring a copy of their child's birth certificate, immunization records, social security number, and physical. For questions, call 462-2813.

