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Budget issues

School board starts preliminary process

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The Colby School Board started preparation on its budget for the next school year at its meeting on Monday.



Fulwider

District Financial Officer Jo DeYoung handed out information on the district's transportation, including activities, to give board members an idea of how much it costs to transport students and the breakdowns for the different areas of transportation, like in-town bus-

ing, activities, athletics and special education. She said it cost \$284,612 last year to transport students in the district and the board was looking at future considerations, like what could be cut if it had to cut.

First-hand experience with students in the broadcast news class was also on the agenda. The board went to the high school for a curriculum presentation on the Eagle High News broadcast team at the tech lab.

Instructors Lamoreaux Fulwider and Gordon Rasmussen and several students showed the board their first broadcast, which featured a segment on the band Lipriddle that played for Colby students in September, homecoming and sports results.

"I think there's a real level of

commitment to doing this program," Fulwider said.

"I think that level of dedication is good. I'm really proud of these young people."

The students also filmed the board for their next broadcast and showed a documentary segment students are working on about the opening of pheasant season.

Cynthia Bieberle of Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball gave the board a summary of the 2003-2004 audit, which the board approved.

The board also heard reports from grade school principal Terrel Harrison and middle school principal Robb Ross.

Harrison said they're looking at schools that have met math standards of excellence to try to decide what direction Colby schools want to take with their math curriculum.

She said they're looking at Everyday Math, which is used in Junction City, Hesston and Sterling.

"We're very excited about that," Harrison said.

Curriculum director Diana Wieland said Everyday Math is hands-on and matches up to state assessments. She said if that math curriculum was adopted, it would take staff development and also a parent night to get everyone up to speed on what children would be learning.

Ross said they were supposed to purchase math textbooks two years ago but have spent the time since researching available math programs and what would fit in Colby.

The grade school is also celebrating National Children's Book Week

culminating with an open house for parents at the school library from 1-3 p.m. on Friday.

Ross said they're also looking at the math standards of excellence schools and have other activities going on.

He said he's happy with student participation in the Veterans Day parade last week, and the staff has finished grading a writing exercise given to all students.

Wieland also gave her report. She said they're visiting charter schools and she's excited about that.

Board member Joel Powell said he noticed in PowerSchool the function to e-mail teachers is now working.

He and board member Tracy Rogers wanted to know about how often PowerSchool is updated.

Ross said student aides update every morning and teachers must input grades at least once a week.

Activities director Jeff Quenzer also gave his report. He said fall sports finished up on Monday with the football awards banquet and winter sports officially started that day also with middle school basketball.

Practice for high school wrestling and basketball started Monday with 52 students out for wrestling, 27 boys out for basketball and 18 girls also out for the women's team. The first day of competition for those sports is Dec. 3.

He said preparations for the Eagle Classic wrestling tournament are under way and 18 teams are expected.

Raising awareness



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Colby High School students Hannah Zimmerman, Katie Strange and Brady Strange wrote messages on a graffiti wall at the school to tobacco companies letting them know what they thought of their industry. The students, all members of the Community Awareness Team, were participating in week-long activities associated with the Great American Smoke-Out.

Achievement and special awards accorded at 4-H banquet

By PATTY DECKER

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A Colby woman and a Brewster family were recognized at the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet Saturday at the Thomas County Fairgrounds in the 4-H Building.

Pat Erickson was named this year's Friend of 4-H and the Lyman Bear family was named the 4-H Family of the Year, said Joe Leibbrandt, extension agent.

"Pat is very valuable to the 4-H program by volunteering in many activities, including being a superintendent at the fair," he said.

Regarding the family of the year,

Leibbrandt said, the parents continue to volunteer in any way they can.

"Lyman and Dorothy, along with their children: Lucas, Mary, Quentin and Rose have always been active in the 4-H program," Leibbrandt said.

"Although Rose is the only one still in 4-H, Lyman and Dorothy have continued to be leaders in the Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club, superintendents for the fair and volunteer in many other activities throughout the year."

Leibbrandt praised the efforts of both the Lyman Bear family and

Erickson for their dedication.

"One of the great strengths of the program is volunteers found throughout the county like Pat and the Bear family," he said.

In addition to the special awards at the banquet, Leibbrandt said the event is a time to acknowledge all the hard work done by 4-Hers in the past year.

"With the wide variety of projects," he said, "it is important to recognize individuals for the accomplishments in each area."

The following final awards in 2004 were distributed at the banquet. In the beef category, awards went to Rose Bear, Ashley Standage, Melissa Baird and Andrie Baird. Dog care and training went to Seth Bredemeier.

Other animal awards included Amy Wilson, horse; Stefanie Eicher, poultry; and Kelsey Shields and Rose Bear, swine.

In clothing, awards went to Rose Bear and Marc Bremen-

kamp, Rose Bear and Timothy Knox. Silver to Rose Bear, Rachel Lamm and Seth Bredemeier and Silver Guard to Stefanie Eicher, Brandon Standage, Kelsey Shields, Dustin Splattstoesser, and Jackie Splattstoesser.

Gold awards were given to Andrie Baird, Tim Knox, Elaine Lamm and Amy Wilson. The *I Dare You* award recipients were Michelle Bremen-

kamp, Ericka Erickson and Quentin Bear. Project leaders for one year included Sara Juemann, Amy Hutfles, Lynette Koon and Pam Rundel. For two years, Melissa Baird, Stefanie Eicher, Avery Schultz, Kim Herron, Mark Bredemeier, Stan Strange, Kevin Huelsman, Elaine Lamm, Henry Lamm, Shelly Huelsman, Jennifer Woofter, and Kelley Splattstoesser. Three years were Tim Knox, Michelle Werth, Sue Harter, Terri Keck and Nancy Rundel. Four year went to Kathy Lindberg; five years to Donna Lamm and Michelle Bremen-

kamp with six years to Kathy Baird. Elaine Bremen-

kamp and Dorothy Bear have 15 years as project leaders with Sharron Knox at 19 years. Carrie Bredemeier, 15 years; Cathy Hawk and Lori Wilson with two years were awarded as county-

wide leaders.

Construction; and Marc Bremen-

kamp, Rose Bear and Timothy Knox.

Amy Carpenter received 10-year membership; with membership awards going to Layton Werth, Kyle Finley, Caleb Mazanec, Katherine Huelsman and Ashley Siruta.

Bronze awards went to: Ben Baird, Julia Hutfles, Rachel Juemann, Tate Herron, Sara Lamm, Jory Koon, Marc Bremen-

kamp, Korney Bredemeier, and Tucker Gerstner. Clover awards to Wyatt Werth, Kaylee Keck, Kayla Hockersmith, Katera Harter, Keegan Strange and Dana Wilson. Emerald went to Matt Lindberg, Ashley Standage, Bailey Herron and Kim Gerstner. Silver to Rose Bear, Rachel Lamm and Seth Bredemeier and Silver Guard to Stefanie Eicher, Brandon Standage, Kelsey Shields, Dustin Splattstoesser, and Jackie Splattstoesser.

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Briefly

Thanksgiving dinner planned Sunday

The Senior High School Youth Group at the Colby United Methodist Church is sponsoring its annual Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church, 950 S. Franklin. The menu will include turkey, dressing, gravy, potatoes, corn, pies, salads and rolls with free-will donations taken. There will be carry-out available. All proceeds from the dinner go toward the ministry fund and mission work.

Open house to celebrate reading

Colby Grade School is celebrating National Children's Book Week this week with an open house for parents from 1-3 p.m. on Friday. Parents are invited to come celebrate with activities, books and fun.

Share delivery Saturday

Heartland Share delivery is Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart School gymnasium, 1150 W. 6th in Colby. There are a few shares left for \$18.50 plus two volunteer community hours. The share this month is an 8 to 10 lb. turkey with all the trimmings. For questions call 460-3579.

Great American Smokeout is Thursday

The American Cancer Society's "Great American Smokeout," which is a nationwide event to challenge people to stop using tobacco is planned for Thursday. In conjunction with the smokeout, the Community Awareness Team in Colby is joining with other youth-led organizations in western Kansas to fight against young people using tobacco through-

out the week. In this special campaign to stop underage use of tobacco, said Carla Sharp, awareness team coordinator, students here will be letting the tobacco industry know, "We're Not Buying It."

Names sought for 'Heart Tree'

Organizers of the "Heart Tree" are once again seeking names of children who could benefit from having their wish realized during the holiday season. The "Heart Tree" was established three years ago in remembrance of Dr. Jeff Jennings, who died suddenly at the age of 29 and prior to Christmas in 2001. The tree symbolizes Dr. Jennings' love for the holiday season, coordinators said. For questions, call 462-2179.

Volunteers needed to help set up Santa City

Beginning Thursday, Jo DeYoung, one of the Santa City organizers, will need volunteers to help work on set up of Santa City (located at the Scout Hut in Fike Park) from 7 to 10 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering Thursday or Friday night is encouraged to call her at 460-5003. In addition to this week's hours, DeYoung will again need help this week-end and next week.

Heartland SHARE sign-up

Heartland SHARE sign-up is Nov. 1-5 at the State Farm Insurance Office, 905 E. Fourth. The Share for November is a special Thanksgiving dinner package for \$18.50 plus two hours of volunteer service. The package includes an 8-10 pound turkey, stuffing mix, potatoes, celery, carrots, onions, gravy mix, egg noodles, apples, oranges and pumpkin pie. Delivery is at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 20 at Sacred Heart School gym.

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Might see some white stuff

Tonight...Rain. Lows in the mid 40s. North winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 80 percent. **Thursday...**Cloudy. A chance of rain. Cooler. Highs in the mid 40s. North winds 10 to 20 mph with gusts to around 35 mph. Chance of rain 50 percent. **Thursday night...**Cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Chance for light rain or rain/snow mix. Moisture chances 20 percent. North winds 5 to 15 mph. **Friday...**Cloudy in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Northwest winds around 5 mph shifting to the south in the afternoon. **Friday night...**Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow. Lows in the lower 30s. **Saturday...**Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow showers. Cooler. Highs in the upper 30s.

The numbers

Tuesday's high, 62
Low this morning, 36
Year ago today, 64 and 27
Records for this date, 80 in 1943 and 2 in 1894
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
November total, 1.24
November snowfall: 2.5 inches
Soil temperature, 45

The sources:

The forecast is from the National Weather Service, and other numbers are from the Northwest Research-Extension Center, Colby. A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

