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Colby Community College softball player Jere Ebert filled popcorn bags at the Colby Community Building concession stand during Wednesday's Trojan basketball games. The softball team has been running the stand during Colby's home games.

# Former member still using lessons of Kansas 4-H



WASHINGTON, D.C. — Washington, D.C. is a long way from the McPherson County wheat and livestock farm where Dennis Shields grew up, but not a long way from some of the opportunities he enjoyed during his youth. Shields, 40, lives in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. His job as a commodity and policy analyst for the United States Department of Agriculture does, however, allow him to pursue what he describes as his "passion for agriculture." Shields spends his working hours analyzing market prospects and farm policy, most recently for wheat.

Shields' wife, Ghada, had no previous experience with 4-H, but has become involved in the foods project by sharing her expertise in Mediterranean cooking.

Though graduating from active membership in 4-H more than two decades ago, Shields valued his 4-H record book enough to take it along when he moved to the nation's capitol. "It's not gathering dust, though," he said. "The kids like to thumb through it."

Shields' passion for agriculture led to a bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering at Kansas State University and a master's degree in agricultural economics and business at Purdue University. As a student at each of the universities, he completed internships in Washington that led to his current position as a policy analyst. Previously, he edited "Agricultural Outlook," a USDA magazine, and analyzed livestock and specialty crop markets and policy. In the process, he has traveled to China, North Africa, the Middle East, and Europe.

For information on educational Kansas 4-H programs, contact the local or district K-State Research and Extension office or visit the Kansas 4-H Web site: [www.kansas4h.org](http://www.kansas4h.org).

As a former 4-H member, Shields and his wife, Ghada, sought a metro area 4-H Club for their family. The Shields' daughter Yasmina, age 11, and son George, 7, are members. Why look for a 4-H club in a distinctly urban area? "I am still using what I learned in 4-H," Shields said. "I had lamb and steer projects, but also signed up for other projects like foods, in which I learned basic cooking skills and how to choose healthy foods, how to give a project talk, and leadership, including how to lead a meeting."

Shields' family was active in the Smoky Valley 4-H Club before transferring to the Friendly Fre-

doment 4-H Club, both of which are in McPherson County. He credits his early interest in 4-H to his parents, Dennis and Joyce, who had both been 4-H members, but said: "One of the reasons that 4-H is so beneficial is that it's a family activity. I could tag along when Denise (Shields' older sister) joined and then move into membership." "I grew up in 4-H," Shields said. "I watched the older kids and I learned from them. And, as I got older, I saw setting a good example and helping younger members grow as an honor and as a natural progression in growing up myself."

"Thinking back, I learned a lot about teamwork and working successfully with a diverse group of people in 4-H," he said. "Those are life skills and my wife and I want our children to have such opportunities."

# Atwood airport to receive funds

TOPEKA — Atwood-Rawlins County is one of 23 public use airports in the state selected to receive safety and service enhancements, said Deb Miller with the Kansas Department of Transportation.

For Atwood, the improvement project is adding an automated weather information system. Overall, the projects will address maintenance, geometric improvement and facility and equipment needs at non-primary public use airports. These are airports in the state that are classified as having less than 10,000 passenger boardings per year.

"KDOT funds \$3 million in airport projects annually and we have seen dramatic improvements in air transportation across the state since the program's inception seven years ago," Miller said. "All Kansans are now only 30 minutes away from emergency air services and runway

pavement conditions have improved from a 49 (fair) rating to a 72 (very good) rating."

Recognizing the importance of air service to the Kansas economy and emergency health care services, the transportation department established the Airport Improvement Program in 1999 with funding authorized as part of the Comprehensive Transportation Program.

"These improvements couldn't have happened without local partners and KDOT working together," said Miller. "The program is designed to stretch state dollars by requiring participation from local units of government. Over the past seven years, KDOT has contributed approximately \$21 million to help fund 161 airport improvement projects throughout the state."

Under guidelines of the program, project sponsors are required to pay a minimum of 10 percent of the to-

tal project costs or a maximum of 50 percent of the total project cost based on population.

Prior to passage of the CTP, Kansas was the only state in the country that did not provide state funding for airport improvements. Miller said that commerce, air ambulance service, agriculture and law enforcement have been key beneficiaries of the airport improvement program.

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	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4, 6)	La Gente	BusinessWeek	Good Morning America (CC)		Lilo & Stitch	Emperor New	Proud Family	That's Raven	Zack & Cody	Phil of Future	Kim Possible	Power Rangers
KSNK/NBC (8, 8)	Today (CC)				Paid Program	Paid Program	Tutenstein (E)	Time Warp	Trading Spaces	Darcy's Wild Life	Flight 29 Down	Endurance (E)
KBSL/CBS (12, 11)	Saturday Early Show (CC)				LazyTown	Go Diego	Backyardigans	Dora the Explorer	Little Bill (E) (CC)	Blue's Clues	Paid Program	Paid Program
K15CG (2)	BusinessMarket	MarketMarket	Thomas-Friends	Jay Jay the Jet	Bob the Builder	Real Wheels	DragonflyTV	Hand-Crafts	Family Kitchen	Food	For Your Home	Victory Garden
ESPN (28)	SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		College GameDay (Live) (CC)		College Basketball	
USA (37)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	WWE A.M. Raw		Movie: Sudden Death ** (1995, Drama)		Jean-Claude Van Damme. (CC)		Movie: A Man Apart ** 1/2 (2003) (CC)	
TBS (38)	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Movie: Disappearance (2002) Vacationers are stranded in a sinister ghost town.		Movie: A Walk to Remember ** (2002, Romance) (PA) Shane West. (CC)		Movie: Pleasantville (1998)					
WGN (39)	Enterprise	Adelante Chicago	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Just Passin' Through Brothers.	
TNT (40)	Movie: Three Kings *** 1/2 (1999) Four American soldiers go off in search of Gulf War gold. (CC)				Movie: Donnie Brasco *** 1/2 (1997, Drama) A mob lackey unknowingly takes an FBI agent under his wing.		Movie: The Score *** (2001) (CC)					
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Bosley Hair	Paid Program	Supershops Car Terries. (CC)		Supershops		Supershops		Mega Machines Monster Beasts (CC)	
A&E (47)	Murder, She Wrote (CC)		Biography: Rudy Giuliani (CC)		Ask This Old	Ask This Old	Country Living (CC)		Movie: The Professional *** 1/2 (1994) A hit man takes an orphan girl under his wing.			
HIST (48)	Automobiles Silver Arrows (CC)		Unknown Civil War (CC)		Wild West Tech Execution Tech (CC)		Heavy Metal Blackbird Stealth!		Mail Call (CC)	Mail Call (CC)	Modern Marvels (CC)	
NICK (55)	Rugrats (CC)	Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Catscratch	Danny Phantom	Avatar-Last Air	Teenage Robot	ChalkZone
DISN (56)	Koala Brothers	Higglytown	Little	JoJo's Circus	Doodlebops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch	Buzz-Maggie	American Drgn	Emperor New
FAM (58)	Digimon-Digital	X-Men (CC)	Spider-Man	Dragon Booster	Get Ed Static (N)	Kong-Series	Power Rangers	Super Robot	Spider-Man	W.I.T.C.-H. (CC)	Full House	Full House
HALL (60)	Little House on the Prairie (CC)		Little House on the Prairie (CC)		Movie: Just a Dream (2002) A film crew changes the life of a Nevada adolescent.		Movie: The Second Jungle Book: Mowgli and Baloo ** (1997, Adventure)					

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLBY/ABC (4, 6)	NBA Access	Paid Program	Winter X-Games: Day One. Aspen, Colo. (Live) (CC)								News (CC)	ABC Wid News
KSNK/NBC (8, 8)	Jeopardy!	Paid Program	NHL Hockey: Regional Coverage -- Red Wings at Stars or Penguins at Rangers of Lightning at Flyers				Horse Racing: Sunshine Millions. (Live) (CC)				Paid Program	NBC News
KBSL/CBS (12, 11)	College Basketball	Arizona at North Carolina. (Live) (CC)	PGA Golf: Buick Invitational -- Third Round. From La Jolla, Calif. (Live) (CC)								Paid Program	CBS News
K15CG (2)	Yankee Shop	This Old House	Ask This Old	Home-time	Woodwright	Real Simple	Paint! Paint!	School-Fine Art	Love of Quilting	Piano Guy (CC)	Cabin Country	Basketball
ESPN (28)	College Basketball		College Basketball: Louisville at Rutgers. (Live) (CC)		College Football: 2006 Senior Bowl. Mobile, Ala. (Live) (CC)							
USA (37)	(11:00) Movie: A Man Apart (2003)		Movie: In Hell (2003) Inmates at a Russian prison fight for their warden's amusement.		Movie: The Fast and the Furious ** 1/2 (2001, Action) Paul Walker. (CC)		Monk (CC)					
TBS (38)	(11:15) Movie: Pleasantville *** 1/2 (1998, Comedy) Tobey Maguire. (CC)		Movie: Back to the Future *** 1/2 (1985) A boy travels through time to his parents' teenage years.		Movie: Spider-Man *** (2002, Action) Tobey Maguire.							
WGN (39)	Cosby Show	Moehsa (CC)	Soul Train (N)		Movie: She's So Lovely ** 1/2 (1997, Drama) Sean Penn. (CC)		Farscape Through the Looking Glass		Ultimate Arena Paintball			
TNT (40)	(11:00) Movie: The Score *** (2001) Robert De Niro. (CC)		Movie: Crimson Tide *** (1995) Submarine officers clash over orders to launch their nukes. (CC)		Movie: The Patriot *** (2000, Drama) Mel Gibson, Heath Ledger. (CC) (DVS)							
DSC (42)	Mega Machines Technology Titans		Mega Machines Task Masters (CC)		Stealth Secrets (CC)		Extreme Engineering (CC)		Extreme Engineering (CC)		Extreme Engineering (CC)	
A&E (47)	(10:00) Movie: Cold Case	Biography Al Qaeda (CC)	Investigative Reports (CC)		Investigative Reports (CC)		Investigative Reports (CC)		Rollergirls Warriors Chola leads. (CC)		American Justice Murder & Mrs. B.	
HIST (48)	Declassified Lindbergh (CC)	Declassified Beattie John Lennon. (CC)	Declassified The Taliban's jihad. (CC)		Lincoln Gore Vidal; Jan Morris; Harold Holzer; Andrew Solomon. (CC)							
NICK (55)	Rock Star	Catscratch	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV
DISN (56)	Movie: Beethoven ** (1992, Comedy) Charles Grodin, Bonnie Hunt. (CC)		Ameri-can Drgn		W.I.T.C.-H. (CC)		Kim Possible		Emperor New		Buzz-Maggie	
FAM (58)	Full House		Movie: The Beverly Hillbillies ** (1993, Comedy) Jim Varney, Dierich Bader.		Movie: Grease 2 ** (1982) A British exchange student falls for a female gang leader. (CC)		Movie: From Justin to Kelly ** 1/2 (2003)					
HALL (60)	Movie: Run the Wild Fields ** 1/2 (2000, Drama) Joanne Whalley. (CC)		Movie: Love Comes Softly (2003, Drama) Katherine Heigl, Dale Midkiff. (CC)		Movie: Love's Enduring Promise (2004, Drama) Katherine Heigl, Dale Midkiff. (CC)							

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KLBY/ABC (4, 6)	News (CC)	The Insider	Movie: Road to Perdition *** (2002, Crime Drama) A mobster seeks vengeance during the Depression. Tom Hanks. (CC)		News (CC)		Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Enterprise			
KSNK/NBC (8, 8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Crossing Jordan Total Recall (CC)		Medium Sweet Dreams (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		News		Saturday Night Live (CC)	
KBSL/CBS (12, 11)	News (CC)	Paid Program	Cold Case Wishing (CC)		NUMB3RS Assassin (CC)		48 Hours Mystery (N) (CC)		News (CC)		Drew Carey	Alias Snowman (CC)
K15CG (2)	High School Basketball		As Time Goes By		The Lawrence Welk Show		Red Green	Austin City Limits Widespread Panic	Soundstage Alanis Morissette (CC)		Tavis Smiley	
ESPN (28)	College Basketball: Virginia at Duke. (Live) (CC)		Winter X-Games From Aspen, Colo. (Live) (CC)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		Game-Day		Fast-break			
USA (37)	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU	
TBS (38)	(4:30) Movie: Spider-Man (2002)		Movie: The Truman Show *** 1/2 (1998) Cameras broadcast an unwitting man's life.		Movie: Bad Boys (1995) Two Miami cops attempt to recover stolen police evidence.		Movie: Running Scared *** (1986)					
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Bulls Eye		NBA Basketball: Atlanta Hawks at Chicago Bulls. United Center. (Live)		WGN News		The 21st Annual Stellar Gospel Music Awards (CC)			
TNT (40)	(4:00) Movie: The Patriot *** (2000)		Movie: Forrest Gump *** 1/2 (1994, Drama) A slow-witted Southerner experiences 30 years of history. Tom Hanks. (CC)		Movie: Good Morning, Vietnam *** (1987, Comedy) Robin Williams. (CC)							
DSC (42)	China's Man-Made Marvels		China's Man-Made Marvels		China's Mega-Dam Three Gorges Dam on the Chang River. (N)		China's Mega-Dam Three Gorges Dam on the Chang River.					
A&E (47)	Amer. Justice		American Justice: Killing Field		Movie: Tomorrow Never Dies *** (1997) James Bond tries to short-circuit a communications tycoon. Pierce Brosnan. (CC)		American Justice: Killing Field					
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels (CC)		Failure Is Not an Option (CC)		Beyond the Moon: Failure Is Not an Option 2 (CC)		Failure Is Not an Option (CC)					
NICK (55)	Oddparents	SpongeBob	Ned's School	Drake & Josh (N)	All That (CC)	Amanda	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
DISN (56)	Zack & Cody	That's Raven	Movie: Go Figure (2005) A teenage figure skater joins a girls' hockey team. (CC)		Phil of Future		Life With Derek		Zack & Cody		That's Raven	
FAM (58)	(5:00) Movie: From Justin to Kelly ** 1/2		Movie: Saturday Night Fever *** (1977, Drama) A Brooklyn nobody becomes a disco king. John Travolta. (CC)		Movie: Staying Alive ** (1983, Drama) John Travolta, Cynthia Rhodes.		Home Videos					
HALL (60)	Movie: Love's Long Journey (2005, Drama) Erin Cottrell. (CC)		Movie: Hidden Places (2006, Drama) Shirley Jones. (Premiere) (CC)		Movie: Hidden Places (2006, Drama) Shirley Jones, Tom Bosley. (CC)							

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