

Briefly

Heartland Share sign-up

Heartland Share sign-up will be until noon Monday at the State Farm Insurance office in Colby. A share is five meats, five vegetables and fruit for \$20.50 and two hours of volunteer hours of your choice. Share pick-up is Saturday, March 25 at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart School gym. For more information, call 460-3579 or 460-8640.

Murder mystery planned Saturday

Pioneer Memorial Library's "Murder, Maestro, Please" begins at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, in the basement of the library, 373 W. Fourth St. in Colby. Tickets are on sale at the library and included in the price will be Hors d'oeuvres and a chance to win a prize for correctly deducing the murderer. The cast includes: Wanda Spresser as Opera Windbag; Jim Oliver as Dr. Bill; Pat Tubbs as Maybelline Lipgloss; Damon Glover as JellyRoll Goodman; Relda Galli as Clarinetta Fitzgerald; Corey Sorenson as Gopher Clueless; Linda Ladenburger as Lena Savoy; Michael Hawkins as Earl "Fatha" Hiney; Jada

Tubbs as Duchess Ellington; and Patrick Toth as Ace Gumshoe. Reservations can be made by calling 460-4470 or stop by the library.

Military support group to meet

The Northwest Kansas Military Family Support Group will meet at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 18, at Montana Mike's in Colby. Anyone who has a family member or friend in any branch of the Armed Forces, activated or not, or anyone who would like to be involved in the support group is encouraged to attend. For questions, call Melanie Fortin, 460-2995, or Lisa Varney, 890-6939.

'Bowl for Kids Sake' needs teams

The Big Brothers Big Sisters organization in Thomas County is having its annual "Bowl For Kids Sake" on Saturday and Sunday, April 1-2, at Colby Bowl, said Donna Jennings, board member. Many people can be involved in this event by forming teams and recruiting team members, she

said. Many of the "littles" also bowl and help raise money for the group. "It is a celebration and fundraiser, and we welcome anyone who wants to form a team or bowl on an established team."

For questions or to register a team, call (785) 460-9125.

Memory Walk planned April 1

The Alzheimer's Association in the nine-county area is sponsoring a Memory Walk starting at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 1, at Fike Park in Colby. The counties involved include Thomas, Rawlins, Logan, Cheyenne, Sherman, Sheridan, Decatur, Wallace and Gove.

Residents in these counties are encouraged to take part in this fundraising event, said Rhonda Riedel, with the association. The walk, she said, raises not only money, but awareness about the disease and is the largest national fundraising event for support programs.

To register or with questions, call Riedel at (785) 673-3149 or visit: colbywalk.kintera.org

Weather Corner



Lows about 27 and highs 55

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around 27. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east. **Friday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 55. Breezy with an east wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. **Friday night** — Partly cloudy with a low near 30. Breezy with a west wind between 15 and 20 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday — Mostly sunny with a high around 57. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 28.

Sunday — Partly cloudy with a high near 53. **Sunday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 26.

Monday — Partly cloudy with a high around 42.

Temperatures
Wednesday's high, 45
Low this morning, 30
Records for this date, 86 in 1904, -5 in 1969

Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00

March's precipitation, 0.00

A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Dancing toward nationals

The Colby High School dance team performed at halftime during the Colby Community College Lady Trojans basketball game Wednesday at the Colby Community Building. It was the team's last performance before heading to a national dance competition this weekend in Orlando, Fla.



TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

Animal clinic has dogs, cat available for adoption

The Colby Animal Clinic has two male puppies ready for adoption.

They are a labrador retriever-poodle mix, also known as a "labradoodle."

The pups are four months old and chocolate brown. A clinic spokesperson said they are "very cute."

In addition to the puppies, a stray Persian cat needs a home as well.

The cat is female, one-year old, and a beautiful gray-maroon-charcoal coloring, sources said.

Any of these animals can be adopted for the price of immunization shots.

To see them, stop by the clinic at 810 E. Fourth St. or call, 460-8621.

Oakley man headed to prison

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

An Oakley man is headed to prison for almost two years for crimes committed locally.

Eric Schiltz, 24, on Wednesday was sentenced in Thomas County District Court on burglary and forgery charges.

"I'd like to apologize to the victims and with 81 days in jail I've thought about what I did wrong," he said.

Schiltz was on probation for previously committed felony crimes when he fled Thomas County in December and was the subject of a nationwide manhunt.

Located in Missouri, Schiltz was returned to Colby where he pleaded guilty to the Nov. 23 break-in at Murray Enterprises, Murray Roofing, JM Tree and Law Service and Sundance Spas.

All four businesses are located at 780 E. Fourth St. in Colby. He also pleaded guilty to forging check blanks taken during the same incident at J & J Oil in Colby.

District Judge Glenn Schiffner

told Schiltz he had been in and out of his courtroom since 1996 and he had no other choice but to send him to prison.

Schiffner ordered Schiltz to serve 21 months in prison for the break-in and 14 months in prison for the forgery charge. Both sentences will be served concurrently and both have 12 month post-release probations attached to them.

Schiltz was ordered to pay Murray Enterprises restitution in the amount of \$3,814, court costs of \$152 and up to \$500 to the state for attorney fees.

He was ordered to pay \$150 restitution to J & J Oil, court costs of \$152 and up to \$500 to the state.

The restitution orders become civil judgments against Schiltz, for which both he can make monthly payments once he gets out of prison.

Schiffner told Schiltz he

thought about his case while driving to work and how other young men his age were preparing for spring activities such as mowing yards and car races.

He said Schiltz had one of two choices after serving his sentence in prison.

"You can do either, you come back as a deviant or as a productive young man," Schiffner said.

Schiltz also faces pending charges in Thomas County for allegedly arranging for his mother, Connie Schiltz of Colby, to sneak a screwdriver and a bag of chewing tobacco into the jail where he was being detained on a probation violation.

Schiltz's mother pleaded guilty to the charge of conspiracy and was placed on probation.

And he faces forgery charges in Ellis County stemming from using check blanks stolen from Murray Enterprises in Hays while on the run in December.

Schiffner placed Schiltz in the custody of the Thomas County Sheriff's office until he can be transferred to a state correctional facility.



E. Schiltz

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