

Briefly

Deadline Friday for leadership

The deadline to return completed Leadership Thomas County applications for the 2006-07 year is Friday, said Leilani Thomas, program coordinator. For those who have not received an application or businesses that may want to nominate an employee, stop by the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce office, 350 S. Range Ave., Colby, or call Thomas at 460-7643 or 460-3401.

'Sneak peek' offered at school

Colby Grade School, 210 N. Grant, will be open from 5 to 6 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 23, for students to meet their teachers, bring supplies and tour the classrooms. For questions, call 460-5100.

Library plans free workshop today

Dr. Don Udell, who provides workshops on the Foundation Center Cooperating Collection, a resource for looking at grant money, has volunteered to be at Pioneer Memorial Library from 6 to 8 p.m. today. Udell plans to give an overview and answer any questions that the public may have on the Cooperating Collection. For questions, call the library at 460-4470.

Leftover commodities available

Leftover commodities from July provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture will be distributed from 8 to 10 a.m., Monday, at the RSVP office in the Senior Progress Center, 165 Fike Park, Colby. Items include peaches, grape juice, tuna, rice cereal, peanut butter, pinto beans, and pud-

ding pies. For questions on eligibility, call 462-6744.

Heartland Share pickup scheduled

Heartland Share, an organization promoting community involvement, has scheduled this month's food pickup at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 26 in the Sacred Heart School gym, 1150 W. Sixth St., Colby. For information or to find out if extra shares are available, call Gene Griffin at 460-3579.

German Shorthair needs home

The Colby Animal Clinic, 810 E. Fourth St., has a 7-month-old female German shorthair ready for adoption. The dog was found near the post office and all attempts to find her owners have failed.

Anyone interested in giving this friendly animal a home is asked to call the clinic at 460-8621 or stop by the facility from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays or 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. A small fee is charged for current immunization shots.

Gaither concert Sunday

Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine, is hosting another Gaither video concert, starting at 6 p.m., Sunday. This week's concert will feature the video "Bill Gaither Remembers the Homecoming Heroes Part II." Everyone is welcome and the event is free of charge.

Fair board to meet Thursday

The Thomas County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday at the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds. Items on the agenda include Thomas County extension agent report; bills and fi-

nancial report; committee reports on the buildings and grounds, carnival, rodeo, parade, demolition derby, races, fair book, advertising expenses and income; a discussion on the barbecue and payment from bluegrass festival. The meeting is open to the public.

Survivor reception Friday

Organizers for this year's Relay for Life wanted to remind all cancer survivors of a Survivor Reception from 5 to 6:15 p.m. Friday at the Thomas County Complex Office Meeting, 350 S. Range Ave. The Relay for Life begins at 7 p.m., Friday, and will continue until 7 a.m., Saturday. Everyone is welcome to attend. For those wanting to donate toward luminaries in remembrance of loved ones who lost the battle to cancer or those battling the disease, call Carla Sharp, 460-7451.

Author to appear in Colby

William H. Colby, who wrote *Unplugged: Reclaiming Our Right to Die in America* will be in Colby at 7 p.m., Tuesday at Colby Community College to read from his books and answer questions from the audience. For questions about the presentation or hospice, call Sandy Kuhlman of Phillipsburg toll-free, 800-315-5122.

Fans available for those in need

Due to the hot temperatures, the Thomas County Sheriff's office and Thomas County Health Department in association with the Salvation Army have fans available for those in need. For questions on receiving fans, call Deputy Jane McDougal, 460-4570 or Kathy Ryan at 460-4596



Rain possible, highs in 90s

Tonight — A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 66. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 91. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday night — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy with a low around 65. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday — Partly cloudy with a high near 92. North wind around 10 mph. Friday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 65.

Saturday — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a high near 87.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 59.

Sunday — Partly cloudy with a high near 86.

Temperatures
Tuesday's high, 84
Low this morning, 58
Records for this date, 106 in 1929, 50 in 1979

Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
August's precipitation, 1.96

Water Use Report
Monday, Aug. 14
• 2,462,200 gallons

Tuesday, Aug. 15
• 2,308,500 gallons

Action occurs when usage surpasses the following for three consecutive days:

3.5 million = Water Watch.
4 million = Water Warning
4.5 million = Water Emergency

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

Colby man charged with sex crime

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

A Colby man has been charged with a sex crime against a juvenile. Justin T. Barton, 19, has been charged with indecent liberties with

a child for an alleged March 10 incident.

Following an extensive investigation, Thomas County Attorney Andrea Wyrick on Aug. 10 filed charges against Barton, who at the time of the incident was a resident

of Akron, Colo.

Charged with a level five person felony, Barton, if convicted and depending on a presentence investigation, faces between three and 11 years in prison and a fine up to \$300,000. Wyrick on Tuesday said

because Barton has not been in jail since the time of the alleged incident she decided to summons him to appear in court rather than have him arrested.

Barton is scheduled to appear in court on Sept. 13.

Early detection of cancer is important

From "SURVIVOR," page 1

April had a similar feeling. "I was at home when it really hit me and it was like a ton of bricks," she said.

Timing

Halvorson's cancer was in the early stages. She immediately started treatment that included chemotherapy and an eventual mastectomy May 18, 2004. Treatments made her hair fall out and not only did chemotherapy zap the cancer cells, but zapped the energy out of her too.

Halvorson was grateful for when the cancer was detected. Her fears after the initial doctor visit following the mammogram had a deeper meaning.

"It was God telling me to go this checked," she said.

Not only was her faith influential,

she remembered her father and Bruce's father and aunt, died from cancer.

"Those were also the voices in my head," she said.

Her family went with her to doctor appointments.

"We were all nervous about going," Carrie said. "But they talked to us as a family with the graphs and charts. It was a great experience."

April said the doctors' explanation of procedures was intense but was encouraged by her mother's determination.

"I saw how strong my mom was," she said "and that influenced me to be strong."

Halvorson was grateful Colby Community College, where she works in financial aid department, was cooperative with her appointments. The St. Peter native has worked for the college since 1997.

Even with the support, Halvorson was scared at times.

"I would wake up at night and put my hand on Bruce and wonder what if I'm not here," she said. "Having cancer sucks."

During treatments she said she tried to visualize the treatment improving her just to ease the stress.

Now

Halvorson lost her hair and a portion of her body but gained much more. Once doctors told her she was cured, she said she paid attention to things she took for granted. The grass looked greener and the birds sang better.

"I'm still here," she said. "I have one breast but I am a stronger person. I know it can come back. Even as a survivor you can struggle."

Halvorson knows she is not alone. Since recovery, Halvorson attempts to meet people she knows

who have been diagnosed with cancer to provide support and encouragement. She mails cards to people she does not know who have been diagnosed.

She said she sometimes worries about her daughters' future considering the history of cancer in the family.

"She asks every month if we have done our self check," Carrie said. "And I completely understand."

April said she was probably had a typical relationship a teenager would have with her mother before the diagnosis. But that is all forgotten.

"Now we are much closer," April said. "It has brought all the family closer."

Halvorson said keeping close to medical care is just as important as family unity in such situations.

"Don't be afraid to go to a doctor. It's scarier to not go and then find out it's something worse and too late," she said.

Department budgets discussed

From "BUDGET," page 1

Commissioners approved to provide the Thomas County Conservation District with \$47,500 and the Extension Council \$119,676 for 2007.

Next on the agenda was consolidation of the road and bridge department and noxious weed department.

Steele suggested last week making the two departments into one under the supervision of a director and one assistant.

After a brief discussion, the commissioners decided current road and bridge director Clair Schrock

will lead a larger department.

The commissioners met with Schrock, Thomas County Clerk Shelly Harms and commissioner-elect Byron Sowers in executive session for 15 minutes to review applications of five people who want to work in the larger department. While the names of four of the applicants were not offered, Schrock said he was one of those who submitted an application.

Sowers officially begins duty as commissioner in January. He won the Aug. 1 primary election.

After last month's resignation by Noxious Weed Director Ken Ptacek, the county advertised for his

replacement. However, a week later the commissioners decided to consolidate the departments.

No decision was made when the meeting reconvened about who will be interviewed for assistant director position.

In other business, Schrock asked commissioners to approve the federal aid construction engineer form for the Willow Street project.

The form is required as part of the Kansas Department of Transportation project to widen Willow Street. The form designates Penco Engineering of Plainville as the consultant for the project expected to start later this year or early next spring.

Teen expelled after accusation of violent plot

RIVERTON (AP) — At least one teenager has been expelled from a southeast Kansas high school where he and others were accused of planning a violent rampage, a defense lawyer confirmed.

Andrew Jaeger, 15, and four other Riverton High School students were arrested April 20 after a message about an alleged plot to shoot others at the school appeared on the Web site Myspace.com.

Superintendent David Walters told The Joplin (Mo.) Globe on Monday that privacy rules barred him from discussing student discipline, and it could not be determined Tuesday if any others had been expelled. The oldest of the five already graduated.

Jaeger's attorney, JoAnna Derfelt, told the newspaper she plans to appeal her client's expulsion by the Riverton Board of Education. Classes begin Wednesday.

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****Notice****
For those who may not be aware, a special account has been set up to defray legal expenses for Dr. Victor Hildyard. The account was established in mid-June and will remain open for contributions while the issue with the Kansas Board of Healing Arts continues.
Donations may be sent to:
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Fund Drive Coordinators: David Jennings, Judith Sears, Terry Cousins.
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Hays Medical Center
WELCOMES
Adeel Pervez, M.D.
to Pulmonology Associates of Hays
Dr. Pervez completed his Internal Medicine Residency and Critical Care Medicine Fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Dr. Pervez has also completed a fellowship in Pulmonary Medicine at the Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Dr. Pervez is board certified in Internal Medicine. Dr. Pervez is accepting appointments for pulmonary and sleep disorder patients beginning September 11th at Pulmonology Associates of Hays.
Please welcome Dr. Pervez and his family to Hays!
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