

Briefly

Tree trimming project to begin

The city of Colby electric crews are undertaking a major tree trimming effort in the community to insure the continuation of service during wind and snow storms, said City Manager Carolyn Armstrong.

If anyone has a tree under a power line and would prefer to provide the trimming for that tree, they are asked to call Jenni at the Public Works Department, 460-4420 and provide the address and information.

Brownback to visit Tuesday

U.S. Senator Sam Brownback will be in Colby at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave. The senator will be taking to community leaders and constituents about current legislative issues. The public is invited.

College board meets Monday

The Colby Community College board of trustees will meet at 5 p.m. Monday, in the board room of the administration building to discuss agreements, bids for a new passenger van, and disposal of excess farm equipment. For

questions, call 462-3984. The public is welcome.

School board to meet Monday

The Colby School Board will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Administration Building, 600 W. Third St.

The meeting will include a public hearing on the 2006-2007 budget. Other items on the agenda include approval of the consent agenda; reports from the principals, curriculum director and superintendent; second reading on recommended board policies; approval of the 2006-2007 budget; out of district student attendance requests; change meeting time for the Oct. 16 board meeting; Thomas County Academy staffing; personnel and negotiations, if necessary. The meeting is open to the public.

Middle school yearbooks arrive

Colby Middle School yearbooks are ready for distribution, said Linda Haas, coordinator. The yearbooks may be picked up at the middle school office, 750 W. Third St. For questions, call 460-5200.

Oakley hosts golf benefit

Logan County Healthcare Foundation will host its 13th Drive For Health benefit golf tournament Saturday. The golf tournament will start at 9:30 a.m. at the Oakley County Club located at the intersection of U.S. Highways 83 and 40. For information about entering or sponsoring the Drive For Health Golf Tournament, contact Bloom at 216 Center Ave. in Oakley, call (785) 672-3663 or e-mail at info@lchcf.org.

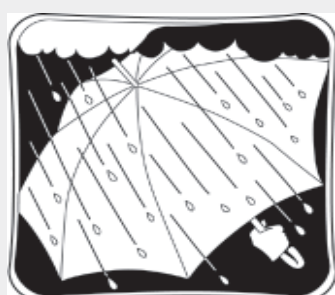
'Sneak peek' offered at school

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.

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.

Weather Corner



Rain, heavy at times possible

Tonight — A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain.

Mostly cloudy with a low around 63. Breezy, with a north-west wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday — Mostly cloudy with a high near 80. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 58. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.

Sunday — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 85. South wind around 5 mph.

Sunday night — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy with a low around 62.

Monday — Partly cloudy with a high near 88.

Monday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 63.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy with a high near 88.

Temperatures
Thursday's high, 106 in 1936, 42 in 1927

Low this morning,
Records for this date,

Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.05

August's precipitation, 2.01

Water Use Report
Average Friday, Saturday and Sunday

- 2,443,400 gallons
- 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.



JAN KATZ ACKERMAN/Colby Free Press

No one was injured 5 p.m. Thursday when a semi truck loaded with hay clipped the side of a swather on a bridge east of Tasco, which is 10 miles east of Hoxie. The truck, owned and driven by Reuban Zeller of Mayetta, Kan., hit the south guard rail of the bridge as Zeller was west-bound on U.S. Highway 24. Melvin Munk of Hoxie was driving a tractor and pulling the swather, both of which are owned by Pratt Farms of Hoxie.

Colby man sentenced for selling drugs

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

A Colby man is going to prison for nearly three years for selling drugs near a preschool.

Michael T. Beedy, 33, was convicted of selling drugs in the 700 block of West Eighth Street July 6, 2005. Beedy's residence is two blocks from Puddle Duck Preschool.

Beedy was charged with one count each of sale of a narcotic within 1,000 feet of school property and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On July 27, District Judge Glenn Schiffner sentenced Beedy to 30 months in prison and another 36 months probation after he gets out of prison. Beedy was also ordered to pay \$952 in court costs and Kansas Bureau of Investigation lab fees.

According to the Kansas Department of Corrections, this is not Beedy's first time in prison. He served time for selling drugs in Sherman County in 2002, and selling drugs in Thomas County that same year. Beedy was released from prison on Aug. 11, 2003, before being arrested on these latest charges.

Suspected car thieves caught

By Jan Katz Ackerman
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A routine traffic stop ended with an Ohio couple being arrested for having a stolen car in their possession.

Matt J. Williams, 36, of Newark, and Rebecca M. Shaffer, 20, of Pataskala, were stopped three miles west of Colby on Interstate 70 at 9:25 a.m. on Aug. 8.

According to Thomas County Undersheriff Jason Moses, Williams was driving the 2006 Ford Mustang which had been reported

stolen from the Hertz Car Rental Company in Columbus, Ohio.

"We checked the license plate and determined the car had been stolen," Moses said.

On Aug. 9, Williams pleaded guilty to one count possession of stolen property and Judge Richard Ress ordered him to 6 months unsupervised probation.

Moses said Shaffer is being detained in the Thomas County Jail awaiting extradition to Ohio where she is wanted for a probation violation on a charge of grand theft.

For the Record

The following arrests or incidents have been provided by either the Thomas County Sheriff's office or the Colby Police Department. All suspects were booked into the county jail and are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

the 400 block of South Lincoln Avenue.

Thomas County Sheriff Saturday, Aug. 12

• **Domestic, disorderly:** Brian Edward Cochran, 29, of McCook, Neb., was arrested at 10:26 p.m. by the Thomas County Sheriff's office in the 3400 block of County Road B. He was charged with two counts of domestic battery and one count of disorderly conduct. A \$5,000 bond was posted with a court date of Sept. 6 scheduled.

• **Domestic, disorderly:** Bonnie Jean Bilstein, 26, of Oakley, was arrested at 11:52 p.m. by the sheriff's office in the 3400 block of County Road B. She was charged with disorderly conduct and domestic battery. Bilstein posted a \$5,000 bond with a court date scheduled for Sept. 6.

Monday, Aug. 14

• **Service rendered:** A sheriff's deputy was requested by Colby police to assist in locating a van and suspects in Rexford involved in a

disorder/battery case at 12:08 a.m.

• **Burglary, theft:** The sheriff's office was called at 11:18 a.m. to a home on Plymouth Drive regarding theft of items from a vehicle over the weekend.

• **Disorderly, battery:** Edward Patrick Sandoval, 51, of Rexford was arrested at 12:53 a.m. by the Colby police in the 200 block of Spruce in Rexford. He was charged with disorderly conduct by the Colby police and two counts of battery against a law enforcement officer filed by the sheriff's department.

The disorderly conduct charge was dismissed by the court and the two battery charges resulted in an unsupervised probation.

• **Disorderly, battery, property damage:** Kevin Herman Sandoval, 29, of Rexford, was arrested at 12:53 a.m. in the 500 block of Kansas, Rexford. He was charged with

two counts of disorderly conduct; one count of battery; three counts of criminal damage to property and four counts of obstructing official

police duties. All charges were dismissed except the four counts of obstruction resulting in unsupervised probation.

Gem Lions Club ANNUAL HOG ROAST

Blue Grass, Folk & Country Music

August 23, 2006

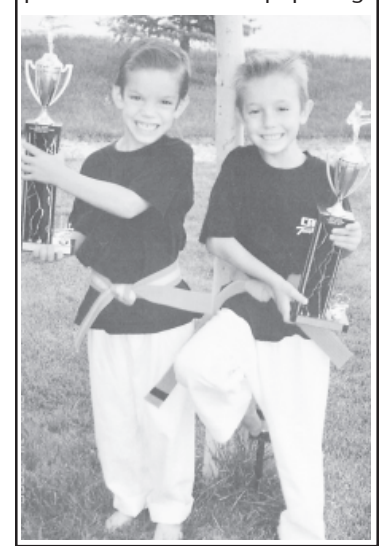
5:00 - 8:00 PM

Gem Community Building • Free Will Donation

Your generous donations allow us to serve disadvantaged and needy individuals in our community as well as around the world.

Noah Renas (right) and Isaac Renas (left)

grandsons of Jim & Molly Oliver experienced their first Taekwondo Tournament. (Battle for the Rockies Regional Tournament) August 12th in Aurora, Colo. Isaac is in Tiny Tigers and received a trophy for his form. Noah placed second in one step sparring.



Open Golf Tournament ALL WELCOME

Saturday, August 26, 2006

Colby Country Club
Sponsored by

The Hi-Plains Shrine Club

Invites you to join in a day of Golf Fun!

The Rick Schroeder Memorial Golf Tournament

Limited golf carts available — please make your own cart arrangements

Four Person Scramble . . . Ladies Welcome

8:30 AM Shotgun Start

Breakfast 7: 30 AM Biscuits & Gravy — Hamburger after Play

Help Shriners Help Children

\$200.00 per Team

To Sign Up Call:

Lou Hines 462-6755 Robert or Leon Schroeder 586-2258
Albert Rall 694-2791 Ken Christiansen 694-2644

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Farm Bureau in GSN