

Briefly

Commissioners to meet Thursday

The Thomas County commissioners will hold their end of month meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday at the courthouse, 300 N. Court Ave. Items on the agenda include a hearing at 9 a.m. about vacating an alley in Levant; an executive session on personnel matters at the county health department; an equipment update on the county road department; approval of November payroll and bills; appointment of Dr. LaDonna Regier as interim Thomas County deputy coroner. The meeting is open to the public.

Flag pole dedication Saturday

The public is invited to attend the dedication of the new flag pole at the Masonic Hall, 215 N. Franklin Ave., in Colby. The ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday and will be presented by the Grand Lodge officers of Kansas.

Pancake feed Saturday

The Colby High Plains Lions Club is sponsoring a pancake feed from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, at the Colby Com-

munity Building, 285 E. Fifth St. Drop boxes will be available for anyone willing to donate old eyeglasses and hearing aids.

Meth prevention seminar slated

The Regional Prevention Center and Thomas County Coalition is hosting a brown bag lunch Methamphetamine Awareness seminar from noon to 1 p.m., Thursday, at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. Fifth St.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and offer input, she said. For questions, call 460-8177 or stop by the center at 505 N. Franklin, Suite E.

Decorating contest entries sought

The Colby Promotions committee will again be sponsoring the Christmas decorating contest, which will include business and residential categories. Nominations for each category will be accepted at drop boxes located at Dillons and Wal-Mart.

Prizes will be awarded for each category. Residential first

place is \$100; second place is \$75. Business first place is \$75 and second place is \$50. Nominations will be judged the evening of Saturday, Dec. 9. Organizers said this is different than in year's past because residents will be casting votes for their favorite locations.

Singles dance Friday

A singles dance will held from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday at the American Legion, 1850 W. Fourth, Colby. Entertainment is provided by Jim Christensen. Everyone is welcome and door prizes will be awarded.

Christmas parade announced

The annual Christmas light parade will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sunday in downtown Colby. The theme for this year's parade is "The Magic of Christmas." The parade will run from Second and Franklin to the Scout hut in Fike Park. Registration forms are available at the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce by calling 460-3401. Registration deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.

Landowners fear ferrets

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especially if it does not work.

"We'll recapture all the ferrets we can and what's happening will stay in place," LeValley said about plans for five years from now. Logan County Farm Bureau President Lynn Kirkham also does not support putting ferrets in Logan County.

"We've asked what happen after the five years and they haven't put that in writing," Kirkham said. Mark Ellis of Scott City said he doesn't want to bear the brunt of problems he sees with using ferrets to control prairie dogs.

"I don't want to be subject to any of the legal ramifications of having an endangered species on my land," he said.

Troy Hausauer of Buffalo,

Wyo., and owner of Diamond Dot Prairie Dog Control Company was contacted by Logan County Commissioners earlier this year to make his company available to farmers needing help with prairie dog control.

Hausauer said when a landowner refuses to make an effort to control his or her prairie dogs, state law allows the commissioners to authorize treatment.

"The county can pay us, but it is put against the landowners taxes," he said about passing the costs along.

Those attending the forum were able to ask experts on hand questions by submitting them in writing. And among informational displays was a live black-footed ferret on loan from the Hutchinson Zoo.

Both sides make arguments

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the hospital had went back in time more than eight years and of the hundreds of obstetric cases picked only a handful.

He spoke about the three obstetric patients involving allegations that Hildyard deviated from the standard of care when he encouraged one of the patients to push; in another when the doctor failed to go to the hospital during complaints of back pain and the third situation was over mode of transportation when the doctor believed the patient needed to go to Hays — whether ambulance or personal vehicle.

In the initial findings, the hearing officer ruled the standard of care had been met in all situations.

O'Neal also spoke about the steroid use and how the usage was considered excessive. Gaschler ruled the standard of care was met.

O'Neal said the board second guessed its own hearing officer finding the standard of care was not met.

"Arrogantly, the board said the hearing officer was not a doctor and basically that the board should be trusted as always right," he said.

O'Neal spoke about Hildyard's competency and how the board suspected he was mentally or physically impaired.

"At no time did the board ask about the Colorado evaluation, which Dr. Hildyard submitted to and was cleared as being physically and mentally safe to practice.

The board's argument

Stafford said he wanted to make it clear that nobody celebrates when a doctor's license is revoked.

"But it's the board's role to pro-

tect the public."

In addressing O'Neal's remark about healthcare in northwest Kansas, Stafford said he cannot answer whether or not there is an adequate portion of doctors in the state.

"I would also like to make it clear that the board does not do something at the behest of Citizens Medical Center," he said. "We are neutral and do not take sides."

He also spoke about the board's structure and said he wanted to clarify the agency is not a single entity, but rather similar to a small city or county.

"We have investigators, prosecutors, and the board itself."

Stafford said the board nor himself reviewed any of the documents until it came before them after the initial order was made.

He cited the board would have had no information about the Colorado evaluation, addressing O'Neal's defense.

"I can assure you there was no impropriety here and had the board of healing arts have had the evaluation information, the results may have been different," he said.

Stafford said the board tried to solicit more information from the doctor, but he chose not to participate.

"The board did try to take progressive steps looking at resolving this issue and the door is still open," he said in response to O'Neal's claim the board is supposed to offer progressive steps in disciplinary actions.

"According to the performance audit," O'Neal said, "the board has a graduated list of sanctions. What sort of sanctions did they take with Dr. Hildyard?"

Weather Corner



Snow? Yes

Tonight — A 30 percent chance of snow, mainly before 9 p.m. Cloudy during the early evening, then gradual clearing with a low around 6. Wind chill values between -5 and -10. North wind around 15 mph. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Thursday — Sunny with a high near 25. Wind chill values between -10 and zero. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. **Thursday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 11. West wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Friday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 40. West wind between 5 and 15 mph. **Friday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 17. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 37. **Saturday night** — Mostly cloudy with a low around 14. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 37.

Temperatures
Tuesday's high, 56
Low this morning, 13
Records for this date, 75 in 1932, -7 in 1896
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
November's precipitation, 0.00

A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

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.

Colby Police Department Friday, Nov. 10

- **Property damage:** The manager of Beulah Cemetery reported at 7:55 a.m. of people suspected of driving through the grounds at night causing damage.
 - **Parking complaint:** An individual went to the law enforcement center at 9:39 a.m. advising of a camper parked for many days in the 700 block of North French.
 - **Theft:** The owner of Sears advised police at 11:51 a.m. of a stolen tool set recovered at a pawn shop.
 - **Suspicious incident:** A911 call at 2:57 p.m. advised police of someone suspiciously with a car in the 700 block of Dylan Drive.
 - **Suspicious person:** Police were called at 3:28 p.m. to Jamu Book Store advising them of intoxicated individual.
- Thomas County Sheriff Sunday, Nov. 5**
- **Late entry:** Eric Dane Emberson, 35, of Colby was arrested at 6:58 p.m. in the 500 block of East Fifth Street by Colby police. The charge pending was possession of marijuana.
- Wednesday, Nov. 8**
- **Late entry:** Jerry William Brundage, 21, of Quinter, was arrested at 8:16 p.m. by the Gove County Sheriff's office in the 300 block of Gove Street, Quinter. The charge pending was domestic battery.
- Thursday, Nov. 9**
- **Late entry:** Rina Dyan Shields, 39, of Colby, was arrested at 2:44 p.m. at the law enforcement center on two counts of giving a worthless check. Shields plead guilty, paid

restitution, court costs, fines and probation fees. She was placed on a six-month probation.

Saturday, Nov. 11

- **DUI:** David Christopher Collins, 23, of Fort Collins, Colo., was arrested at 3:39 a.m. by Colby police in the 200 block of West Fourth Street. The charge pending was driving under the influence.
- Sunday, Nov. 12**
- **Disorderly conduct:** Jayson Lee Jones, 24, of Colby, was arrested at 1:28 p.m. by Colby police in the 700 block of South Franklin Avenue. The charge pending was disorderly conduct.
 - **Worthless check:** Harry C. Salt Jr., 39, of Kayenta, Ariz., was arrested by the Kansas Highway Patrol on Interstate 70, four miles from Colby. The arrest was giving a worthless check in another jurisdiction.
- Monday, Nov. 13**
- **Worthless check:** Bonnie L. Adams, 42, of Levant, was arrested at 10:30 a.m. by the Thomas County Sheriff's office in the 400 block of Harrison.
 - **Adams plead guilty to giving a worthless check, paid restitution, court costs, fines and probation fees. She was placed on a six-month probation.**
 - **Disorderly:** Robert Jack Givens, 22, of Colby, was arrested by Colby police at 11:29 p.m. in the 600 block of South Grant. Charge pending was disorderly conduct.

• **Criminal damage, more:** Shane Mitchell Breese, 21, of Colby, was arrested at 11:13 p.m. by Colby police in the 100 block of West Fourth Street. Charges pending included criminal damage to property; obstruction of official duty; pedestrian under the influence; and disorderly conduct.

• **Failure to appear:** James Shannon Arasmith, 31, of Rexford, was arrested by the Thomas County Sheriff's office at 2:45 p.m. in the 200 block of North Court in Colby. The charge was failure to appear on giving a worthless check. Arasmith plead guilty, paid restitution, court costs, fines, probation fees and placed on a six-month probation.

Tuesday, Nov. 14

- **Aggravated robbery, more:** Gonzalo Gerado-Ramirez, 20, of Las Vegas, Nev., was arrested at 5:35 p.m. by the Gove County Sheriff's office on I-70. Pending charges included aggravated robbery and theft.
- **Armed robbery, more:** Sergio Manuel Lucio-Lopez, 20, of Kansas City, Kan., and Arnold Carmona, 34, of Las Vegas, Nev., were arrested at 6:15 p.m. by the Gove County Sheriff's office on I-70.
- **Charges pending on both Lopez and Carmona included armed robbery; theft; and possession of stolen property under \$1,000. An additional charge pending for Lopez was criminal threat.**

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