

A community affair



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Janet Carpenter, manager of the Brewster Community Grocery Store, visited with her assistant manager, Ryan Edmundson, a senior at Brewster High School. Carpenter said Edmundson works at the store as part of a work study project at school. The store is owned by a group of community residents who late last year banned together to keep the store open.

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 Thomas County Jail is used by the towns of Colby and Oakley and Logan and Thomas counties.
Thomas County Sheriff
Wednesday, Feb. 21

•**Probation violation:** Dee Petty, 46, of Brewster, was arrested at 10:28 p.m., by Colby police in the 700 block of South Franklin. The charge pending was a probation violation on aggravated battery.
•**Accident:** An individual went to the law enforcement center at 12:40 p.m. to report an car accident in the 2100 block on U.S. Highway 24.
Thursday, Feb. 22
• **Probation violation:** Jason

Edward Thomas, 31, of Colby, was arrested at 9:10 p.m. by Colby police. The charge pending was a probation violation through the North-west Kansas Community Correction associated with a third driving under the influence arrest and a probation violation with the Thomas County Sheriff's department.
• **Minor in possession, more:** Jordan Ray Leatherman, 18, of Colby, was arrested at 9:21 p.m. by

Law to ban funeral picketing deserves chance

By Paul Morrison
Kansas Attorney General

Kansans are all too familiar with the conduct of protesters attending the funerals of fallen soldiers across the nation. In a perfect world, we wouldn't need laws to regulate these individuals. People would practice their free speech at any number of opportunities while still honoring the privacy of families during their time of grief and mourning.

The world is not perfect, however, and laws must be written and tested to protect the safety, privacy and freedom of us all.

As your Attorney General, I pledge to investigate any options constitutionally available to me to protect grieving Kansans from these vile protests.

I testified before the Kansas Legislature last week in support of a bill to establish a 150-foot buffer around churches, funeral homes and cemeteries. Protesters of all types would be prohibited from this area in the hours surrounding a funeral service.

The details of this bill make it different from past attempts to regulate funeral protesters in Kansas. To ensure this bill does not violate free

Colby police in the 700 block of South Franklin. The charges pending were minor in possession of a alcohol/cereal malt beverage and pedestrian under the influence.

• **Driving while suspended:** Lucas Alexander Moore, 21, of Colby, was arrested at 12:18 a.m. by Colby police in the 900 block of West Country Club Drive. The charges were two driving while suspended violations.

speech, and to avoid any possibility of paying legal fees to protesters who dispute the bill, my office will be responsible for challenging the constitutionality of the law before it would take effect.

Only the courts can determine whether a law is constitutional, but I believe this legislation has the potential to provide grieving families with the privacy and protection they deserve without compromising our First Amendment rights.

Twenty-six other states and the federal government have already passed laws that prohibit disrespectful intrusions during funerals. Now is the time for Kansas to join these states in protecting our families and pass the best law we can.

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Sunday 4:00 & 7:00

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Sunday 4:00 & 7:00

Monday - Thursday 7:00

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— 3/7—3/12—

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NOTICE OF CITY/SCHOOL GENERAL ELECTION APRIL 3, 2007 STATE OF KANSAS THOMAS COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that the General Election pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2018(e). **The CITY/SCHOOL GENERAL ELECTION** will be held on April 3, 2007. The Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. The voting places in the various precincts or townships shall be as follows:

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| [1] | All Thomas County and Logan County U.S.D. #274 & City of Oakley Voters: Colby Community Building, 285 E 5 th St, Colby. |
| [2] | All Thomas County and Logan County U.S.D. #275 Voters & City Voters: Colby Community Building, 285 E 5 th St, Colby. |
| [3] | All Thomas County, Sherman County and Rawlins County U.S.D. #314 Voters: Brewster Senior Center, 327 Kansas Ave, Brewster. |
| [4] | All Thomas County and Rawlins County U.S.D. #315 Voters: Colby Community Building, 285 E 5 th St, Colby. |
| [5] | All Thomas County, Rawlins County, Sheridan County and Decatur County U.S.D. #316 Voters: U.S.D. #316 Golden Plains High School, 335 School, Rexford. |
| [6] | All Colby City Voters: Colby Community Building, 285 E 5 th St, Colby. |
| [7] | All Brewster City Voters: Brewster Senior Center, 327 Kansas Ave, Brewster. |
| [8] | All Rexford City Voters: U.S.D. #316 Golden Plains High School, 335 School, Rexford. |
| [9] | In reference to the Colby Community College Special Question appearing on the ballot, registered voters will need to cast their ballot at their designated polling precinct. |

Advanced voting by mail or in person shall begin Wednesday, March 14, 2007. Please contact the Thomas County Clerk's Office at (785) 460-4500 or e-mail at tcc01@st-tel.net to request an application and ballot.

I, Shelly A. Harms, Thomas County Clerk and Election Officer, do find the following named persons are entitled to a place on the official ballot for the City/School General Election to be held on the 3rd day of April 2007.

CITY of BREWSTER Mayor

Vote for One

Mike Baughn, Brewster
Blank for Write-In

Council Members

Vote for Two or Fewer

Ronald J. Ribordy, Brewster
Stacey J. Edmundson, Brewster
Gene Schoenberger, Brewster
Blank for Write-In
Blank for Write-In

CITY of COLBY

Mayor
Vote for One

Jim Smith, Colby
Ken Bieber, Colby
Blank for Write-In

Council Members

Vote for Four or Fewer

Patrick R. Mallory, Colby – Ward I
Beverly Eicher, Colby – Ward II
Jim A. Brown, Colby – Ward III
James Dale Tubbs, Colby – Ward IV
Blank for Write-In
Blank for Write-In
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Blank for Write-In

CITY of GEM Mayor

Vote for One

Blank for Write-In

Council Members

Vote for Two or Fewer

Blank for Write-In
Blank for Write-In

CITY of MENLO Mayor

Vote for One

Blank for Write-In

Council Members
Vote for Five or Fewer

Blank for Write-In
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Blank for Write-In

CITY of REXFORD Mayor

Vote for One

Dennis L. Allison, Rexford
William J. Dible, Rexford
Blank for Write-In

Council Members

Vote for Five or Fewer

Dwight S. William, Rexford
Nancy Dahl, Rexford
David Williams, Rexford
Betty J. Nickols, Rexford
Blank for Write-In
Blank for Write-In
Blank for Write-In
Blank for Write-In

U.S.D. #314-At Large

Vote for Five or Fewer

Rod Gilley, Brewster
Bonnie Holm, Brewster
Don Allen, Brewster
Willard M. Crumrine, Brewster
Blank for Write-In
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U.S.D. #315-At Large

Vote for Four or Fewer

Joel Powell, Colby
Stanley Molstad, Colby
Raymond (Omar) Weber, Colby
Blank for Write-In
Blank for Write-In
Blank for Write-In
Blank for Write-In

U.S.D. #316-At Large

Vote for Four or Fewer

Terry Moss, Rexford
Jay Todd, Rexford
Jeremy Schiltz, Rexford
Brent L. Ginther, Rexford
Mark Miller, Rexford
Joe Broeckelman, Rexford
Leroy Spresser, Rexford
Paul G. Bruggeman, Rexford
Blank for Write-In
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Colby Community College Board of Trustees

Vote for Three or Fewer

Larry McDonald, Colby
Arlen Leiker, Colby
Mark A. Winger, Colby
William Biel, Colby
Blank for Write-In
Blank for Write-In
Blank for Write-In

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION COLBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE COLBY, KANSAS

Shall the following be adopted?

Vote Yes or No

Shall Colby Community College, Colby, Kansas, issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$4,490,000, to pay a portion of the estimated \$20,000,000 costs to construct, equip and furnish (a) a Wellness/Activities Complex of approximately 115,000 square feet, which will include a 2,400-seat competition gymnasium, a secondary practice gymnasium, wrestling room with spectator seating, eight locker rooms, an elevated walking track, free weights, machine weights, cardio center, coaches' offices, all-purpose classroom, large concession area and a vestibule: (b) a three-story 260-bed dormitory and (c) all other necessary improvements appurtenant thereto (collectively, the "Project"): all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10-101 et seq. and K.S.A. 71-201? The balance of the costs shall be paid from the proceeds of grants and contributions the College intends to receive in an amount of \$5,000,000 and the proceeds of a lease-purchase transaction of the College.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL QUESTION ELECTION COLBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, COLBY, KANSAS

Shall the following be adopted?

Vote Yes or No

That the Governing Body of the Colby Community College shall be authorized to acquire, construct, install and equip (a) a Wellness/Activity Complex of approximately 115,000 square feet, which will include a 2,400-seat competition gymnasium, a secondary practice gymnasium with spectator seating, wrestling room, eight locker rooms, an elevated walking track, free weights, machine weights, cardio center, coaches' office, all-purpose classroom, large concession area and a vestibule, (b) a 260-bed dormitory and (c) all other necessary improvements appurtenant thereto, at an estimated cost not to exceed \$20,000,000, by entering into a lease purchase agreement and, if advantageous, issues certificates of participation, with the principal amount of such lease purchase agreement to not exceed \$10,510,000 and the expected total of all payments, including interest, under said leased purchase agreement to be approximately \$15,950,000 (excluding amounts required for maintenance, taxes or insurance on the improvements)? The balance of the project costs shall be paid from grants and contributions the College expects to receive in an amount of \$5,000,000 and the proceeds of general obligation bonds of the College.

Dated
this 12th day of March 2007.

Shelly A. Harms
Thomas County Clerk/Election Officer
Thomas County, Kansas