

Briefly

Endowment Foundation meeting

The Colby Community College Endowment Foundation annual meeting is set for 6 p.m., Monday, May 14 in the Robert Burnett Student Union on campus. For questions, call Foundation Director Nick Wells, (785) 460-4684.

Housing Authority reception

The public is invited to a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, at the Housing Authority Complex, 600 S. Mission, Colby, to honor outgoing Executive Director Jodi Hurst and welcoming incoming Director Shirley Skolout. Everyone is encouraged to attend. For questions, call 460-6763.

Survey deadline nears

Parents of Thomas County middle and high school students will be receiving a survey from the Regional Prevention Center in Colby. The organization encourages people to complete the survey by Wednesday. Returned surveys will be eligible to win one of four gift certificates. For questions, call Dian Organ at the Prevention office, 460-8177.

Jazz concert scheduled

Colby Community College will host an "An Evening of Jazz" at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, at the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center on the college campus. The concert will include contemporary and traditional jazz music performed by the Colby Community College Jazz Ensemble, directed by Bradley Herndon, and the November Quartet from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. The event is in conjunction with the April observance of International Jazz Appreciation Month, initiated by the Smithsonian Institute. For questions, call 462-3984.

Tipper cans available from city

Anyone interested in ordering a city-owned tipper can, which holds 95 gallons of garbage, is encouraged to call Colby City Hall at 460-4400. Households that have never owned a tipper can are the only ones eligible for this free service.

Old flags being collected

Colby Girl Scouts are again sponsoring a disposal service

for 'Old Glory' flags no longer fit to be flown.

A collection box is in the lobby of Pioneer Memorial Library, 375 W. Fourth St. until Friday, April 27. U.S. flags that are dirty, repaired to a point they no longer have a rectangular appearance, have faded colors or are unrecognizable, need to be discarded.

Once the flags are collected, said Katherine Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Girl Scout 165 troop leader, they will be properly disposed.

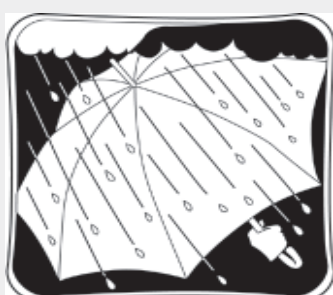
Free sports physicals May 8

Colby Medical and Surgical Center, 175 S. Range Ave., will again offer free sports physical examinations to Thomas County middle and high school students between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 8.

The times for Colby High School students to arrive at the clinic is 5:30 p.m.; Colby Middle School students at 6 p.m.; and all Brewster and Golden Plains middle and high school students at 6:30 p.m.

"Please bring the physical examination forms with you," said Patti Stephens, RN and coordinator of the event. For questions call Stephens at (785) 462-3332.

Weather Corner



Storms possible

The forecast

Tonight — Periods of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could be severe. Low around 49. Breezy with a south-east wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent. **Tuesday** — Periods of showers and thunderstorms. High near 56. Breezy, with an east wind 15 to 20 mph becoming north. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent. **Tuesday night** — Periods of showers and possibly a thunderstorm. Low around 41. Breezy with a north wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent. **Wednesday** — A chance of showers before 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy with a high near 61. Breezy, with a north wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent. **Wednesday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 39. **Thursday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 68.

Temperatures

Sunday's high, 65
Low this morning, 47
Records for this date, 98 in 1989, 26 in 1988
Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.06
April's precipitation, 2.72
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

Patient base, support help with agreement

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said. However; due to financial concerns and overwhelming support and encouragement from Hildyard's huge patient base, O'Neal said, the doctor was willing to reach an agreement that returns him to his practice as soon as possible.

In addition, an appeal could have taken another year before being heard.

"On behalf of Dr. Hildyard, I appreciated the board's willingness to weigh its risk in defending the ap-

peal and agreeing to terms which have the doctor returning to his practice with a minimum of conditions or restrictions," O'Neal said.

As to the restrictions on labor and delivery, O'Neal said Hildyard said that he has been following the same practice for the past five years and this condition does not represent a change from his practice before he lost his privileges at Citizens Medical Center in Colby in 2003.

O'Neal said Hildyard welcomed the monitoring of steroid use since there are no established standards.

"He already has the monitoring mechanism set up, having antici-

pated the decision to reinstate his license," O'Neal said.

"While the doctor does not see the need for or expense of further evaluations, as one completed in Colorado during the case gave him a clean bill of health, he does not object to the board requiring evaluations as part of the agreement.

Hildyard lost his license to practice medicine in August of 2006 when the Kansas Board of Healing Arts revoked it. However; the board did not officially sign off on the order until December of 2006 when Judge Jack Burr of Goodland heard the case in the Thomas County Dis-

trict Court. In its order, the board concluded that Hildyard's license should be revoked based on evidence that he was a substantial threat to the public's health and welfare, Stafford said at the time.

A district court judge upheld the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts' decision saying the court will not second-guess an agency decision that is within the agency's authority, even if it is claimed to be too severe, Burr said.

Faced with a Drinking Problem?
Perhaps
Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help
Meetings are Open to the Public
City Hall Basement
Mondays & Thursdays - 8:30 p.m.

Spots available for library field trip

There are still a few openings available for the "Down Under" trip hosted by the Pioneer Memorial Library.

The trip will include tours of the tunnels of Ellinwood, Kansas and

the brand-new Kansas Underground Salt Museum.

The trip is scheduled for Saturday, May 5th and is open to Thomas County Middle School students (grades 6-8) for an enrollment fee

of \$25. Stop in the library to enroll or call 460-4470 for more information.



A sign of spring



TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

Tom Wallsmith with Western Sprinklers, Inc., in Colby filled the fountain at Pioneer Memorial Library last week. The fountain is turned off in the winter and now the weather is warming up, it is being readied.

Dole award given out

LAWRENCE (AP) — Political dialogue needs a little more humor like what Bob Dole used to disarm critics and amuse supporters, Howard Baker told a Lied Center audience Sunday night.

Baker, a former U.S. senator, presidential candidate and President Ronald Reagan's chief of staff, was in Lawrence to receive the Dole Leadership Award. It is named for Dole, a former U.S. senator from Kansas, and is presented annually to someone who promotes politics as an honorable profession.

Baker, who is trying to get former U.S. Sen. Fred Thompson of Tennessee to run for president in 2008, is the husband of former U.S. Sen. Nancy Kassebaum Baker, R-Kansas. Her choice for president is Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

"There was no place in the wedding ceremony that we had to support the same person for president," Baker told a University of Kansas crowd of about 750 Sunday night.

But it's too early for anyone to really know how the 2008 campaign will unfold, said Baker, who ran for president in 1980. There are so many candidates, he said, and each one who stays in the race for the duration will be under intense scrutiny.

"Anybody who says they can tell you how the election is going to turn out is not realistic," he said. "I'm going to try to get a Republican to win."

Baker said he recalls feeling like a youngster before his first date with Kassebaum Baker, long after the

death of his first wife.

"I stood on one foot and then the other and she came to the door. I said, 'I feel like a 12-year-old.' She said, 'You don't look like a 12-year-old.'"

The two were married in 1996, and Baker called their relationship "one of the great things that's happened in my life."

Baker told the audience he was proud of his role as ranking Republican on the Senate Watergate Committee. Initially, he said, he underestimated the seriousness of President Nixon's transgressions.

Baker retired from the Senate in 1985, but was recalled to Washington in 1987 to serve as Reagan's chief of staff. Later he was appointed by George W. Bush as ambassador to Japan.

Construction is under way at the University of Tennessee of the Baker Center, which will be dedicated to bipartisan political dialogue. He has donated a large collection of photographs that serve as a diary of his nearly 40 years in public life.

"When I leave this mortal coil, I may have no money, I may have no reputation, but I'll have a lot of good pictures," he said.

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