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## New college programs without a home

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Colby Community College won't be launching new programs in turf and restaurant management any time soon, since a deal for a Las Vegas man to buy the Meadow Lakes Golf Course has fallen through.

College President Lynn Kreider said the school has not exactly given up on the

new programs.

"We are keeping all options open," he said. "Currently no proposals are on the table."

Proposals for the programs have been submitted to the state Board of Regents, said Kreider. The school is still searching for a place to base them, he said.

The college had been working on a deal with Rory Bedore, a Colby native. Bedore was going to lease the golf course and all the buildings to the college for its

programs. But Bedore said last month he decided not to purchase the course.

He did not give a reason, but city officials have said there's not enough water available to irrigate Meadow Lakes and another proposed golf course east of town.

Programs that were going to be based at the club were culinary arts, landscaping and turf management and energy management.

In October, Kreider said that he hoped

to lease the facility from Bedore in March or April. He said the club would have been staffed by student trainees, who would run the club under the supervision of trained professionals.

Kreider had said that students would have had a role in developing programs at the course. He said the culinary arts program chef and sous chef would have managed the food and beverage operations, menu decisions, kitchen operations and banquets.

The business management director was going to run the restaurant, the pro shop and marketing and the agronomy program director was going to manage the course and grounds.

Kreider had estimated the new programs would have increased enrollment by as many as 65 to 70 students. In full force, the programs would have led to 40 new students in culinary arts and 25 to 30 new students in turf management, he said.

### Banners packed up

So ends a season. The mercury said 40, but the wind said chill this morning as Marty Carman (on ground) and Kyle Brogan from the city street crew took down Christmas decorations along Range Avenue. The men said another crew already had taken down many of the banners and snowflakes, but they had dozens left between them and Fourth Street.



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### Winner won't be champ?

*Utah, other teams unhappy at bowl*

**By Ralph Russo**  
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MIAMI — It used to be so simple.

Two polls, a few bowls and — in the end — a national champion, maybe two.

Now there already are three teams claiming to be the best in the land, and none of them is playing Thursday night in what's supposed to be the national championship game between No. 2 Oklahoma and top-ranked Florida. Utah's legal eagle is so mad he's trying to figure out a way to blow up the Bowl Championship Series once and for all.

With Utah having completed another perfect season — its second in four years — that wasn't good enough to even get the Utes into the BCS title game. Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff announced Tuesday he is investigating the BCS for a possible violation of federal antitrust laws.

He contends the agreement unfairly puts schools such as Utah, Boise State and others in conferences without an automatic bid to the most lucrative bowl games at a competitive and financial disadvantage.

Maybe the AGs in California and Texas can cook up something up to try to help Southern California and Texas?

Pete Carroll has already proclaimed his USC team the best in the country. Texas coach Mack Brown is proud to say his Texas team is tops. And, of course, Utah coach Kyle Whittingham will be giving the unbeaten Utes his vote for No. 1.

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### Partner gets court seat

TOPEKA (AP) — Gov. Kathleen Sebelius today appointed a law partner of the Kansas Democrat Party's chairman to the state Supreme Court.

Dan Biles, an Overland Park lawyer, is best known for his work for state agencies. He represented the state Board of Education in a 1999 lawsuit that eventually forced an \$892 mil-

lion increase in school funding.

But some Republicans are watching the Democratic governor's decision closely because of Biles' ties to Democratic Chairman Larry Gates. They've been longtime law partners.

It's Sebelius' fourth appointment, making it the first time a governor has named a majority of the court's seven members.

### Native of the north joins newspaper as ad designer

A native of Canada has joined the *Colby Free Press* as graphic designer, creating ads for customers and helping with production of the paper.

Tyler Zolinski was born in Prince Albert, in the province of Saskatchewan, Canada, where he lived until he was 7. Then his family moved to Idaho Falls, Idaho.

He majored in advertising at the University of Idaho, starting college in 2002. He graduated in 2008 and went

to work for a graphic design firm in Boise.

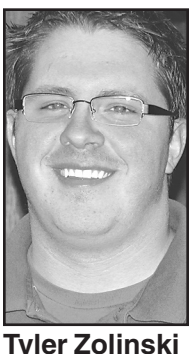
The firm went under, Zolinski said, and newly unemployed, he decided to head down to Kansas to be with his family. His father, Zane Zolinski, is manager of Crop Production Services in Oakley. He and Tyler's two brothers, Taz, 20, and Drayten, 18, live in Colby.

Tyler said he took a job with the company in September and worked there for about 3 1/2 months before coming

to the paper.

Zolinski said he came to the *Free Press* to apply for an advertising sales job, but he changed his mind when he found out the paper needed a graphic designer. He said graphic design allows him to be more creative.

"We had been looking for someone with Tyler's knowledge and experience," said Publisher Steve Haynes. "We think he will be able to add a great deal of value for our customers."



Tyler Zolinski

### Briefly

#### Speech team making soup

The Colby High forensics team plans a soup-supper fund raiser before the wrestling dual against Goodland at 5:15 p.m. Thursday. Homemade chili and chicken-noodle soup will be served in the high school commons preceding the 6:30 p.m. meet. Donations will be accepted for the forensics squad.

#### Senior group plans potluck

The group More Fun Together is looking for anyone over 50 who is widowed, divorced, separated, has a partner in nursing home, never married or otherwise lives alone. The group plans a potluck at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Colby Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fifth St. Table service and beverage will be provided. The

building has an elevator at the east door. For questions, call 462-6342 or 460-3879.

#### Hospital offers childbirth class

Citizens Medical Center will offer a four-week childbirth education class from 7 to 10 p.m. each Thursday in January, starting this week. Women due to deliver before May are invited, along with with the person who will be with them during labor. For information or to register, call Jeanene Brown at (785) 460-4850.

#### Dance team fixing soup, chili

The Colby High School dance team plans a soup supper from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, at the Colby Community Building before the Eagles

basketball games. On the menu are chili and cream of potato, homemade chicken-noodle and cream of broccoli soups, beverages, brownies and krispy-rice treats. Donations will be taken for the team.

#### Church to hold life seminar

A "Life Overflowing" seminar will be presented by DVD with a brown bag lunch on Saturday, Jan. 17, at Redeeming Love Ministry, 345 N. Franklin. Bible College credit is available. For questions or reservations, call (785) 650-2375.

#### Come to Heartland for meal

Heartland Christian School invites everyone to their annual barbecue pork dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at the school, 1995 W. Fourth St. The menu includes pork, corn, salad, baked potato and dessert. Donation will go to the school.

#### Pets available for adoption

Colby Animal Clinic has a black lab and a tiger-striped kitten available for adoption. Lost or strayed animals are also brought to the clinic. Call or stop by 810 E. Fourth St. All animals have current shots, and costs are minimal. For questions, call 460-8621.

#### Deadline Friday for program

The deadline is coming up to join an eight-week nutrition and fitness program sponsored by Thomas County Extension and Colby Recreation Department in place of the annual health fair. Registration for the Wise Up and Count Down Thomas County program must be received at the extension office or city recreation office by 5 p.m. Friday. No late registrations will be accepted. The cost is \$30 per person; the program is for teams of four.

