

# New dorm offers space, security

From "DORM," Page 1

make these changes over the summer. It was like the first year was a trial year."

The dorm was built because the college expected an increase in incoming students, said Glen "Skip" Sharp, vice president of student affairs.

"The new dorm was designed different from the old dorms because it was more economical," he said. "This living center offers many attractive features, such as more space and the feel of a safer environment to the students."

There are major differences between the older dorms, where rooms open onto a shared living area, which open to an outdoor courtyard. In the new one, doors open onto hallways, with the only entrance through one front door.

"The older ones offer more freedom with the entrance coming straight from outside, more like apartments," Sharp said. "However, the new dorm offers a

greater sense of security and less freedom, with the entrance coming from a hallway."

The new dormitory is attractive to parents, he added, with all entrances to rooms being enclosed in the building. There are some problems with the privacy in the rooms, said Hempler, because the bathrooms — which are shared by two rooms — lock from the inside but not the outside. Once someone is in the bathroom, she said, they have access to the other room.

When asked about this Sharp said, "That's the way the rooms were meant to be set up. It's supposed to be like a suite with two rooms and a bathroom in between. It teaches the students responsibility to keep their outside doors locked."

Sharp said they planned to make improvements in mechanical systems, including the hot water. Other than that, he said, the college is happy with the new facility.

Students moved into the dorm, known as Living Center North-

east, for the first time in August. The contract had been signed and construction started just over a year before that.

The living center was up and running in record time, Sharp said. Work on the building didn't start until December 2007. Soil problems with the site made it unsuitable to build on. From the end of September to the first of December, crew hauled dirt to make the soil right for the foundation.

Mother Nature also played a part, as the winter weather was hard to work with, Sharp said.

"We were literally finalizing some safety checks just days before the students moved in in August," he said.

About 96 are living in the dormitory, he said. At full capacity, it could hold 160 students. Men are on the third floor and women on the first and second. Sharp said the college is happy with the numbers, adding that they don't have to start making payments on the building for a year.

There will be an official check-off evaluation by the students in the spring, he said. Monday, college officials and board members plan to talk with some of the freshmen about the campus and the new dormitory at a student-trustee dinner.

## Crop Quest

Agronomic Services

For all of your crop consulting and precision ag needs

"Employee Owned and Customer Driven"

---

Serving NW Kansas -  
Grant Havel: 785-456-5719 or  
Norman Kinderknecht: 785-443-3483

## Become a foster parent and help change a child's life.

Benefits include:

- 24-hour local support
- Free on-going training
- Knowing you are helping to Give a Child Back Their Childhood

www.youthville.org

Licensed by KDHE as a Child Placing Agency # 000071

Become part of the Youthville foster family team!  
Free training classes are now forming in your area.  
Contact Tiffany Antholz at 785.462.2800 or tantholz@youthville.org for details.

## Fire danger high today

The National Weather Service in Goodland has issued a hazardous weather outlook because dry weather has led to near-critical fire danger across portions of western Kansas and east central Colorado this afternoon with increasing northwest winds and low relative humidities.

## Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

NOTICE TO THOMAS COUNTY TAXPAYERS

It is your responsibility to file your Personal Property Assessment with the County Appraiser's Office each year. Reportable items include:

- Farm Trucks, Trailers, Mopeds, Dirt Bikes, ATV's, Camping Trailers, Boats, Airplanes, Mobile Homes, Golf Carts, Jet Skis, Snowmobiles, and Business Equipment & Fixtures. Real Estate improvements, or structural changes to buildings must also be reported. The filing deadline is the same for Individuals, Businesses, and Corporations. Due date is on or before March, 15 2009. The deadline will be observed and penalties imposed as directed by law.
- We don't like imposing penalties any more than you like paying them.
- PLEASE FILE EARLY. If you have previously had property to declare, the forms were mailed in January.
- Otherwise, assistance will be provided at the Appraiser's Office in the basement of the Courthouse in Colby from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Chris Dorman

Mortgage Broker  
With Ascent Home Loans, Inc.

Want to re-finance your home before rates jump? Or do you want cash out for some purpose?

Call me at  
**785-672-8961**  
or click on  
[www.newreloan.com](http://www.newreloan.com)

# BUSINESS DIRECTORY

To have your ad placed in the Business Directory call Jasmine or Heather today at 462-3963.

## Prairie Museum of Art & History

Membership Individual - \$20  
Family (at same address) - \$30  
Lifetime - \$1,000

BENEFITS

- Four Prairie Winds News letters
- Free Admission to the Museum
- 10% gift shop discount except books
- Yearly historic calendar

Thomas County Historical Society  
1905 S. Franklin \* Colby, KS 67701  
785 460-4590  
[prairiem@st-tel.net](mailto:prairiem@st-tel.net)  
[www.prairiemuseum.org](http://www.prairiemuseum.org)

## FAMILY DENTAL CARE

The Latest Technology and Most Complete Care Available!

- Root Canals • Orthodontics
- Implants • Wisdom Tooth Surgery

New Patients Welcome  
No Referral Necessary ~ Financing Avail.  
1690 W. 4th St., Colby ~ 785-460-3999  
Toll Free: 1-866-305-3999

SHAWN D. JENSEN, D.D.S.

## ROOFMASTERS

Your Local Roofing Contractor

425 East Hill, Colby, KS  
Licensed - Bonded - Insured

<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>	<b>COMMERCIAL</b>
Tamko Shingles 1-800-536-6642	Rubber Single Ply
GAF Shingles 1-785-462-6642	White TPO Single Ply
Wood Shingles	Built Up Systems
Metal Roofs	Modified Systems

FREE ESTIMATES

Elastomeric Rubber Coating For Metal Roofs

Place Your Ad Here!  
Call Jasmine or Heather Today!  
785-462-3963

# Got Debt?

We can help! Lance H. Cochran of the law offices of Kennedy Berkley Yarnevich & Williamson, Chtd. represents people in need of bankruptcy assistance. If you have questions about bankruptcy please give us a call. Our toll free number is (800) 289-2018 or you may call (785) 825-4674 M-F 8-5.

E-Mail: [lcocoran@kenberk.com](mailto:lcocoran@kenberk.com)  
119 W. Iron Ave., United Bldg 7th Floor, Salina, KS  
Visit us on the web at [www.kenberk.com](http://www.kenberk.com)

KENNEDYBERKLEY YARNEVICH & WILLIAMSON

C H A R T E R E D

This notice, as required by the United States Congress, informs you that this law office is a Debt Relief Agency. We help people file for bankruptcy relief under the Bankruptcy Code.

Strength. Stability. Service.

And us.

David L. Browne III  
550 N Franklin Ave  
Colby

Adriane Sims  
550 N Franklin Ave  
Colby

Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company \* West Des Moines, IA. Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company \* West Des Moines, IA.  
\* Company of Farm Bureau Financial Services © 2007 FBL Financial Group, Inc. 346

Auto / Home / Life / Business / College / Retirement

## A GOOD SIGN

EVEN IN TIMES LIKE THESE

Everyone's looking for an encouraging sign in today's economy. The fact is, they'll see one in over 17,500 locations across North America. Because for over 86 years, State Farm® agents have been there helping people protect the things that matter most. That's why more people trust State Farm. And we consider that a very good sign.

Jane W. Johnson, Agent  
935 E 4th Street  
Colby, KS 67701  
Bus: 785-462-7525  
[jane.johnson.gh2@statefarm.com](mailto:jane.johnson.gh2@statefarm.com)

LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR, STATE FARM IS THERE™

PROVIDING INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES  
State Farm, Bloomington, IL

P087082 11/08

## Murray Roofing & Construction

Residential & Commercial (785) 462-6908

Vinyl & Steel Siding  
Decks & Patios  
Wood & Vinyl Fencing  
Soffit & Fascia

FREE ESTIMATES

Jim Murray - Owner  
(785) 443-1339

## Wilson Brothers Angus

Saturday, February 28, 2009

15th Annual Sale

At The Ranch • 1:00 MST  
From Parks - 2 mi. E, 2 mi. N; From Benkelman - 7 1/2 mi. W on Benkelman River Road then 2 mi. N.

Last Opportunity To Buy Older Bulls That Are Halter Broke

Selling:

60 Registered 2-Year-Old Bulls

10 Bred Cows  
Bred to WB Traveler

12 Bred 2-year-old Heifers  
Sale Heifers Bred to BC Baxter 740

All Bulls will be ultrasound for marbling & backfat.

Bulls are broke to tie.

Herd Bloodlines:

- 4G Precision 187
- B/R Destination 928-532
- Black Diamond Hiller
- Dateline of Verola
- Focus
- B/R Recovery 5157
- B/R Krugerrand 872

For Catalog: Call Duane or Nason (308) 423-2191 Cellular 308-883-0938  
Email: [wilsonbrothersangus@gmail.com](mailto:wilsonbrothersangus@gmail.com)  
Auctioneer: Johnny Walker • 308-276-2187 • 308-340-7173 (cell)  
Complimentary Lunch Day of Sale (Inside the Barn)  
Come early, inspect the cattle and meet the producers Duane and Nason.

Breeding Quality Angus Cattle Since 1966

## Wilson Brothers

32946 Rd. 707, Parks, NE 69041  
Celebrating 42 Years in the Angus Business

"Keep Your Investments in the Black"

## Introducing...

# QTA Quality Title & Abstract

785-460-1858 \* 275 La Casa Drive \* Colby, KS

Partners of:

## Western Appraisal Service

Owner and Operator-Paul F. Bailey  
785-460-2839 \* 275 La Casa Drive \* Colby, KS

Call on us for your Appraisal and Title needs.

"Where one call... Does it all!"

Touching lives. Securing futures.®

## Modern Woodmen

FRATERNAL FINANCIAL

## Looking for an IRA?

Get timely advice about opening or contributing to an IRA or Roth IRA for retirement. Your Modern Woodmen representative can help you decide which is best for you.

4.75% New IRA.  
Up to 5.6% on Rollover IRA's.  
Guaranteed 3% Minimum Rate.  
Guaranteed Return of Principal.

Call today to learn more.

Shawn Carney, FIC  
1210 West 4th  
Colby, KS  
785-460-6921  
[shawn.carney@mwarep.org](mailto:shawn.carney@mwarep.org)

modern-woodmen.org

IRA0408

# NEW SYSTEM

Professional

# WINDOW CLEANING

Colby, KS (800) 611-6735

COMMERCIAL - RESIDENTIAL - FREE ESTIMATES