

Family

Babies

Kodi Dirks

Kodi Kristine Dirks, daughter of Brandon and Kristi Dirks, was born at Citizens Medical Center on Monday, Feb. 16, 2009. She weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 18 1/4 inches.

Grandparents are Dan Dirks of North Platte, Neb., Linda Dirks of

Atwood and Jerry and Jolene Fortin of Oberlin. Great-grandparents are June Fortin and Ardis Roe of Oberlin and Dixie Stock of McCook, Neb.

Kodi was welcomed at home by sisters Kaci, 3, and Kylie, 18 months.

State honor is presented to athletes

Several Colby Community College athletes have been named to the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference All-Academic fall teams.

Lady Trojan volleyball players Megan Dennis (Oakley), Jessica Merino (Belen, N.M.), Rexanne Schilowsky (Phillipsburg) and Cassandra Smataña (Albuquerque, N.M.) were selected for the volleyball All-Academic Team.

Albert Mongony (Kenya) and Roberto Romero (Lexington, Neb.) earned a place on the men's cross country All-Academic Team. Scarla and Tonya Nero (Trinidad and Tobago) and Kayla Zodrow (Colby) were selected for the women's cross country team.

Mongony and Romero were also named to the men's half marathon All-Academic Team. Tonya Nero was selected to the women's half marathon team.

Athletes on the list earned a 3.5 (A-) grade point average or better for the fall semester.

College is hunting stuff for auction

Colby Community College Foundation director Nick Wells is out looking for stuff to sell at the college's annual fund-raising auction.

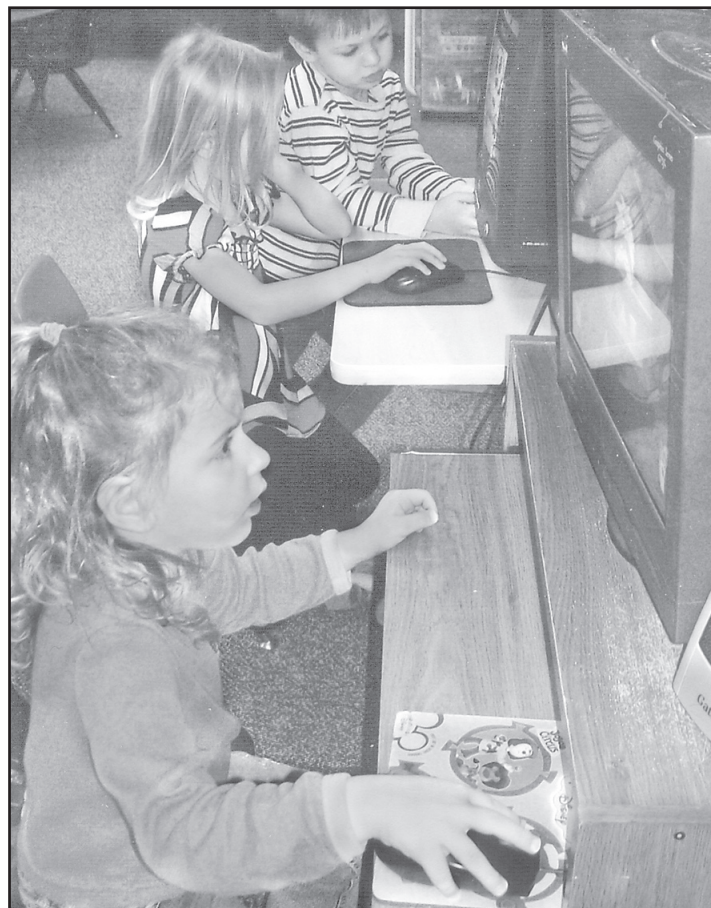
This year's benefit, "How the West Was Fun," will be Saturday, April 4, at the City Limits Convention Center. Last year's auction netted a little over \$60,000 for scholarships, Wells said, and the foundation hopes to surpass that total this year.

Tickets go on sale next month at \$35 each, with "corporate" tables of eight at \$250.

If you have an item to donate or questions, call Wells at 460-4684.

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Wired preschool



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Students (from left) Breon Barton, Liv Tubbs and Kamrynn Elling enjoyed the new computer center in their classroom at Sacred Heart School. The preschool bought the computers with a grant from the Thomas County attorney's Special Law Enforcement Fund, through the Thomas County Community Foundation. The students are in Sharon Shirley's Tuesday-Thursday afternoon preschool class.

Bands plan encore show

The bluegrass bands Gold Wing Express and Marshall Allen Bailey and the Silver Bullets, last year's headliners at the Pickin' on the Plains Festival, will be back in Colby on March 6 at the Frahm Theater at Colby Community College.

Marshall Allen Bailey and the Silver Bullets will perform at 7 p.m. and Gold Wing Express at 8 p.m.

Tickets will be available at Plum Creek, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Dillons, and the Colby Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Adult tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door; youth tickets, ages 12 to 16, are \$10.

The program is sponsored by the Pickin' on the Plains Blue Grass Committee. For information, call (800) 611-8835 or (785) 460-7643.

Chautauqua's final program explores 1930s personalities

Kansas host communities for this summer's "Bright Dreams, Hard Times: America in the Thirties" Chautauqua will be Ottawa on June 3-7 and Hesston June 10-14.

This same program will be in Colby at the Prairie Museum of Art and History from June 10 to 16 in 2010. Museum Administrator Sue Taylor said this will be the last year for the Chautauqua.

"Canceling the Chautauqua program," said Tracy Quillin, director of community information for the Kansas Humanities Council, "was a result of the Kansas Humanities board doing some strategic planning to discontinue some of the old programs and develop new ones."

The "festival of learning," as it is billed, is a partnership this year between the Kansas and Nebraska Humanities councils, the Franklin County Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Hesston Chautauqua Committee, using a "We the People" grant from the National

Endowment for the Humanities. Beloit and Lawrence hosted "Bright Dreams" last summer.

The economic uncertainty, government programs, environmental devastation and artistic movements of the 1930s will be explored by the speakers. The five-day events will feature first-person portrayals of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Louisiana Sen. Huey Long, Pentecostal leader Aimee Semple McPherson, Harlem Renaissance writer and folklorist Zora Neale Hurston, and Oklahoma humorist Will Rogers.

Humanities professionals will portray these figures of the '30s under a tent in the city park each evening. After each evening's presentation, the audience has a chance to ask questions of these historical figures as well as the scholar who created the portrayal.

"The themes explored in the ... Chautauqua are as timely today as they were in the 1930s," said Julie Mulvihill, executive director of the Kansas council. "Ottawa and

Hesston audiences can expect a lively discussion of historical and contemporary topics under the Chautauqua tent."

The event also features daily adult workshops and youth programs, including a Youth Chautauqua Camp. At the five-day camp, students in grades 5-8 will be historians, researchers, and scriptwriters as they prepare to present their own historical characters on Friday evening.

From the late 19th century to the first decades of the 20th century, touring Chautauqs combined oratory and lectures about national events with literary readings and musical entertainment. Beginning in 1983, the Kansas council revived the Chautauqua movement, and over 50 communities have seen the contemporary Chautauqua, playing host to portrayals of the famous and infamous from American history.

The modern-day Chautauqua has a lasting impact on all who attend, observes longtime performer Fred Krebs, who portrays Huey Long.

For a complete schedule, call the humanities council at (785) 357-0359, or go to www.kansashumanities.org.

Corrections

The headline on a Briefly item on Page 1 of the Friday, Feb. 20, edition of the *Colby Free Press* incorrectly said that the Colby High FFA would be selling pancakes Thursday. The event is an appreciation breakfast and free of charge. This was an editing error.

On Page 4 of the same paper, an engagement announcement for Kenneth Dunston and Carla Rogers inadvertently omitted the words "plan to be married" from

the first paragraph. This was an editing error.

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.

Thank You!

The Eldora Biggs family would like to say "Thank You" for all the cards, Memorial Contributions, gifts of food, telephone calls and other expressions of sympathy we received following Edd's death.

We truly appreciate everyone's kindness, prayers, and caring.

Sincerely,
Eldora Biggs &
Family

WELCOME CORDELL!

Johnnie and Angela Millard of Studley, Kansas would proudly like to announce the birth of their son Cordell John Wyatt Millard. Born Saturday, January 10, 2009 at 4:07 pm 6 weeks premature. Cordell weighed 5 lb., 15 oz. Fourteen hours after being flown Flight for Life to Hays from Hoxie labor was induced by Dr. Hondy. Cordell only had to spend 72 hours in incubation then we were sent home.

He is a blessing from God and a miracle. He has needed no special medical treatment and mom and baby are doing wonderful. Hill City undersheriff visited and exclaimed "What a fighter" and oh how tiny. Lynda Miller Grandma and Auntie Lois Gentry said this is proof God answers prayers. This Rootin' Tootin' Cowboy now weighing 7 lb., 1 oz. is our new addition to Studley, Kansas.

Many thanks go out to Sheridan Counties prompt action, Flight for Life's team and the Health Department's assistance.

Markets

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