

# Student News

**Brewster**  
**Activities** for the week are: **Monday:** 6:30 p.m., golf and track parent meeting; 7 p.m. Board of Education. **Friday:** no school; 10 a.m., junior high track meet at Bird City.  
**Menus** for the week are: **Monday:** breakfast: blueberry muffin. Lunch: hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, apple crisp, mixed fruit, biscuit. **Tuesday:** breakfast: breakfast pizza. Lunch: baked potato, chili or taco, cheesy broccoli, peaches, pears, rolls. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: scrambled eggs, bacon. Lunch: rib-b-ques, cheesy potatoes, carrots, peas, mixed fruit, banana, rolls. **Thursday:** Breakfast: grilled cheese. Lunch: Kindergarten class menu; pepperoni pizza, corn, veggie sticks, orange slices, apple, ice cream, bread sticks.  
**Colby Public Schools**  
**Activities:** Grade cards sent home with students this week.  
**Monday:** 7-9 p.m., high school Eagle Street Bistro, high school library; 7 p.m., board meeting, Administration building.  
**Wednesday:** 5:30 p.m., high school site council, teacher workroom; 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Kindergarten pre-enrollment, grade school.  
**Thursday:** 7:30 a.m., middle school spring picture day; 8 a.m., FFA northwest district horse/live-stock invitational at Oakley.  
**Friday-Sunday:** Kansas Inter-scholastic Athletic Administrators Association state conference.  
**Saturday:** 8 a.m., varsity forensics at Lyons; high school regional solo/small ensembles, all day at Oberlin.  
**Menus** for the week are: **Monday:** breakfast: breakfast pizza,

apples. Lunch: breaded chicken patty or mighty ribs, seasoned potatoes, celery, fruit mix. **Tuesday:** breakfast: breakfast pocket, oranges. Lunch: Salisbury or chicken-fried steak, potato and gravy, roll, peas, fruit mix. **Wednesday:** breakfast: blueberry muffin, orange juice. Lunch: egg rolls or marzetti (grade school: taco pie), salad mix, breakaway bread, apple pie with topping. **Thursday:** breakfast: pancake and sausage on a stick/syrup, apple juice. Lunch: ravioli or taco'd potato, roll, corn, cucumbers, peaches. **Friday:** breakfast: scrambled eggs, toast, grape juice. Lunch: meat lovers/cheese pizza, cucumber/dip or peas, garlic toast, mandarin oranges.  
**Colby Community College**  
**Activities:** **Sunday:** 1 p.m., baseball vs. Cloud County; 3 p.m., softball vs. Butler, El Dorado. **Monday:** golf at conference tournament, Kansas City, Kan.; 6:30 p.m., Weather Spotter Class, Community Building basement. **Tuesday:** 12:30 p.m., mock emergency, Student Union and parking lot; 2 p.m., softball vs. Lamar at Lamar, Colo.; 5:30 p.m., Kansas

National Education Association-Student Program meeting, Bedker, Room 714; 5:30 p.m., basic horsemanship class begins, College farm; golf at conference tournament, Kansas City, Kan. **Wednesday:** noon, Backer Club meeting, Student Union #106; 3 p.m., baseball vs. McCook. **Thursday:** 5:45 – 9:30 p.m., sign up for first basic rider course, Thomas Hall, Room 410. **Saturday:** noon, softball vs. Western Nebraska; 1 p.m., baseball vs. Butler County, El Dorado. **Sunday:** 1 p.m., baseball vs. Butler County, El Dorado; 3 p.m., high school track at Bird City. **Saturday:** regional music at Oberlin.  
**Golden Plains**  
**Activities:** **Tuesday:** 7:30 p.m. board meeting. **Thursday:** middle school/high school solo and small ensemble recital at Rexford. **Friday:** 10 a.m., middle school track at Bird City; 3 p.m., high school track at Bird City. **Saturday:** regional music at Oberlin.  
**Menus:**  
**Rexford:** **Monday:** breakfast: hash browns. Lunch: chicken nuggets. **Tuesday:** breakfast: pancakes and sausage. Lunch: tacos. **Wednesday:** breakfast: grilled ham and cheese. Lunch:

potato bar. **Thursday:** pizza bobs. Lunch: lasagna. **Friday:** French toast. Lunch: tuna mac.  
**Selden:** **Monday:** breakfast: breakfast burrito. Lunch: wiener wrap. **Tuesday:** breakfast: long John. Lunch: chili. **Wednesday:** breakfast: biscuits and gravy. Lunch: ham. **Thursday:** breakfast: pancake. Lunch: lasagna. **Friday:** breakfast: scrambled eggs. Lunch: tuna sandwich.  
**Heartland**  
**Activities:** **Monday:** begin fourth quarter, junior/senior Washington trip through Saturday; 6 p.m., board meeting. **Thursday:** PreK/Kindergarten open house. **Friday:** track, junior high at Bird City.  
**Sacred Heart**  
**Activities:** **Monday:** classes resume.  
**Menus:** **Monday:** chicken fried steak, green beans, tropical fruit, loco bread. **Tuesday:** chicken fajita, pineapple, rice, carrots. **Wednesday:** barbecue beef sandwich, corn, animal crackers, strawberries and bananas. **Thursday:** cheese quesadilla, pears, peas, granola bar. **Friday:** fish, au gratin potatoes, apple.

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# It's time to remove dead pines

MANHATTAN – Always-fatal pine wilt disease is more pernicious than first thought.  
So, April 1 is replacing May 1 this year as the deadline for destroying Kansas' pine wilt victims – stump and all. Chipping, burning or burying the pines is the only way to slow the disease's spread, said Bob Bauernfeind, entomologist with Kansas State University Research and Extension.  
A microscopic roundworm known as the pinewood nematode is the culprit that actually causes the disease. It rapidly multiplies through an infected tree and lethally clogs its flow of water and nutrients. The worm can continue living there or in any wood harvested from the tree.  
To move from tree to tree, the nematode relies on the pine sawyer – a "long-horned" beetle. Once this duo alights, the hole the beetle bores for feeding also provides the nematode with an entrance into the tree.  
"That's why totally getting rid of dead pines before the beetle's next generation hatches in spring is so important," Bauernfeind said. "Previous research with diseased trunks, kept over winter in separate containers, found sawyers began emerging in mid-May and continued through late June."  
Symptoms of pine wilt generally begin by late August, but some pines may start to decline well into fall. Infected trees will progress from looking sick to appearing dead within weeks or months.  
"This cycle of insects and disease may last longer into fall and winter than previously thought, too," Bauernfeind warned. "Recent trapping surveys by the Kansas Department of Agriculture indicated the presence of pine sawyers in the state through October. That could explain the occasional pine wilt-related decline we've seen show up in December and January."  
Kansas tree farmers have been fretting out pine wilt from the state's Christmas tree plantations, he said. Spread of the disease within their rows of Scots pines is now on the decline or is virtually eliminated.  
"Unfortunately, we can't say the same for the many diseased trees in landscape and windbreak settings. That's not to say that those diseased trees aren't destroyed eventually. But, their removal doesn't appear to be a very high priority – which helps explain why this disease has made such inroads across Kansas since it was first identified here three decades ago," Bauernfeind said.  
At least 90 percent of the disease's victims in the Midwest have been mature Scots pines, he said. The disease has occasionally infected other species but only rarely affected white pines.



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