

# Family

## Kid's poster contest will help 'fight bite'

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment says Friday, April 3, is the deadline for the 2009 Fight the Bite Poster Contest, which is open to all fifth and sixth graders in the U.S.

Students use artwork to show ways kids can protect themselves from diseases spread by mosquitoes, ticks and fleas by using repellent while outdoors.

Two winners from each state – one fifth grader and one sixth grader – will receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond and an award certificate. The grand prize winners – one from each grade – will receive a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond, a plaque and a trip to Atlanta with their parents for the awards presentation at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"This contest helps children learn about protecting themselves and their families from insect bites while creating their posters," said Dr. Jason Eberhart-Phillips, state health officer and director of the department's Division of Health. "Public health professionals will be encouraged to use the winning posters to educate people on ways to reduce their risk of mosquito and tick-borne diseases."

People should be taking these precautions:

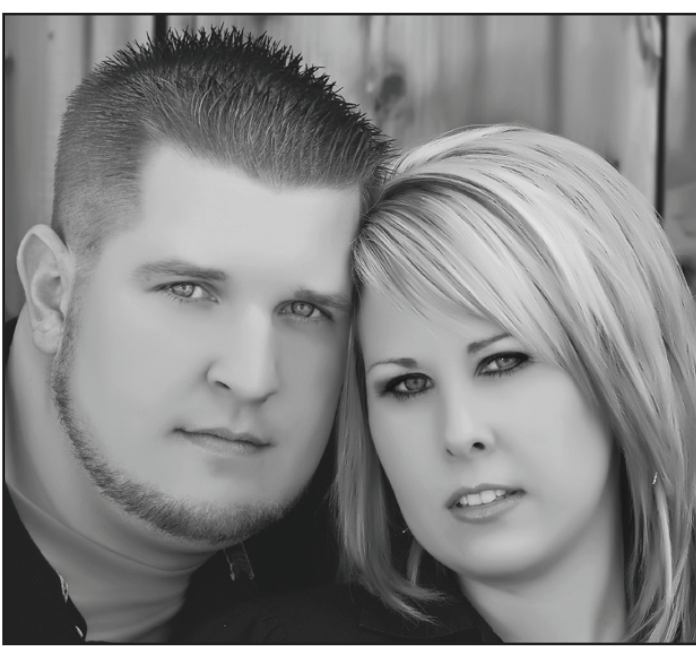
- Use insect repellent containing DEET or picaridin on skin. Follow label directions.

- Wear protective clothing when practical, including long sleeves and pants. Wear light colors to make ticks more visible. When hiking, wear a long-sleeved shirt tucked into pants, long pants tucked into high socks, and over-the-ankle shoes to keep ticks out.
- Empty standing water from tarps, old tires, and other places where mosquitoes could breed in trapped rainwater. Use larvicide in low-lying areas where water cannot be removed. Refresh water in bird baths, pet bowls and wading pools at least every three days.
- Limit outdoor activities at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.
- Mow lawns and cut brush. Ticks like to hide in overgrown, shady areas.
- When hiking, walk in the middle of trails, away from tall grass and bushes.
- Check yourself every eight hours for ticks. Promptly remove a tick if one is found. Grasp the tick with tweezers and slowly pull it straight out. Do not crush or puncture the tick and try to avoid touching it with your bare hands. Thoroughly disinfect the bite area and wash your hands afterward.

- The contest is sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the DEET Education Program. For rules, go to [www.fightthebitecontest.org](http://www.fightthebitecontest.org).

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Josh Hutfles, Karissa Call

## Colby graduates plan to wed in Oklahoma

Karissa Call and Josh Hutfles plan to marry May 30, 2009, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Elk City, Okla.

Karissa is the daughter of Harlan and Judy Call of Colby and Josh is the son of Ron and Dena Hutfles, formerly of Colby, now living in Elk City.

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## Sorosis Club

The Sorosis club got together at 11:30 a.m. March 13 at Pioneer Memorial Library for a brown bag lunch and meeting, with president Lucy Davis presiding.

The club voted to give \$25 to the Prairie Museum in memory of deceased member Marge Roulier.

The club voted to purchase a paver at the museum and have it inscribed with the Sorosis Club name and 1932, the year the club was organized.

JoAnne Sunderman, Patsy Ziegelmeier, Fritz Ostmeyer and Jo Anne Vaughn will be hosts for the April 10 meeting at the li-

brary. Ostmeyer offered to host the May 8 meeting in her home. Sunderman will check on the availability of a caterer.

The nominating committee submitted the slate of officers for the new year and they were elected: president, Davis; vice president, Cleona Flipse; secretary, Ostmeyer; treasurer, Margaret Chick; historian, Pat Ziegelmeier; courtesy, Vaughn.

Members were asked to bring suggestions for programs for the next year to the April meeting.

## Deaths

### Tate Dillion Siruta

Tate Dillion Siruta, 7-year-old son of Duskin and Missy Siruta of Colby, died Monday, March 23, 2009, at the Gove County Medical Center in Quinter as the result of an auto accident near Quinter.

The family said Tate was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.

He was born Oct. 27, 2001, in Colby. A first grader at Colby Grade School, he was active in the Colby Wrestling Club and Boy Scouts.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Don Siruta.

He is survived by his parents

and two grandmothers, Carol Williams of Colby and Bonnie Siruta of Winona.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at the Colby United Methodist Church with Pastor James Mardock officiating and burial in Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the Harrison Chapel.

The family suggests donations to a memorial fund in Tate's name, which may be left at any Colby bank or at the funeral home, Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day  
**Hi-Plains Co-op**

Wheat (bushel)	\$5.26
Corn (bushel)	\$3.64
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.41
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.62

For recycling information in Thomas County  
Call 785-426-7482

## Poker tourney to be in April

Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Ellis County will hold what it calls the largest Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament in western Kansas beginning at noon on Sunday, April 5, at the Ellis County Fairgrounds.

Money raised from the event will help provide mentors for children who need a positive role model.

Registration begins at noon, with play beginning at 1 p.m. Over \$1,200 in cash prizes will be given away, with the winner receiving \$599. The championship bracket is valued at over \$300.

The championship table will

have nine players, with second place paying \$250, third place \$150 and fourth place \$100. The remaining five players will receive cash prizes.

There is a suggested donation of \$25 to enter with \$2,000 in chips for each participant.

A consolation tournament will begin at 4 p.m. Cash prizes will be paid according to number of players in the round.

Food will be available. To register, call (785) 635-6672.

## Gigantic Sale!

Office Furniture  
Office Supplies  
3M Projector and Screen  
Shelving  
Clothing  
Household Items  
Computer Equipment  
and More!!  
**March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
1523 W. 4th St.  
ADAC  
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council

**Do you Scrapbook or make Cards?**  
**We are selling stamps!**  
**Come join us**  
**March 26th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church located on 5th and Country Club.**

*Thank You*  
To my friends in Colby. Thanks for being so caring and supportive of me during the time of my Mom's death in Michigan. Your prayers and acts of kindness were appreciated.  
*Serry Anschutz*

**VOTE**

- Vernon L. Wranosky
- CCC Board of Trustees

**APRIL**

- Accountability -- Questions, Analysis
- Solutions -- Results

**7th**

- 35 years CCC science instruction
- 8 years Math & Science Division Chair

Your vote for me to serve as a Colby Community College Board of Trustees member is appreciated. Thank You

Paid for by Vernon L. Wranosky

## Considering Weight Loss Surgery?

**FREE Informational Seminar**

**Thursday, April 29, 2009**

Program 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Citizens Medical Center  
100 East College Drive - Board Room  
Colby, Kansas

**Your benefits over time may include:**

- Significant weight loss
- Relief of sleep problems
- Relief from urinary incontinence
- Lower cholesterol
- Decreased joint pain – improved mobility
- Improvement of Type II diabetes
- Relief of digestive problems
- Lower blood pressure
- Improved mood and self esteem
- Decreased medications associated with weight related diseases

If you are wondering if you should consider bariatric surgery, make plans now to attend this informational seminar. Dr. Zurab Tsereteli, Bariatric Surgeon, will discuss the procedure. The program will include general information on qualifying for surgery, an overall description of the lifestyle changes that are necessary following surgery, plus information on the insurance process. This informational session is **REQUIRED** for anyone considering Bariatric Surgery at Hays Medical Center.

**Registration is required. Call 785-623-5945.**

**BARIATRIC SURGERY**  
At Hays Medical Center

The **Colby Area Barbershoppers** will present *Back to the Roots of Barbershop* on Saturday, March 28th, 2009 at the Colby Community College Cultural Arts Center.

The Featured Quartet is the 2005 International Champions, **REALTIME**. There will be 2 shows: 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**TICKETS IN ADVANCE: \$10.00**

**TICKETS AT THE DOOR \$12.00**

Tickets can be purchased from any chorus member or by calling 800-269-7059 or 785-462-2474. Tickets may be held for you at the window.