

# Be savvy about offers

MANHATTAN – Most workers look forward to retirement, but assume they will decide when that day will be. In today's struggling economy, however, some employers are suggesting now would be a good time.

Some are offering retirement incentive programs to employees to cut payroll costs and help balance company budgets.

Iowa State University Extension family resource management specialist Barb Wollan outlined the following major steps to take when making a decision about an early retirement offer:

- Read and listen carefully.
  - Gather information.
  - Evaluate the options critically.
- As part of that, find out:
- Is the offer really optional? If you decline, what would your future with the employer be like?
  - Will you have group health insurance? If so, who will pay?
  - Will you need to get a job to fill the income gap?
  - Do you have options on how to receive the pension payout?

Wollan said workers also should consider their retirement goals and whether the offer is compatible with those before responding.

"Avoid responding before assessing your own situation," she urged.

Extension Services across the nation – including K-State Research and Extension – have tools and resources that can help workers make informed financial decisions, Wollan said.

The resources include the National eXtension Web site at [www.extension.org](http://www.extension.org).

## Corrections

In an article on Page 1 of the Wednesday, March 11, *Colby Free Press*, Rita Beckman was quoted as asking herself, "Why did I do that?" She says that she did not say that, and feels that the story implied she was incautious.

In the same story, the name of her daughter Lynette was misspelled. This was a reporting error.

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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.

## Public Notice

### Notice of Election

Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2018 (e), notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held on April 7, 2009 to fill positions listed on the Board of Education for the various districts:

All Voters in all districts will vote at the Thomas County Community Building on Election Day.

Per K.S.A. 25-2311(a) (5) the last day to register to vote is March 23, 2009. A person can register to vote at the Thomas County Clerk's Office, Department of Motor Vehicle, or on-line.

I, Shelly A. Harms, Thomas County Clerk/Election Officer do find the following named persons are entitled to a place on the official ballot for the Coty/School General Election to be held on April 7, 2009.

**USD # 274-** 3 Positions, regular term  
Crystal Faulkender  
Kyle Hemmert  
Debbie Runnalls  
Scott A. Maurath  
Anita Gabel

**USD # 275-** 4 Positions, At large  
Mark Hanson  
Shawn Plummer

**USD # 291-** 4 Positions, At large  
Melissa Shupe  
Raymond E. Holaday  
Melissa Meier  
Duane Vollbracht  
Loren J. Stephens  
Marcie Wolf

**USD # 314-** 3 Positions, regular term  
Ed Ackerman  
Leisha Carpenter  
Ron Ribordy

**USD # 315-** 3 Positions, At large  
J.C. Carter  
Janice K. Frahm  
Gerald Curtis Fulwider  
Susan McLemore  
Tracy Rogers  
Dale Vap

**USD # 316-** 3 Positions, At large  
Teri Brantley  
David E. Gould  
Ben L. Hoeting  
Don Koerperich  
Kim Moss  
Terry L. Moss  
Todd M. Schwarz  
Matt Vogler  
Brandi Wark  
Desiree Wark

**Colby Community College-** 3 Positions, At large  
Cindy Black  
Kenton K. Krehbiel  
Shad Metcalf  
Robert M. Renner  
Bill Shields  
Vernon L. Wranosky

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of my office this 20th day of March 2009.

Shelly A. Harms, County Clerk/Election Officer  
Thomas County, Kansas

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## Public Notice

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

METLIFE HOME LOANS, A Division of MetLife Bank, N.A.

Plaintiff,  
v.

JEROME E. SCHWARZ; MARY L. SCHWARZ; and the Unknown Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees, Creditors and Assigns of Each of the Defendants as may be Deceased; the Unknown Spouses of the Defendants; the Unknown Officers, Successors, Trustees, Creditors and Assigns of Such of the Defendants as are Existing, Dissolved or Dormant Corporations; the Unknown Executors, Devisees, Trustees, Creditors, Successors and Assigns of Such of the Defendants as are or were Partners or in any Partnership; the Unknown Guardians, Conservators and Trustees of Such of the Defendants as are Minors or in Anywise Under Legal Disability; Defendants

Case No. 09-CV-7

### NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Thomas County, Kansas, by MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A., praying for foreclosure of real estate mortgage on the following described real estate, to wit:

A TRACT OF LAND BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION TWENTY (20), TOWNSHIP TEN (10) SOUTH, RANGE THIRTY-TWO (32) WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 342.44 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 2 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST 483.59 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 36 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST 553.85 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 926.16 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

and you are hereby required to plea to said Petition on or before the 29th day of April, 2009, in said Court at Colby, Thomas County, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

METLIFE HOME LOANS, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A.,  
Plaintiff

ELDON L. GAY #08172  
2933 SW Woodside Drive  
Topeka, Kansas 66614  
(785) 272-2607  
Attorney for Plaintiff

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## Public Notice

### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Title VI of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964 provides that "no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

**WHEREAS**, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 extended protection against discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin to include housing and related facilities provided with Federal Assistance, and lending practices "with respect to residential property when such practices are connected with loans insured or guaranteed by the Federal government."

**WHEREAS**, the denial of equal housing opportunity is one of the most serious challenges a community can face. It is a challenge that must be met and surmounted lest it erode the vital social structure that holds a community together and gives it shape and dimension. The need for shelter is an essential human need. The right to freely choose a place to live is a basic human right and discrimination in housing is not only against the law, but contrary to our sense of what our country should mean to us and to others.

**WHEREAS**, in support of equal housing opportunity, the City of Colby has established a Fair Housing contact whose functions include receiving complaints regarding alleged violations of jurisdictional fair housing policies, and attempting to resolve legitimate grievances through conference and conciliation at the local level if possible.

**WHEREAS**, there are voluntary programs in support of fair housing that we as concerned citizens can encourage at every level in our community and in our jobs. There are personal and professional attitudes that we can and must change. These efforts are to make fair housing choice a basic right for our neighbors and ourselves.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ken Bieber, Mayor of the City of Colby, do hereby designate the month of April 2009, as

### FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in the City of Colby, Kansas, and urge all citizens to join in this observance by resolving to fight discrimination in our personal lives, and by making ourselves aware of the Fair Housing Act and the ways in which it applies to our community.

**SIGNED AND SEALED** this 17th day of March, 2009.

(S) Ken Bieber, Mayor

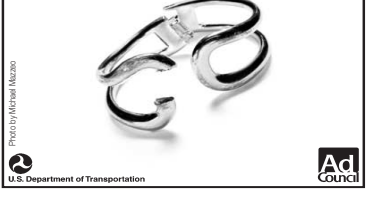
(S) Joni Ketchum, City Clerk

(Seal)

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A drunk driver ruined something precious. Amber Apodaca.

**Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.**



## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING MEETING

TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that Sunflower Electric Power Corporation (Sunflower) seeks input from the public in preparing an Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) to be submitted to Western Area Power Administration (Western) pursuant to Federal Register Vol. 65, No. 62, dated March 30, 2000/Rules and Regulations Part 905- Energy Planning and Management Program.

The purposes of the IRP are to meet the objectives of the Energy Planning and Management Program (EPAMP) of Section 114 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPA) and to extend the long-term firm power resource commitments of Western while supporting customer integrated resource planning; demand-side management (DSM), including energy efficiency, conservation, and load management; and the use of renewable energy.

You are invited to attend a meeting to be held at the Hadley Center, James Room, 204 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Hays, Kansas, on April 13, 2009, from 9:30a.m. to 12:00p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain public input into Sunflower's planning process for new energy resources in order for Sunflower to provide adequate and reliable services to its Members, and its Members' electric consumers. Topics include, but not by limitation, new generating capacity, power purchases, energy conservation and efficiency, cogeneration, heating and cooling applications and renewable resources. In addition, you may submit written comments to Sunflower at the address stated below. All written comments must be received no later than April 30, 2009.

SUNFLOWER ELECTRIC POWER CORPORATION  
301 W. 13th Street  
Hays, Kansas 67601  
(785) 628-2845

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## Public Notice

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of the Estate of CARROL M. GOULD, Deceased

Case No. 03-P-26

### NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by David Gould and Cindy Shubert, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-Executors of the Estate of Carroll M. Gould, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioners be finally discharged as the Co-Executors of the Estate of Carroll M. Gould, deceased, and the Petitioners be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 9, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, in Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

David Gould and Cindy Shubert, Petitioners

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(785) 460-3365  
Attorney for Petitioners

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#### Comfort Inn Convention Center—Colby, Kansas

**Doors Open 4:45pm Buffet Dinner 5:30 pm Live Auction 7:00pm**

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J & B Meat Market.....	20 lb Ground Chuck	Sport Shoppe.....	KU Pullover and KSU Pullover
Colby Bowl.....	Family Night Out	S&T Communications .....	1/2 oz American Eagle Gold Coin
Thomas County Speedway.....	2 Season Passes	Van's Body & Frame.....	2 Truck Alignments
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