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Six in running for Colby school seats

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Six people are running for the three positions up for grabs in this year's Colby School District elections.

The positions open this year have been occupied by Gerald Fulwider, Tracy Rogers and Janice Frahm, said Thomas County Clerk Shelly Harms said. All three are running for re-election.

The newcomers are J.C. Carter, Susan McLemore and Dale Vap. The three top vote getters will fill the open seats.

Polls will be open at the Colby Community Building from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 7.

Advanced voting in person is available to anyone from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Monday through next Friday, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Monday, April 6, at the Thomas County clerk's office.

To receive an advanced ballot in the

mail, call the office at (785) 460-4500 or write to the county clerk, Thomas County Courthouse, 300 N. Court Ave., Colby, Kan., 67701. The office will send you an advanced voting application, which must be returned to receive a ballot.

Here is some information about the candidates, as well as their positions on issues affecting the school.

J.C. Carter, 56, is married to Diana, and has two children, Caleb, 14, and Cayla, 10. He has class hours at both Colby

Community College and Colorado State University. At the present, he is on disability due to severe back problems. Since he is not working, he said, he should have more time to devote to the school board. He also donates his time as assistant leader of Cub Scout Pack 141.

"I am running for the school board position because I want to help preserve the quality of education we now have," Carter said, "and I feel the board will need a lot of help doing this with the present budget

cuts."

He feels most people in Colby are concerned that the board might cut some important programs. He said the board might be able to cut the number of paraprofessionals in the special education area. He has a son in athletics, and feels like the district sends out too many buses rather than combine some of the events. He also thinks there are too many buses on

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Chelsey Williams (above), a front-desk receptionist at the Colby Medical and Surgical Center, scraped her windshield off before sliding off to work this morning. Ike Donn, a letter carrier

for the Colby post office, got all bundled up to deliver mail to Colby citizens. Three weeks ago, he was making his rounds in uniform shorts.

Storm brushes our area

Deep snow, wind reported to the south

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Colby streets were slick this morning as drivers dealt with 1 to 2 inches of snow, but the area missed the brunt of a major winter storm that left 10 inches in Johnson City and 15 in La Junta, Colo.

The main storm came in from the northwest and moved farther south than expected, missing the eastern part of northwest Kansas, said Mick McGuire, a forecaster for the National Weather Service in Goodland. Oberlin had only a

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Three after two city seats in Rexford vote

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Workers from the Thomas County clerk's office took a polling booth to Rexford's Red Barn senior center Wednesday to allow citizens in the northeast part of the county to vote in advance of the April 7 city and school elections.

It was the last chance Rexford citizens will have to vote in their own town, since the only polling place on election day will be at the Community Building in Colby.

Rexford has three people on the ballot for two seats on the City Council: Penny Vogler, Betty J. Nickols and Gary Delzeit. Nickols is running for re-election. The two people who received the most

votes will fill the two seats. Mike Johnson decided not to run for re-election. Rexford's council is composed of five councilmen and the mayor.

Advanced voting in person is available to any voter from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Monday through Friday, April 3, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Monday, April 6, at the clerk's office. No reason is necessary to get an advance ballot.

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Fair board gives OK for livestock contest

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Thomas County Extension and the Colby Community College livestock judging team got permission from the county Fair Board on Thursday to use the fairgrounds for a livestock judging contest coming up next month.

Jay Todd, a 4-H parent, talked with the board. He also asked permission to use the beef barn.

"The contest will run from 9 a.m. to around 5 p.m.," he said. "Everyone is welcome. Kids will be separated into three divisions according to age.

"Anyone between the ages of 7 and 18 can compete," said Jim Latoski, coach for the college judging team. "There will be three different divisions based on age, including novice for ages 7 to 9, junior for ages 10 to 13, and a senior division for ages 11 to 18."

Latoski said the contest on Saturday, April 25, is being held for the first time in about seven years. Following the contest, the college livestock judging team will put on a club lamb and pig sale. For information, call Latoski at (785) 460-5463 or Clint Milliman at (785) 460-4582.

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Kindergarten screening put off to April 6 and 7

Free kindergarten screening for incoming students, which had been scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, now will be Monday and Tuesday, April 6 and 7, at the Colby United Methodist Church.

The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center and Colby Grade School staffs are offering the screening, which will be done

by professionals who know how children grow and learn.

Areas to be screened include vision, hearing, speech, language, motor and cognitive development. These will help determine your child's readiness for school. To make an appointment, call school nurse Amy Hutfles at 460-5111 or 460-5100.

Briefly

FFA feed, auction next Friday

With a winter storm expected, the Colby High FFA chapter has rescheduled its labor auction and mountain-oyster/fish fry from this week to 6:30 p.m. next Friday, April 3, in the commons. Students' labor, projects and various items will be auctioned. Ag instructor Shawna Howell-Hoffman said they will have door prizes and giveaways. Everyone will get a free bird feeder as a thank-you from her. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Call Howell-Hoffman at 460-5320 for questions.

School 'WhoDunit' next week

Come help solve them mystery of "The Great High School WhoDunit," rescheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday in the Colby High School auditorium. The forensics team will have a donation soup supper before the show from 5:30-6:45 p.m. and a dessert buffet dur-

ing intermission. During the break, there'll be a clue hunt. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

Scouts plan craft fair at show

Venture Scouts 157 are holding a craft fair during the Better Home and Living Show Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Colby Community Building. Participants include vendors for Mia Belle Candles, Nana's Comfort Foods, Share the Bounty and several others selling homemade noodles, breads, dip mixes, jewelry, candles and handcrafted items. For information, call Jan Barnum, 462-6503.

District offering trees for sale

The Thomas County Conservation District is offering trees for sale. Orders must be placed by Saturday for delivery about Saturday, April 18. They can be for any number or variety of trees, for yard planting or field use. All by one type are \$1.50 each, said

Debbie Potter, district manager. Call her at (785) 462-7482, extension 303, for questions or to order.

Barbershop event rescheduled

A appearance by the quartet Realtime for the "Back to the Roots of Barbershop" show sponsored by the Colby Area Barbershoppers, has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 2. It had been set for Saturday. Tickets, \$10 each in advance or \$12 at the door, can be purchased from any member or by calling (800) 269-7059 or (785) 462-2474. Anyone with a ticket for Saturday should just keep it and use it, organizers said.

Sausage, biscuits in Brewster

The men of the Brewster Methodist Church, 202 Nebraska, will serve a biscuit-and-sausage-gravy dinner with dessert and salad from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. And offering will be taken.

Radio control club plans race

The Racing for Christ radio controlled car club will race at 2 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church, 615 W. Webster. The club will be giving a radio-controlled car away in April. Come find out how to win. For information, call Kent Higerd, 462-3440

Preschool looking for kids

Puddle Duck Preschool, 520 W. Fifth, plans an enrollment open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday for kids age 3-5 interested in the fall term. The school welcomes all denominations, said teacher Amy Jennings. Call her at 460-2603 for information.



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