



Chamber recognizes community leaders

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The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce gave the 2008 Ambassador Business Person of the Year and the Community Service Person of the Year at its annual banquet this month.

The business award went to Darwin Strutt, owner of F&M Insurance Store, and the service award to Relda Galli, president of the Colby branch of First National Bank.

Jeremy Quint, Randy Wilson and Quintin Flanagin were elected to the Chamber board at the event. Stephens said members could vote for people with ballots sent out to them at the end of February.

Tina Harris became Chamber president, replacing Ted Hart. Hart will remain on the board, said Stephens.

Past President Harold Sulzman retired after six years on the board.

The M&M sisters from Smith Center entertained at the end of the banquet with a "Legends



HOLLY STEPHENS/Colby/Thomas County Chamber
Relda Galli (right), president of the Colby branch of the First National Bank, was presented the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce Community Service Person of the Year award by Chamber President Tina Harris at the Chamber annual banquet April 18 at the City Limits Convention Center.

Through the Ages" performance. They dressed up as famous musicians through the years, including Sonny and Cher, Aretha Franklin, Patsy Cline and Minnie Pearl, said Stephens. Decorations at the banquet, held April 18 at City Limits Convention Center, were done by Someplace Special and the Colby Diplomats.

Stephens said she wanted to thank the Ambassadors, the Dip-

lomats and Someplace Special for their help putting the banquet together, and the City Limits for their hospitality. She said the Ambassadors is a Chamber unit that promotes businesses in the county. The diplomats support women in businesses.

The banquet culminated with a drawing for prizes donated by

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Crash on I-70 kills three from Washington group

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Three of four people in a car that rolled and went over a bridge railing about 6 miles west of Goodland on Sunday were killed, with the fourth injured badly enough to be flown to a Denver hospital.

All four people in the car were from Vancouver, Wash., said Trooper Joe Greene of the Kansas Highway Patrol. The driver, Laurie L. Teters, 48, was killed, as were passengers Carlotta S. Morrison, 74, and Lyla M. Poulsen, 54. The three women were all wearing their seat belts, Trooper Greene said.

The other back seat passenger was Arthur R. Teters, 48, who was wearing a seat belt. He had to be cut out of the car, Greene said. He

was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center and then transferred to Swedish Medical Center in Denver.

Teters was reported in critical condition on Monday, but expected to recover, a hospital spokesman said.

Greene said the car, a 2004 Saturn Vue, was eastbound on I-70 about 1 p.m. about 6 miles west of Goodland.

"The car was in the passing lane when the driver's-side wheels drifted into the median," he said. "The driver overcorrected, and the car slid sideways and rolled several times. In the last roll, it landed on the roof on top of the bridge guardrail.

"The car slid along the guardrail before falling off into the ravine, landing on its wheels facing west and rolled down the bank, where

it stopped."

The Sherman County rural firemen responded with their emergency rescue truck. They had to cut all four doors off the car to extricate the injured passenger and the three who were killed.

Greene said he was able to learn that the five were driving to Little Rock, Ark., for a funeral. He said the family in Vancouver had been notified by Sam Lapore, chaplain for the Vancouver Fire Department.

He said the Kansas Department of Transportation put up "emergency scene" signs and arrows blocking the north lane for a time. The road was reopened later Sunday.

The three who were killed were taken to Bateman Funeral Home in Goodland, and the car was towed by Stage Stop Tow Service.

Area bar could be a Wonder

A Goodland bar and grill is one of the 24 finalists for the Kansas Sampler Foundation's 8 Wonders of Kansas Cuisine.

Crazy R's Bar and Grill, 1618 Main, is one of the 24 top candidates for the final list. Voting will be open until Monday, June 15, at www.kansassampler.org/8wonders/cuisine.php. One e-mail address can be used to vote three times. You must vote for eight candidates.

Goodland's Butterfly Cafe was also nominated but was not one of the finalists. The 122 restaurants nominated included Big Ed's Steakhouse in Bird City, the Teller Room Restaurant at the LandMark Inn in Oberlin and the Chubby Pickle in Phillipsburg.

Other finalists are the Anchor Inn in Hutchinson;

Bobo's Drive In and C.W. Porubsky's Deli and Tavern, both in Topeka; the Brookville Hotel, Abilene; Carolyn's Essenhaus, Arlington; Charlie's Mexican Restaurant, Leoti; the Cozy Inn, Salina; Crawford County Fried Chicken; the Free State Brewing Co. and WheatField's Bakery Cafe, both in Lawrence; Fritz's Union Station, Kansas City; the Grand Central Hotel, Cottonwood Falls; Guy and Mae's Tavern, Williamsburg; the Hays House 1857 Restaurant and Tavern, Council Grove; Hibachi Hut, Manhattan; Homer's Drive In, Leavenworth; Josie's Ristorante, Scammon; the NuWay Cafe and Olive Tree Bistro, both in Wichita; Paolucci's Restaurant, Atchison; Pho Hoa, Garden City; the Prairie Nut Hut, Altoona; and Trapper's Bar and Grill, Simpson.



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Picture perfect, yummy and easy, Lori Sporer, Logan County Extension agent, (above) showed off rolls from a "make, take, bake" class Thursday at the Thomas County Office Complex. She made the hour and the flour fly with her hands-on demonstration for 15 eager culinary wannabes. Karen Larmer said she wanted to make sure son Nick (below) can find his way around the kitchen. He did a pretty good job of making a yeast-bread tea ring on Thursday.

Flour flies as women, teen learn to make rolls

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To promote baking and sharing of homemade goodies and to celebrate wheat as Kansas' main agricultural product, Thomas County Extension held a "make, take and bake" day on Thursday.

Fourteen women — and one young man — met at the Thomas County Office Complex, rolling pins in hand, ready to make a yeast-bread "tea ring," take it home and bake it.

Diann Gerstner, Thomas County Extension agent, teamed up with Agent Lori Sporer from the Logan County office to teach a simple and quick way to make these rolls.

Before the group got out the flour and rolling pins, Sporer gave a brief history and quiz about wheat and it's uses.

She told the group that wheat is grown on more land worldwide than any other crop, and is a close third to rice and corn in total world production. She said it was first grown in what is now the United States in 1602, on an island off the Massachusetts coast.

She also said that wheat supplies about 20 per-



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Briefly

City to pick up grass clippings

City crews began picking up grass clippings today. Clippings must be at curbside by 8 a.m. on your regular trash day in a separate tipper can from household trash. Put clippings in the tipper loose, not in plastic bags. For questions, call the Public Works office at 460-4420.

Road near elevator to close

County Road Q (Willow Street) will be closed to through traffic Tuesday and Wednesday while Union Pacific crews rebuild the railroad crossing just east of Cornerstone Ag. The closing applies east about two miles east to Road 23, said Clair Schrock, Thomas County road supervisor. For information, call the road and bridge department at 460-4562.

Eat pizza, help students on trip

Bring your family out for pizza, pasta or sand-

wiches at a National Forensics League fund raiser from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Pizza Hut. Present a coupon (available at the restaurant) with your ticket, and help Gray Henry and Kayla Sloan earn money to go to national competition. Twenty percent of the profits go to their trip fund. For questions, call Donna Henry at 460-6363.

College board calls meeting

The Colby Community College board will hold a special meeting at noon Wednesday in Thomas Hall to discuss two personnel matters in closed-door session. President Lynn Kreider said the board also will discuss a wind-energy proposal and plans to purchase property in open session. For questions, call the college at 462-3984.

Open house at kindergarten

Colby Grade School plans a kindergarten visitation

night for incoming students and their parents from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday in the school auditorium. A slide show will outline the kindergarten program, followed by a tour of all three classrooms. Teachers and staff will talk and answer questions. The office will be open. For questions, call the school at 460-5100

Barbershop on tap at college

The quartet Realtime, the 2005 international champions of Barbershop, will headline the program for "Back to the Roots of Barbershop," sponsored by the Colby Area Barbershoppers on Saturday. Shows will be at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Frahm Theater of the Colby Community College Cultural Arts Center. 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. People who have tickets for the April date may use them.

College offers self-defense

Colby Community College is offering a self-defense class from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The class, taught by Christine Zejda, will be held in the Student Union, room 108. Call the college Admissions Office at 460-4690 to enroll.

Church offers free seminar

Bring a brown-bag lunch for free seminar on "Pathways, Disease or Wholeness" at 9 a.m. Saturday at Redeeming Love Ministries, 345 N. Franklin. The speaker (by digital disk) is Henry Wright. Bible college students can gain 2.25 credit hours. Call (785) 650-2375 for questions.

