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Point out potholes on city site

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For anyone who's ever seen a pothole and thought, "I wonder if the city even knows about that," the city of Colby has set up a service on their web site that allows citizens to report everything from a pothole to overhanging trees.

The Citizen Request Tracker allows citizens to report road or maintenance problems over the Internet on www.cityofcolby.com.

Wederski said the feature has been up and running for several months while the city and their web host set everything up. The feature is now added as a button to the main page's left-side menu,

however, Wederski said, nobody has used it yet.

The first time a person clicks the Service Request button, the site will prompt them to create a free account by writing in their e-mail address and creating a password. The site will send an automated confirmation e-mail to that address. Once an account is created, the person can log in any time and submit a form.

The "Fix It" form includes space for name, address, phone number, e-mail address - which are required - and check boxes to indicate what type of problem is being reported. There are two write-in areas where people can

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Bulldogs strut their stuff at show

By Jackie Armstrong

Golden Plains High School

On May 3, Golden Plains High School students showed off their performance skills at the school's fifth annual talent show. Singers, dancers, comedians, skits and instrumental performances filled the stage throughout evening.

Dances included: "Cha Cha Slide" by Tori Ramsey, Kaycie Clapp, Josie Franz, and Tayler Person, and "Ice Cream and Cake" by Ramsey and Clapp.

Vocal performances included: "Baby" by Koi Wessel and Cameron Spresser; "Ando Bien Pede" and "El Proximo Viernes" by Miguel Ortiz and Justin Dice; "Tu No Eres Para Mi" by Karina Munoz and Jaqueline Rivas; "Never

Mind Me" and "The Chair" by Jonathan and Isaac Broeckelman; "El Llanto de un Illegal" by Ortiz; "Beautiful, Beautiful" by Caitlin Spresser; "Three Wooden Crosses" by Luke Wessel; "The Climb" by Mikayla Lobato; "Butterfly Flyaway" by Jenna Bruggeman and Gabrielle Schiltz; and "I Love You" by Caitlin Spresser.

Instrumentalists included "Blues Bass" by Jacob Griffith; "Daisy Bright" by Brandy Gilbert (piano); "I Want to Hold Your Hand" by Tyler Stevenson, McKayla Albertson, Isaac Broeckelman, Michelle Becker, Jonathan Broeckelman and Aaron Emigh (band); "Duo De Espana" by Munoz (xylophone); "I Run to You"

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Colby's vocal talent shows off at concert

Colby High School students Chace McNinch (above) and Steven Kerksiek played guitar and piano and sang for their duet, "Too Much Love Will Kill You," by Queen at the high school's Vocal Pops Concert on Tuesday. The concert choir and women's choir performed alongside small groups and individuals like Allison Giersch (left), who sang "I Never Told You" by Colbie Callait. The school's drama class provided entertainment during the interludes and the whole graduating class got on stage to sing "Fireflies" by Owl City at the end of the show.

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Fishing derby to reel in the little ones

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The Fishing Derby for Kids is returning to Villa High Lake, and to add to the excitement this year, several young fishermen and women will take home some wonderful prizes.

The event will run from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 22, at Villa High Park on the east side of Range Avenue and next to KXXX radio broadcasting offices.

There is no charge, but an enrollment form to participate must be filled out to receive one of the 150 free tackle boxes from Kansas Wildlife and Parks Department.

Enrollment is due by Wednesday, and anyone attending under the age of seven must be accompanied by an adult to be able to participate.

Enrollment forms are available at C&M Gun and Pawn at 320 North Franklin, the Colby Grade School, Oasis Travel Center at 700 Horton Ave., Orschelns at 1915 South Range, The Bank at 1290 West Fourth, Colby Community College faculty office at 1255 South Range, The Colby Free Press at 155 West Fifth St., by calling Kathy Cayton at (785) 460-5314, or by emailing the office of Barry Kaaz, dean of external affairs, at kathy.cayton@colbycedu.

No one who comes late without pre-registration will be turned away, but those who have pre-registered will be given preference by getting their bait first. Those who do not have pre-registration will only need to wait until the others have been through the bait line.

Colby Community College will provide the fish, and along with other sponsors,

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, C-M Gun & Pawn, The Bank, Hi Plains Co-op and Woofter Construction and Irrigation are teaming up to host the second annual Fishing Derby for Kids.

Kaaz said after the college received a grant last year from the Kansas State Wildlife and Parks, they determined they would share the grant with area youngsters by hosting a fishing derby.

Kaaz, who said he has a natural love for the outdoors, said, "I believe kids need to get off the couch, away from the television and computers, and outside where they will learn to appreciate and love the outdoors."

"This is a time for kids to experience the sport of fishing in a relaxing setting," he noted.

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New pastor comes to First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church of Colby welcomed a new pastor, the Rev. Craig Crossman, on May 1.

Crossman and his wife Karen came to Colby from Charleston, W.Va. They have three children and six grandchildren living in Ohio, Massachusetts, and Tennessee.

For the past several years, Crossman has been working for the American Baptist Churches/USA as an interim specialist, taking over where a pastor had been involved in sexual, financial, drug or alcohol abuse. He would come into the church for a one or two years to help the congregation heal and to prepare them to call either a new pastor or a conventional interim pastor.

He graduated with a bachelor's de-

gree from Fairmont State University in West Virginia, a Master of Divinity degree from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Liberty Seminary in Lynchburg, Va.

Through his 26 years of ministry, Crossman has served churches in Maine, West Virginia, Kansas (Maple Hill), Michigan, New York, and Ohio. He also was a chaplain with Kanawha Hospice in Dunbar, W.Va.

Crossman said he interviewed the Colby First Baptist in 1994, but did not end up coming to town. Being called 16 years later, he said, has a nice type of symmetry.

He can be contacted at the church at 462-2867.

The Colby Free Press and area businesses wish the classes of 2010 Good Luck!

See our special Graduation Section in today's paper

Briefly

Free concert planned at church

Colby Berean Church will hold a free Gaither Video Concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the church. This concert will feature "The Gatlin Brothers Come Home." It is open to the public and refreshments will be provided. For information, call the church at 460-1968.

Methodists plan youth camp

The Colby United Methodist Church will have enrollment for its Summer Youth Program from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the church. The program, for children age 3 through sixth grade, will run Monday to Wednesday each week from June 7 to July 7. For information, call the church at 460-2761.

Expert to talk about diabetes

Dr. Phillip Challans of Wichita will give a free dia-

betes update at 7:30 p.m. next Thursday at Citizens Medical Center. Challans is taking over for Dr. Richard Guthrie, who is unable to be here. For information, call Jeanene Brown, director of education, at 460-4850.

High school teams selling meals

The Colby High School forensics and debate teams are selling tickets for their Celebrity Servers fund raiser Saturday, May 22, at Montana Mike's. Tickets are \$15 for either a center-cut sirloin dinner or a grilled chicken dinner. Part of the ticket and all tips will go to the teams for their trip to the National Championships on May 28. For information, call coach Nancy Rundel at 460-5300.

Class will prepare for college

The Colby Community College adult education department is offering a free college preparation class,

"Math Review and Other Stuff Too," Tuesdays and Thursdays in June. In addition to math, the class will include basic technology skills, writing, test-taking strategies, study techniques and problem solving. For information, call Munderloh at 460-4663.

Golf club plans tournament

A one-couple golf tournament to raise money for Meadow Lake Golf Club will begin at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 23, at the course, 1085 E. Golf Club Drive in Colby. Registration will be at 10 a.m., with tee-off at 10:30. Cost is \$60 per couple. Cart rental is available, and lunch and snacks will be provided. Call the club at (785) 460-6443.

Moran's staff plans office hours

Staffers from Congressman Jerry Moran's will hold open office hours from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Thomas County Courthouse Tuesday, May 25.

Chelsey Gillogly, district representative for the 1st Congressional District, will be in the commissioners room to meet with area residents who have opinions about the federal government or are experiencing difficulties with Social Security, Medicare, Veterans Affairs or other issues. For information, call Gillogly or Rachel Robben at (785) 628-6401.

Head Start taking applications

Thomas County Head Start preschool is accepting applications for 3- and 4-year-old children. The program takes applications all year, but children must be 3 by Sept. 1 to start class in the fall. Tuition is free. To apply, call 460-6067.



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