

College boards talk collaboration

Board members from Colby Community College and Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland recently met to determine interest in working cooperatively to benefit students at both institutions. The boards discussed three initial potential areas of collaboration including programs of study, student life and recruitment.

Colby board members Cindy Black, Kenton Krehbiel, Arlen Leiker and Dale Herschberger traveled to Goodland on June 1 for a dinner meeting. Goodland board members Clair Legere, Billi Beckman, Paul Bruggeman, Frank Otter, Rob Loftin, Arlie Archer, Bruce Buck and Dick Short represented their college at this initial meeting.

"Partnerships and collaborations with other colleges provide more opportunities for all our students," said CCC Board Chair Cindy Black. "Working together will reduce barriers and contribute to the economic growth and stability of northwest Kansas."

"Collaborative efforts such as this will allow our schools to emerge stronger with the potential to increase enrollments, programs and cooperation between the two colleges," said Loftin.

Community and technical colleges are struggling with shrinking resources. Funding levels from the state have been reduced with the possibility of even more reductions next year. In addition, the populations in the service areas

for both schools have experienced dramatic declines.

"Working together with NWKTC and other colleges whenever possible to avoid duplication of services is a sound business decision," said Black. "Goodland, Colby and the surrounding areas can benefit from these collaborative efforts. More importantly, this collaboration will assist students in attaining their educational and employment goals."

The two boards have agreed to meet again to further discuss possible collaborations, according to Loftin, who added "New partnerships are one way for both schools to continue to offer a quality education at affordable prices for our students."

Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club

President Sarah Lamm called the monthly meeting of the Abilene Hustlers 4-H club to order on Monday, June 7. Cassie Wells led the American flag salute.

Rachel Lamm gave the council report, announcing that 4-Hers that win Grand Champion awards will receive hoodies as a prize instead of a trophy.

Community leader Donna Lamm reminded members to pre-register their 4-H exhibits. She also said that fair packets are available to pick up.

A photography workshop will be held at the end of June in Great Bend.

In new business, the club decided to have a float for the fair and to put up a club booth. The Lamms

Golf News

The Chamber/Rotary tournament registration was at noon today, with tee off time at 1 p.m. This was a four person scramble.

Tonight is couples night. In the event the tournament isn't finished, couples may get a late start.

Call Meadow Lake at (785) 460-6443 to see if there will be a couple's night and what time it starts.

and the Koons volunteered to be in charge of the float. Ashley Standage and Kim Gerstner will do the booth.

Josh Koon gave a project talk about his guinea pig. Tucker Gerstner and Sarah Lamm gave a talk about what they did at Discovery Days June 1 through 4.

To end the meeting, the club played Pass the Hula Hoop and recited the 4-H flag salute.

- Brook Ziegelmeier

Foe buys police website

BLUFF CITY, Tenn. (AP) — After a Tennessee police department let its website expire, the site was snatched up by a new owner — a man who uses it to gripe about traffic cameras that issue speeding tickets.

Computer network designer Brian McCrary says he discovered the Bluff City Police Department site was up for grabs, so he paid domain provider Go Daddy for the rights to www.bluffcitypd.com.

McCrary, who says he received a \$90 speeding citation earlier this year, took over the site May 22.

His site now shows a smiling cartoon police badge clutching green currency. It also posts gripes from others who've been cited.

Police Chief David Nelson said the officer who managed the site had been on medical leave and the expiration slipped up on the department.

American Legion Auxiliary sponsors contest

Preschool through fifth grade students at Golden Plains Elementary School participated in a Memorial Day coloring and writing contest sponsored by the Selden American Legion Auxiliary.

This is the second year for the contest, designed to help students better understand the meaning and background of Memorial Day.

All work was handled as part of regular class work in art or English. Students through second grade colored patriotic symbols, while those in grades three to five had writing projects, such as essays or poems. Certificates and ribbons were given by the auxil-

iary to the top three in each class at a school assembly.

The winners:

Pre-school (3-year-olds): first, Jordyn Fleckenstein; second, Kira Adelman; third, Tucker Wark.

Pre-school (4-year-olds): first, Breanna Rath; second, Memo Monge; third, Jazline Manriquez.

Kindergarten: first, Joshua Yanez; second, Ashton Schiltz; third, Garrett Carter.

First Grade: first, KeLynn Jacobs; second, tie Tylor Todd and Brooke Stoll; third, Bella Sauvage.

Second Grade: first, Karri Schaben; second, Jaiden Koerper-

ich; third, Chuck Bailey.

Third Grade: first, Miguel Stevens, Memo Monge; second, Nolan Ritter; third, tie Paris Bailey and Adrian Camacho.

Fourth Grade: first, Callie Uehlin; second, Kaylie Schaben; third, Charlott McCurdy.

Fifth Grade: first, Gabrielle Schiltz; second, Jessica Koerperich; third, tie Dawson Spresser and Austin Rivera.

One of the fifth-grade poems, written by Jessica Koerperich, was submitted by teacher Julie Ziegelmeier to a national educators magazine and has been accepted for publication.

Senior Progress Center

Come enjoy a game of domino's on Wednesday at the Senior Progress Center.

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 10:30 a.m., shuffle board. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m., exercise; cook- ie day. **Wednesday:** 10:30 a.m., domino game. **Thursday:** 10 a.m., exercise; 11 a.m., tribute to fathers. **Friday:** 10 a.m., exercise; 10:30 a.m., Wii bowling.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** chili dog with cheese, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, bun, apricots. **Tuesday:** shepherd's pie, mandarin oranges, cornbread, brownie. **Wednesday:** turkey, sweet potatoes, pineapple, bread,

pasta salad with vegetables. **Thursday:** meat loaf, creamed potatoes and peas, watermelon, bread, birthday cake. **Friday:** ham and cheese sandwich, tomato soup, gelatin with fruit, bread and crackers, cookie.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch Monday through Friday at the senior center. Home delivery is available, as is pick-up service. A contribution of \$2.75 per meal is suggested for seniors, \$5 for others. For anyone under 60, home delivery is \$5.75.

Make reservations at (784) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Wednesday
5:29 a.m. — A dog barking and at large at 480 Siggins caught and taken to Colby Animal Clinic.

7:18 a.m. — Welfare check at 215 W. Fifth. All OK.

7:35 a.m. — Subject reported receiving two calls where a young boy was on the phone; could hear crying in background. Not found.

8:52 a.m. — Counselor at High Plains Mental Health requested officer to check welfare on client refusing to come in for screening. All OK.

9:02 a.m. — Assisted ambulance crew at Washburn Optometry.

11:23 a.m. — Theft of license plate from 320 1/2 N. Franklin.

12:20 p.m. — Dog at large in the 200 block of W. Cedar not found.

1:30 p.m. — Criminal damage to vehicle at 125 N. French.

3:19 p.m. — Assisted ambulance crew at 1895 S. Franklin.

4:49 p.m. — Theft of bicycle from swimming pool.

4:59 p.m. — Retrieved medicine at 1895 S. Franklin for patient at Citizens Medical Center.

5:20 p.m. — Dog at large at 1315 W. Fourth not found.

6:21 p.m. — Kabredlo's reported gas skip. No report at this time;

suspect are known.

6:37 p.m. — Assisted ambulance crew at 760 W. Sixth.

6:43 p.m. — Theft of purse from McDonalds.

7:48 p.m. — Neighbor being really loud and saying weird things at 770 Dylan Dr. Everything OK; subject was on phone.

9:08 p.m. — Red bike found in alleyway of 255 W. Fifth brought to station.

9:19 p.m. — Fighting at Budget Host. Everything OK.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Wednesday
7:46 a.m. — Traffic control for stalled semi on U.S. 83 at mile 160.

11:21 a.m. — Vehicle almost caused an accident driving erratically eastbound in the 1200 block of U.S. 24. Will check further.

1:21 p.m. — Spoke to owner about vehicle on county right of way at Hillery Motors in Levant.

2:04 p.m. — Report filed on court order to transport subject to Larned State Hospital.

6:49 p.m. — Driving while suspended report filed on traffic stop at Fifth and School.

7:49 p.m. — Report on traffic stop at Fourth and Smith Dr.

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