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Board talks with Tech on collaboration

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The Colby Community College board discussed ways to work with the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland at a meeting last Monday at Thomas Hall.

"If we do something, it needs to be unique – different from the status quo," said board member Arlen Leiker.

The two boards met June 1, said Chairman Cindy Black. They discussed several ways the two could co-operate, including generaleducation requirements, online classes, working with legislators and the state budget, recruiting from Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma, sharing instructors and advancing the colleges' identity in western Kansas.

After the meeting, she said, the boards decided to have another meeting. Black said she and Robert Loftin, the chairman for the technical college, will schedule the time and date.

"We have to come up with new initiatives that can benefit both schools," said Debra Schwanke, public information director for the college.

President Lynn Kreider said alternative energy is an area the two colleges could work together on.

John Gatz, attorney for the college, said the Goodland board should be able to point out how Colby would benefit from whatever its members have in mind.

In other business: Nick Wells, endowment foundation executive director, said he

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Bruce Frahm (right), one of the vice presidents of the Ameri- from 1 p.m. Saturday to 1 p.m. Sunday. Frahm and Parkincan Radio Relay League, and Jeff Morrison tried to contact son's team racked up more than 1,000 points, scoring every other stations as part of the Amateur Radio Field Day on Sun- time they contacted another amateur, or HAM, station. day afternoon at the Colby Municipal Airport. The event lasted

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Candidate says voter identification will be top priority

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Kansas Secretary of State candidate J.R. Claeys says he's put a lot of miles on his car during his campaign. Claeys, a Republican from Salina, stopped in Colby on Friday before heading all the way he has a variety of education and job exback across the state Saturday to attend an event in Overland Park.

Claeys said he will continue to travel throughout the state until the August primary election, trying to visit at least three of the state's 105 counties every day.



periences to draw on. He graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in journalism. He worked for the Manhattan Born and raised in Salina, Claeys said from the George Washington University have one or more forms of identification he said, one of the the office's biggest See "CANDIDATE," Page 3

School of Business in Washington.

While in the nation's capital, Claeys the National Small Business Association and with the U.S. Small Business Adminpresident and chief operating officer of bill. the National Association of Government Contractors, a trade organization for small businesses.

Mercury, also getting into volunteer work he sees coming for the secretary of state's Claeys said, while others would be even on the front end, it prevents delays and with nonprofit organizations. He got a office is the push a state voter identificamasters' degree in public administration tion law, which would require people to

when they show up at the polls.

Claeys said several voter identification served as director of communications for laws have passed the Legislature, but all that have been vetoed by a Democrat in the governor's seat. Kansas is likely to istration Office of Advocacy under the elect a Republican governor this year, Bush Administration. He has also been he said, who would probably sign such a

Kansas currently requires one form of identification for first-time voters. Some of the proposed laws would extend that Claeys said one of the biggest issues requirement to every time a person votes, more strict.

If a voter identification bill is passed,

responsibilities would be to educate both voters and poll workers on what kinds of identification they need. The secretary of state, who supervises all elections, would need to coordinate with county clerks and election officers to make sure they have all the resources they need.

The goal, Claeys said, would be to make sure voters and poll workers know exactly what kind of identification is needed.

"If everybody's as educated as possible lines at the polls," he said.

Longtime Colby farmers celebrate 70th wedding anniversary

By Vera Sloan

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June 30, 1940, was a big day for Lloyd White and Lucille Jackson: their wedding day. And that was 70 years ago, something not many couples get to celebrate.

"We met at a dance in Atwood while we were still in high school," Lucille recalled. "Lloyd was a member of the band, but when the band had a break, he came over to speak to me, and then when the band started back up, we danced a little. He asked if he could take me to one of his ball games, and I thought he was a pretty nice guy, so I said yes, I'd go."

Lucille said she went to several athletic events with Lloyd after that, and it grew into a romance that has lasted more than 70 years.

Lucille recalled that when she was a girl, she and her brother would double up and ride bareback on the family's horse to go to a country school north of Ludell. They carried their lunch in a gal-



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Lloyd and Lucille White of Colby will celebrate their wedding day for the 70th time on Wednesday. They have lived and farmed in the Colby area all their married life.

lon bucket, and she especially re- and went home," she said, "so we members the time they were going had to walk the rest of the way to up a steep hill and they both slid school. When the horse got back to the farm without us, my dad off the horse.



Diplomas, transcripts and miscellaneous items for the Colby High School's Class of 2010 are available for pickup at the administration building, 600 W. Third Street. For information, call the district office at 460-5000.

Hospital plans childbirth classes

Citizens Medical Center will offer a four-week series of childbirth education classes from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursdays starting this week. Women who are due to deliver before October should attend with their labor support partner. The next classes will begin Oct. 7. For information or to register, call Jeanene Brown at the hospital Education Department at (785) 460-4850.

Picnic, music Wednesday

Colby's Picnic in the Park lunch-and-concert se-

entertainment by Pieces of 8. For information, call the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce at 460-3401 or the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau at 460-7643.

Heartland selling fireworks

Heartland Christian School will be selling fireworks at the Colby Livestock parking lot on Country Club Drive from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Sunday. All proceeds will go to the school. For information, call Ronda Myers at 462-7727 or 443-1384.

Museum plans family show

The Prairie Museum of Art and History will put up a special exhibit from Sunday to Saturday, July 10, featuring brief histories and photos of the Carpenter and Owens families of Thomas County. Paintings check your yard and empty anything holding stagand porcelain dolls made by Pearl Carpenter will be nant water, such as cans, swimming pools or tires.

started out looking, and found us team and a wagon and head for really nice sow, and she eventualat the school."

Both the Whites graduated from high school in 1939, she from Atwood and he from Colby.

Then a year later they were married in her parents' home in Atwood and moved in with Lloyd's dad, who had been a bachelor since losing his wife when Lloyd was only 9.

"Dad needed for us to move in with him so Lloyd could still work for him," Lucille said, "so I earned the title of cook real quick. I had helped my mother around the house and had taken home ec in school, so I kind of knew how to do those things,"

But it was almost more than she had bargained for, she said, because at threshing and harvesting time there would be from 12 to 13 men on crew to feed. If she was lucky, there were a few times Lloyd would help her dress chickens and peel a big pot of potatoes for all those hungry men.

After their first baby was born in 1941, Lloyd felt he needed to

Nebraska to help some relatives ly had five litters of babies. Lloyd shuck corn. Lucille said she'd follow to help do the cooking. He'd on those pigs." make it as far as McDonald by the first night on his way to his first stop at Benkleman. When he finished there, he'd go to help other relatives shuck corn north of Lincoln, she said. It was a long, hard season, but it was income.

way," she said, "and would sleep for miles in all directions. I helped in the barn with the horses. He Lloyd outside when he needed needed the horses and wagon because in Nebraska, they still I've run the tractor, chased cows shucked their corn. He'd shuck corn all day in the cold, by hand, and got paid five cents a bushel.

"It was in one of those years that we needed to borrow \$50. We didn't use quite all the money for what we intended to buy, so Lloyd bought a "piggy sow." When she had her babies, there was one runt in the litter. Usually they don't and any other event he was asked live, but I just felt sorry for the lit- to play for, she added, because tle pig, so I took her to the house and bottle fed her.

"I named her Wee Wee, and she "The horse ran off, of course, knew something was wrong, so he get extra work, so he'd take the started to grow. She grew into a See "FARMERS," Page 3

said the most money he made was

In 1946, she said, the couple felt like they should have their own place, so they bought the old Nick Shultz farm in Thomas County 15 1/2 miles northwest of Colby.

"It was called Longview Farm," Lucille said, "and I guess the rea-"He'd stay at farms along the son why was because we could see an extra hand through the years. and milked cows and fed pigs and chickens. We did what we had to do."

The White's took time out for entertainment too, Lucille said. Lloyd could play about any musical instrument, but was especially good on the fiddle. He'd get a group together and play for dances they were pretty much in demand for a long time.

quilt. The public is invited to an opening reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the museum. For information, call 460-4590.

No pickup for trash Monday

The City of Colby Sanitation Department will not pick up trash routes on Monday because of the Fourth of July holiday. Monday's residential route will be picked up on Tuesday. Have your tipper cans to the curb by 8 a.m. For information, call the Public Works Department at (785) 460-4420.

Crews fogging for mosquitoes

Colby city crews are fogging for mosquitoes, south of Webster on Mondays or Tuesdays and north of Webster on Thursdays. You can help, officials say:

Diplomas still available at office ries continues at noon Wednesday at Fike Park with on display, as well as a family signature friendship For information, call the Public Works office at 460-4420.

Foundation has money to give

The Thomas County Community Foundation is accepting applications for its second quarter cycle. Nonprofit, government or school agencies in Thomas County are eligible for small grants of about \$500. Applications are due by Wednesday. For information, call 460-9152.

