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ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Colby High School teacher Tom Rundel and his students (left) gathered around their completed trailer Tuesday. The students built the trailer for the National Honor Society's recycling program. It has a ramp (above) for easy loading of the school's recycling bins.

Colby High class builds recycling trailer

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Colby High teacher Tom Rundel's architectural engineering class recently finished constructing a trailer the National Honor Society chapter will use to haul the school's recycling bins to the Thomas County Recycling Center on College

Drive.

Linda Jones, the society's faculty sponsor, said the trailer will make recycling much easier for the organization. She said the honor society is required to do a public service program and Colby's chapter decided to start a recycling program at the school about six years ago.

The honor society used donations to pay for eight recycling bins in May. Jones

said the organization didn't have to apply for a grant to get the donations. She said Ben Jones, who works in corporate relations at the Union Pacific Railroad in Kansas City, Mo., arranged to donate money through his company's Community Dollars program. The company's donation paid for five bins and money from the High Plains Lions Club paid for the other three bins.

Jones said before acquiring the trailer students had to load the bins in their cars and unload them at the center, even on days when it was cold and windy. Jones said when students didn't get to the center by 3 p.m., they would have to unload all the recyclable materials by themselves because the workers there had already left. When they arrived before 3 p.m., the workers would help them unload the

materials and everything would go much faster, she said.

Jones said the trailer project has been two years in the making. She said then society members Anna Juenemann, Kalen Rasmussen, Ali Barton, Jaylea Black, Jacob Huffles and Jake came up with the trailer idea in the summer of 2009. In

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Cops to give demonstration

When you see police officers in bullet-proof vests with guns drawn, your first instinct might be to panic. But if you see them at Colby Community College on Thursday, Feb. 10, don't worry, it's just a demonstration.

Officers will be talking to criminal justice students about school shooting response procedures from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 712 of the Bedker Building and will then show them that procedure in a mock school shooting situation. Dr. Linda Davis-Stephens, one of the criminal justice instructors, said the dem-

onstrators will be first responders - Colby officers and Thomas County Sheriff's deputies.

Both the lecture and demonstration are open to the public. Davis-Stephens said people should enter the north side of the building.

Davis-Stephens said Josh Hunter, an alumnus of the college criminal justice program, will facilitate the demonstration. The students will also head to the Norton Correctional Facility soon to learn about hos-

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Colby online auction service seeing success across the country

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Someone's junk is another person's treasure, and for farmers or machinery dealers who have more equipment than they can use and don't have a clue who is out there that would be interested in buying it, the answer may be right here in Colby.

BigIron.com is an arm of Stock Realty and Auction. Big Iron holds online machinery auctions much like other online auctions. It

was developed by auctioneers and has been around since February of 2009.

Kevin Barnett, real estate agent at Stock Realty and Auction is the local Big Iron territory manager. His territory covers Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, Gove and Logan counties. He joined Big Iron only six months after it started and is well versed on how the auction works.

Barnett said the company holds two online auctions a month and interest in it has grown so much

they will have to go to a three a month soon. With the world wide internet, there is no limit to whom the information can reach. Sales have been made in 25 states and three foreign countries. Big Iron sells for individuals as well as new and used machinery for equipment dealers.

Barnett recalled talking to a buyer in Oregon who was interested in a piece of equipment on the auction site, and mentioned he had over a million dollars worth

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District gets contest money

The Colby School District now has \$6,000 more to spend, courtesy of a car dealership's fund raiser that brought the community out in droves.

Mike Tubbs of Tubbs and Sons Ford Sales presented Superintendent Terrel Harrison with the check for the donation Wednesday. Tubbs held the Drive One 4 UR School event in November. The nationwide event challenged Ford dealers to get up to 300 test drives in a day.

Tubbs said 427 eligible people took test drives, and the dealership needed 300 to get to the maximum donation. The Ford Edge, a crossover sport utility vehicle, was the most popular, he said.

"We were happy to do it," he said. "It turned out great."

Tubbs said he has applied to Ford to get in on the next contest in the spring. The company selects which dealerships participate in each contest.

Harrison said the contest was an enjoyable learning experience for the district. Staff and students made a big effort to help,



KEVIN BOTTRELL/Colby Free Press
Mike Tubbs brought \$6,000 from Ford Motor Company to Superintendent Terrel Harrison on Wednesday.

she said, and they will again next time.

"Now we know what we can do," she said.

During the contest, test drivers dropped a slip into one of three bins, voting for the money to

be spent in academics, athletics or activities. Harrison said the money will be divided up based on the votes. Academics got 46 percent, athletics, 26, and activities, 28.

Briefly

Exercise class will help arthritis

An Arthritis Foundation exercise classes will be offered from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday evenings from next week to March 10 at the Sacred Heart School gym. There is no sign-up deadline; members can start anytime. For information, call Brenda Mazanec at 443-4010.

Scrapbook day Feb. 5 at school

Heartland Christian School will hold a scrapbooking party on from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at the school. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for students for a full day, and \$15 for adults and \$8 for students for half a day. Meals are included. To make a reservation, call Lucy Wood at (785) 460-2721 or the school at 460-6419. For information, call Sally Runnalls in the evenings at (785) 672-4910.

Baseball sign-up is Feb. 6

American Legion Baseball will have a sign-up day at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, upstairs at the Colby Community Building for eligible players aged 16 to 19. Coach Jeff Krzycki said all interested players must sign up at the meeting. For information, call Krzycki at 443-2542.

Senior group offering tax help

The American Association of Retired Persons will offer tax preparation help for low and middle income taxpayers - with preference to those 60 or older - by appointment from early February to April 15. For information or to set up an appointment, call Earle Rice at 462-2990.

Church to hold talks on marriage

The Colby Independent Baptist Church will hold

a free marriage and family conference Sunday, Feb. 6, to Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the church. Lectures will be at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday; and at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Dr. Bob Bliss from Colorado Springs will speak about biblical principals for successful marriage, family and home life. The conference is open to the public. For information, call Pastor Bernard Heinz at 460-0313.

Wesleyan offers regular study

Colby Wesleyan Church will hold a weekly ladies Bible study, "Discerning the Voice of God," by Priscilla Shirer, each Wednesday beginning Feb. 9. Two sessions are available, 9 to 11 a.m. at the church, 320 W. Pine, and 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. at the Pioneer Memorial Library. The six-week study is designed to help participants know the voice of God. For information or to register, call Joy Rothfuss at 462-8391 or e-mail at wesleyan@st-tel.net.

Orchestra plans concert Feb. 13

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra, made up of musicians from the tri-state area, will perform at at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, in the Frahm Theatre at Colby Community College. Jan Wolf will conduct the concert, featuring selections from "The Moldau," "Dances With Wolves," "Finlandia," Brahms' "Concerto in A Minor for Two Violins" - with soloists Kendra and Josiah Akers - and more. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children and senior citizens. Punch and cookies will be served at intermission. For information, call President Mary Shoaff at 462-2159 or e-mail comments@prairieorchestra.com.



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