

# Forensics team returns with third

The Colby High School forensics team went to Dighton last Wednesday for the Invitational Forensics Tournament, returning with third-place honors. The Eagles took several first timers and found that the competition was tough, but finished the day in third place. Competitors in seven events made it into the finals. Quinter took first and Garden

City took second place. In individual results: Jennifer Schwanke, seventh, serious solo acting; Shelby Terrell, first in humorous solo acting; Shelby and Bailey Terrell, second in duet acting; Kate Ostmeyer, fourth, and Michael Tubbs, sixth, original oration; Tubbs, second, extemporaneous speaking; and Schwanke and Jaden Morrison, third, improvised duet acting.

# High schoolers' art showing at Hansen

Students from area schools will be showing their artistic talents in the Hansen Museum gallery in Logan through Sunday, March 13. Display categories include watercolor and tempera, ink and scratch board, oil and acrylic, sculpture and 3-D, pencil and drawing, graphic design, jewelry,

ceramics, colored pencil, printmaking, pastel, crayon, charcoal and mixed media. Schools invited to participate in this year's exhibit are Norton, Palco, Stockton, Smith Center, Logan, Phillipsburg, Hill City, Grainfield, Ellis, Osborne, Plainville and WaKeeney.

# Photography exhibit coming to Logan next

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum at Logan will present "Red Desert, Green Prairie, Blue Sky: Photographing the West," from Friday, March 18, through Sunday, May 8. The exhibit is provided by eight photographers, Martin Stupich, George Jerkovich, Peter Brown, Rick Dingus, Steve Fitch, Miguel Gandert, Tony Gleaton and An-

drew John Liccardo, and will feature 45 color and black-and-white photographs. The photographers each worked on three separate photography projects that document the cultural landscape of the central West, including southern Wyoming's wild Red Desert, the rolling hills of the Dakota Sandstone region and eastern New Mexico.

# Ex-husband identified as bank robbery suspect

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A Shelby County man has been charged with bank robbery after police said a woman recognized a surveillance photo as her former husband. Daniel James Fox was arrested two days after the Feb. 9 robbery of a SunTrust branch in a Kroger store. Court documents cited by *The Commercial Appeal* show the robber was a polite man wearing a white dress shirt, a tie and a yellow raincoat who apologized to the teller he robbed. "Can I ask you something," the robber said, according to court documents. "I hate to do this to you, but give me all of your hundreds." The robber then changed his

mind and instead asked for everything the teller had in the top drawer. On the evening of the robbery, a Collierville woman called police and said the photo being publicized looked like her ex-husband, who had given her \$133 dollars. A teller picked out Fox, who is 48, from a photo lineup and police arrested him Thursday as he left work. According to his former boss, Tom Curtis, Fox had just been hired a few weeks ago. "We hadn't heard from him since Thursday. We were wondering what happened to him," Curtis said. Fox waived a hearing Monday and his case was sent to a federal grand jury. Bond was set at \$5,000.

## On the Beat

**COLBY POLICE Thursday**  
 2:16 a.m. — Security check at Walmart.  
 8:49 a.m. — Dead opossum in roadway in the 800 block W. Eighth disposed of.  
 9:20 a.m. — Report of abandoned vehicle. Spoke to reporting party, who will give subject more time to remove it.  
 9:58 a.m. — Supplement to report of hit and run accident Feb. 4 at Colby Community College; further information gathered from reporting party.  
 3:30 p.m. — Caller reported vehicle parked for an extended period of time. Spoke with owner who will move vehicle soon.  
 3:32 p.m. — Caller reported someone driving while suspended in the area of 1600 block of W. Fourth. Unable to locate.  
 4:19 p.m. — Bicycle stolen. Report filed.  
 4:39 p.m. — Two dogs at large in the area of the 900 block of S. Range. Unable to locate; owner later reported dogs returned home.  
 6:11 p.m. — Caller reported subject was becoming aggressive. Spoke with subjects, provided information.  
 7:08 p.m. — Auto collision in the parking lot of 2225 S. Range.  
**Friday**  
 7:44 a.m. — Report of e-mail scam received. Provided information to reporting party; no report filed.  
 7:49 a.m. — Caller reported dog at large in front of Colby Grade School. Not found.  
 8:29 a.m. — Barking dog complaint at 1160 E. 10th.  
 9:17 a.m. — Criminal deprivation of property: caller reported possible theft and civil matter. Report filed.  
 11:41 a.m. — Landlord-tenant issues. Provided information; civil matter.  
 3:52 p.m. — Caller reported shoplifter. report filed. Three officers responded to the scene.  
 5:05 p.m. — Caller reported harassing via telephone.  
 6:50 p.m. — Caller reported strange items found. Items were used paintballs — were disposed of.  
 9:24 p.m. — Caller needed traffic control as subjects repossessed vehicle. Provided assistance.  
**Saturday**  
 1:19 a.m. — Provided walk-through at Twisters.  
 1:56 a.m. — Semi trailer blocking roadway on Plains removed from roadway.  
 8:42 a.m. — Assisted ambulance crew on call.  
 9:26 a.m. — Assisted ambulance crew on call.  
**Sunday**  
 4:44 a.m. — Security check at Walmart.  
 5:14 a.m. — Report filed for assisting sheriff's office unit.  
 8:35 a.m. — Security check at Walmart.  
 9:54 a.m. — Caller reported subjects posting threatening messages on-line. Spoke with subjects. Information provided.  
 6:24 p.m. — Assisted ambulance crew on call.  
 6:50 p.m. — Criminal damage to apartment door. Report filed.

**THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Thursday**  
 9:50 a.m. — Released Steven Charles Cox.  
 1:07 p.m. — Insufficient funds check warrant served on Zachary Webster Poore.  
 1:17 p.m. — Booked Poore.  
 2:49 p.m. — Released Poore.  
 4:57 p.m. — George Wesley Love arrested on warrant.  
 8:49 p.m. — John Wesley Knowles arrested on warrant.  
 9:01 p.m. — Booked Knowles.  
 9:21 p.m. — Released Knowles.  
**Friday**  
 11:37 a.m. — Caller reported daughter receiving harassing text messages. Provided information to reporting party.  
 4:34 p.m. — Released Michael Dean Jones.  
 5:01 p.m. — Released Michelle O'Brien.  
 5:54 p.m. — Booked Tami Kay Downing.  
 7:13 p.m. — Booked Travis Downing.  
 7:35 p.m. — Took inmate to Larned State hospital.  
 7:42 p.m. — Seth DeHart arrested on warrant.  
 8:06 p.m. — DeHart booked.  
 10:29 p.m. — Caller requested welfare check on animal.  
 11:13 p.m. — Booked George Pope.  
 11:31 p.m. — Released Pope.  
 11:43 p.m. — Booked Joy Spicer.  
 11:54 p.m. — Released Spicer.  
**Saturday**  
 8:53 a.m. — Assisted Highway Patrol on traffic stop at eastbound I-70 mile 47.  
 9:15 a.m. — Received 911 open line call. On call-back, line was busy. All OK.  
 10:11 a.m. — Booked Joel Gentry Scott.  
 10:31 a.m. — Released Scott.  
 7:59 p.m. — Caller reported intoxicated subjects behaving erratically. Everything OK.  
 9:19 p.m. — Caller reported foster child acting defiantly. Situation under control.  
**Sunday**  
 4:42 a.m. — Caller reported prowler. Report filed.  
 10:31 a.m. — Booked Joseph Dean Harper.  
 8:04 a.m. — Helped subject change trailer tire in the 2500 block of U.S. 24.  
 8:14 p.m. — Released DeHart.

# McCook group to sing at Gateway

The 4 Hymns of McCook will sing at 2 p.m. Sunday at The Gateway in Oberlin, featuring music ranging from country to gospel to contemporary to a capella. The quartet includes Bruce Lester, senior pastor at the McCook Evangelical Free Church, who sings lead and second tenor; Jim Ladd, a retired Wyoming police officer, first tenor; Jesse Stevens, operations manager of KIOD Ra-

dio in McCook, first tenor; and Dan Stevens, a hearing specialist in McCook, baritone. Accompanying the group is Christy Stevens, McCook. Admission is by Oberlin Arts and Humanities season ticket or \$10 for adults and \$5 for students at the door. For details, call Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at (785) 470-0218.

# ArtFest to be in April at Oberlin's Gateway

Area artists will get a chance to display and sell their work again this year at the seventh annual High Plains ArtFest on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 15 to 17. An opening gala from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at The Gateway will kick off the event. Tickets, \$100 per couple, can be purchased at the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp. office in the Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Center, (785) 475-2901. The gala will feature live music, hors d'oeuvres, adult and student art, time to meet and visit with the artists and voting for the People's Choice Award. Those attending

get the first chance at buying artwork. Connie Grafel, marketing director for the corporation, said she recently sent out 400 sheets inviting artists to enter. She said she also sent the information to 35 high schools, adding that she expanded the effort to the Hays area. Artists need to have their forms in by Friday, April 1. Grafel said they will be accepting artwork from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9. During the event, The Gateway will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday for public viewing. Artists can pick up their work after 3 p.m. on Sunday.

# Navigate with care as pothole crop hatches

After drivers have battled slippery, slick streets, another problem has emerged. Roads have become littered with potholes causing car damage and costly repairs. In some cases, the impact of poor road conditions on cars can cost from \$50 for a simple wheel alignment to \$500 or more for replacing a top-of-the-line alloy wheel. "Not only do potholes cause significant car damage requiring expensive repairs, but they are also a significant threat to the safety of motorists and pedestrians," said Jim Hanni, executive vice president at the Automobile Association of America. AAA offers tips to safely navigate potholes and protect your wallet:

- Keep an eye on traffic patterns. Cars that slow down or move quickly to other lanes may be a sign of major potholes or road damage ahead.
- Slow down. Carefully avoid sharp impact with potholes, and

avoid swerving around large cavities, as this can cause loss of vehicle control.

- Inflate tires properly. Over- and under-inflated tires increase the risk of tire and wheel damage.
- Beware of unfamiliar noises and vibrations. Cars suffer from lost hubcaps, misaligned wheels, damaged undercarriages, bent axles and more. Any unusual noises or vibrations that appear after hitting a pothole should be inspected immediately by a certified technician.
- Report major potholes or road damage to your state or local transportation department.

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