



## A new addition



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People's State Bank on Range Avenue is getting a new addition on the north side of its building. Crews were doing interior work early this week while the weather was too bad to work on the exterior.

# Governor cuts millions from budget

TOPEKA (AP) — Gov. Sam Brownback says he is using his constitutional authority to cut \$56.5 million in spending immediately in the current Kansas budget.

Brownback said Friday that he will have a list of spending reductions ready by the close of the day's business. He says he hopes the cuts will not result in layoffs.

The Republican governor informed legislative leaders earlier this week that he would take matters in his own hands if negotiators couldn't agree on a bill he requested in January to cut state spending.

Legislative negotiators broke

off talks Thursday on a bill to cut the 2011 Kansas budget after failing to agree on how to trim state spending, raising the prospect that Brownback would make the cuts himself.

Talks ended after a tense meeting where House negotiators told senators that their demands would never be approved on the House floor.

The proposed compromise would have saved Kansas about \$20 million in the current fiscal year ending June 30. That is less than the \$35 million in savings passed in February by the House.

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# Polish coach enjoys living in Colby

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Tomaszewska is not an ordinary name seen in Colby or Thomas County — or even Kansas, but no matter how you spell it, it means volleyball with a capital V.

She hails from Marklowice, Poland, and has been in the United States for nearly five years. She says got here through a professional scout from Colorado who gets to spend his time scouring the world for good athletes.

"I had the opportunity to come to America in April of 2006," she said. "My parents talked it over and allowed me to come. I came to America by myself, and was picked by the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Ca., to play volleyball.

"I love volleyball. The University of the Pa-

cific gave me a full scholarship and I was three years a starter on the team. I went to school there four years, and got a master's degree there in physical education in 2010."

She said universities are free in Poland and are most prestigious. She noted that there are private schools too, along with weekend and night schools, all of which get many applicants.

Academics are very hard in Poland, she said. Students attend six years of primary school, three years of middle school and three years of high school. Most students are 18 when they get out, she added, and then they want to go to a university.

She said her home country is a democracy with about 40 million people. Her town is about the size of Colby and sports is important. She said she enjoyed playing volleyball, basketball, swimming, table tennis and track. Her mother was the school principal

when she was young, so she had to be very good.

Tomaszewska says she likes life in the U.S., and that it is great in Colby.

"The community is so supportive here of everything, and everything is always good," she said. "I like teaching activity classes, PE classes and weight training. I love being around students."

She said her student visa let her stay a year after graduation in her field of study, which is sports coaching.

"I was looking for job," she said, "and right out of college in January, I got in touch with Kerry Jones who was looking for assistant. In April she gave me chance to pursue life in what I want to do. I came to Colby in June in time for season madness, which is volleyball camps with 15 girls on a team. Lots of fun and a good winning season."

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## Daylight savings to begin Sunday

WASHINGTON (AP) — A true sign of spring is at hand for most Americans, the arrival of daylight saving time.

Clocks should be set ahead one hour — spring forward — Saturday night. The official time is 2 a.m. Sunday, local time.

Sure, it means a short night, but that hour of lost sleep will return with standard time Nov. 6.

Some folks don't have to worry about it. The time change is not observed by Hawaii, most of Arizona, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.

# Forensics team takes second at major state tournament

The Colby High School forensics team placed second at the Silver Lake Invitational Forensics tournament — the largest invitational in the state — last Friday and Saturday.

There were over 500 entries in the two-day tournament, said coach Nancy Rundel, whereas most other tournaments have between 100 and 200 entries.

"The tournament was huge and took up the junior high, high school and elementary school in Silver Lake," she said. "This was certainly the biggest tournament we've ever attended other than 4A state."

The Eagles competed well both days of the tournament. On Friday, Michael Tubbs and Christina Ostmyer finished first in Public Forum Debate with a 4-0 record and Colton Rundel and Maura Hansen finished third with a 3-1 record.

In Lincoln-Douglas debate, Tomi Miller finished with a 2-2 record and Blake McNinch finished with a 1-3 record.

On Saturday, the entire team competed finished the day second of 25 teams. Shawnee

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## Briefly

### Museum exhibits rural photos

Roxie Yonkey is exhibiting a selection of her photographs at the Prairie Museum of Art and History from now through April. Yonkey's exhibit touches on both rural and urban themes with subjects like barns, sunflowers and windmills. There will be an informal reception on from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 16, where people can meet the artist. For information, call the museum at 460-4590.

### Lions to serve ham and beans

The Colby High Plains Lions Club will have a ham and bean feed from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Orscheln's. Donations will be accepted to help two high school band students attend the State Lions Band Camp and Convention. For information, call Sheryl Brenn at (785) 586-2384 or 443-1066.

### Church to serve food at show

Trinity Lutheran Church will have a food booth

at the Gun and Pawn Show from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Community Building. The proceeds will go to benefit Andrea Herman, a mission worker in Guinea and the Ama Nyame Memorial Clinic in Ghana where Dr. LaDonna Regier is currently working. For information, call Anita Porter at 460-2000.

### Senior plan potluck Tuesday

The group More Fun Together will hold a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. The dinner is for people 50 or older who are alone, widowed, divorced, separated or who have partners in nursing homes. Bring a dish to share. Table service and beverage will be provided. For information, call 462-6342.

### County offices to close Tuesday

Thomas County offices will close from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday so that county employees can attend

the funeral of Dalen Schlageck, whose father works for the Road and Bridge Department. For information, call the county clerk's office at 460-4500.

### Treasurer's office to close all day

The Thomas County Treasurer's office will close Tuesday so that new computers can be installed. The office will open again Wednesday. For information, call the office at 460-4520.

### Meeting to discuss agritourism

There will be a meeting on agritourism from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday in the Conference Room of the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 South Range Avenue. Jan Janzen, owner of Kansas Flint Hills Adventures, will speak. The meeting is free and open to interested farmers, business owners and entrepreneurs. For information, contact the Western Prairie Resource, Conservation and Development Council office at (785) 462-7671 Ext. 5.

### Discussion tackles civil war

"Kansas Women in the Civil War," a presentation and discussion by Diane Eickhoff will be the next in the *Food for Thought* series at noon Thursday at the Prairie Museum of Art and History. The free program includes a light lunch. For information, call the museum at 460-4590.

### Brewster church to serve beef

Brewster Community Church in Brewster will have a canned beef dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 20. Donations will be going to the Water For Life Project, which provides clean water wells in third world countries. For information call (785) 694-2720 or 694-3353.



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Ed Collins, a candidate for Colby mayor, said the city should use technology to communicate better with the public.

# Mayoral candidate has tech solutions

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Ed Collins, a candidate for Colby mayor, said the city should use technology to communicate directly with its citizens.

Collins ran a successful computer business, selling and servicing Apple computers around Kansas and Nebraska. He said he still services Apple computers, but has been stepping back. Collins said the city should have better communication with its residents.

Toward that end, Collins said he would like to set up a "list-serv," a program that automatically sends e-mail to a list of

addresses, and to a bi-monthly newsletter on city issues. He said he would manage the list-serv himself, and it would allow him to get feedback on those issues. A listerv would also allow him to do polling on city projects or decisions the council has to make.

"I want to get a feel for how people think on a particular subject," he said.

A listerv is better than a simple bulk e-mail list, he said, because it is more secure. The people receiving the e-mails can't see anyone else's. The e-mails would be easy to read, he said, and easily accessible for Colby's less-technologically lit-

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