Area/State

Catholic church to hold

Sacred Heart Catholic Church will

be offering the Dave Ramsey Financial

Peace University Class. There are two

sessions offered for the class: 4 p.m.

Sundays beginning Sept. 11 or 7 p.m.

Tuesdays beginning Sept. 13. To regis-

selling school calendars

pocket school calendars available for

sale. The calendars can be obtained

by contacting any public school music

teacher. Cost is \$5, with proceeds ben-

efitting the school music programs. For

information, call Jill Nickols at 460-

Colby Community College is offer-

ing Red Cross swim lessons at the col-

lege pool from 9 to 11 a.m. on weekdays

for eight weeks this semester. Classes

are offered for all ages and each group

will meet twice a week. Cost is \$40. For

information, call Kipp Nelson at 460-

Wesleyan church plans

5200 or Joey Nickols at 460-5300.

swimming lessons

College offers

The Colby Music Booster Club has

financial seminars

Music booster club

ter, call 460-7725.



National Weather Service Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. East wind around 5 mph becoming south.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. South wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming northeast.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 60.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. Tuesday Night: A 20 percent

chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 95. Wednesday Night: Partly

cloudy, with a low around 66. Thursday: Sunny, with a high

Thursday: High, 96; Low 53 Precip: Thursday

Month: 2.88 inches 20.38 inches Year: Normal: 16.36 inches (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset 7:08 a.m. 8:23 p.m. 7:09 a.m. 8:21 p.m. Sunday Monday 7:10 a.m. 8:20 p.m. (U.S. Naval Observatory) Colby Water Use 2,571,000 gal.

(Colby Public Works)

Weather Colby senior picked for Girls Nation

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Nation national chairman. "After attending their local Girl State program and Girls Nation, they come back to their communities filled with more patriotism and pride." Koutz.

Ostmeyer is currently a senior at Colby High School. She is active in debate and forensics, dances at Ashly's Dance Center, is on the cross country team and is a cheerleader. She has been a Girl Scout for twelve years and is working on her Gold Award with her troop. Ostmeyer is also learning about politics first hand as the president of her 2012

"I'm still not exactly sure Headquarters. what I want to do after school,

but the opportunity at Girls Nation really made me passionate about politics," Ostmeyer said. "Whatever I do, I know that I'll stay informed about current events and will work hard to keep others informed as well."

Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest patriotic women's service organization. With a membership of nearly 850,000, local legion units have a strong presence in more than 9,500 communities nationwide.

Their mission to serve veterans, their families and their communities is carried out through its hundreds of outreach programs delivered by its members, volunteers and National

Army blows up mortar left as gift

By Holbrook Mohr Associated Press

patio in Natchez last week. a live round. They called the sheriff.

ing Louisiana. It sent a bomb team to blow up the mortar at the Natchez-Adams County Airport on Wednesday.

Turns out, the judge coland a friend had left the mortar as a gift. There was no note said.

and military explosive experts said it could have been a live phosphorus round because JACKSON, Miss. (AP) - It it didn't appear to have been was the gift that came with a taken apart. The sheriff's department, however, said The wife of Mississippi Thursday in a news release Judge Charlie Vess found a that information it obtained mortar shell on the couple's since then indicates it was not

The judge said he suspected The sheriff called Fort Polk, that the round was a gift, but an Army base in neighbor- judges make decisions that make some people angry, and there have been cases in the United States were judges were targeted for revenge.

"I do preliminary hearing in lects military memorabilia murders, rapes and robberies and lots of other stuff," Vess

Boy to plead guilty in Burlington murders

By P. Solomon Banda

The Associated Press

FORT MORGAN, Colo. - A 13-year-old Colorado boy accused of killing his parents and wounding two siblings will plead guilty to murder charges as a juvenile to avoid being tried as an adult, a prosecutor said

boy could have faced decades in

been withheld because he is a on March 1 inside their Burling- covered from their wounds. the farm town of Burlington near the Kansas border.

He also is charged with shooting and wounding a younger brother and assaulting a younger sister with a knife.

The boy faces two counts of District Attorney Bob Watson first-degree murder, two counts said the boy, who was 12 at the of attempted murder and three boy was a greeter at the church ings of mental health evaluatime of the slayings, faces seven counts of first-degree assault. and helped children memorize tions of the boy conducted by 28 hearing.

juvenile, is charged in the March ton home, about 140 miles east shooting deaths of his parents, of Denver. The killings shocked Marilyn and Charles Long, in the farm community of 3,700, including members of the Evangelical Free Church that the Long family attended.

> Marilyn Long, 50, homeschooled her kids and ran a children's ministry. Charles Long, 51, served as a church elder and

Police said they found the bod- old brother and hurt his 5-year-The boy, whose name has ies of Charles and Marilyn Long old sister with a knife. Both re-adult.

Watson said the boy used a .357 Magnum revolver in the shootings.

In Fort Morgan, Watson and public defender Tom Ward said they considered whether the boy had any mental health problems, the wishes of the Long family, and community safety in reaching the plea deal. Prosecutors was a snack delivery driver. The and Ward also shared the findeach side.

Watson acknowledged that wanted the boy to be tried as an

ladies Bible study The Colby Wesleyan Church will hold a Ladies Bible Studies beginning

Wednesday, Sept. 7, with two sessions each Wednesday: 10 to 11:45 a.m. at Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine. and 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. at the Pioneer Memorial Library. Beth Moore's video study "There and Then... Here and Now: a lecture series on Revelation" will be the topic. Cost for the materials is \$20. For information, call Joy Rothfuss at the church office, 462-8391.

Rec department plans golf tournament

The Colby Recreation Department will hold its first golf tournament at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, at Meadow Lake Golf Course. The tournament will be a four-person scramble. A \$240 per team entry fee covers 18 holes and a prize drawing. Proceeds will go to the new wireless scoring units for the ball fields and other equipment. For information or to sign up, call Stacy Lee at 460-4440.

Church offers seminar

Colby Berean Church will be offering a 13-week seminar, "Shepherding A Child's Heart" during the Sunday school hour, 9:30 a.m., beginning Sept. 11. A 10-week Crown Financial Ministries class and a 13-week Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University class will also be offered during evening sessions. For information, call the church office during business hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday to Friday, at 460-2763.

Register now for family

Smart Start is taking registrations for the Nurturing Families program, a 12-session program on Tuesdays beginning Sept. 13. The program teaches families how to create stronger bonds. For information, call 465-9103.

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years in juvenile prison. If tried Watson said the boy was expect- Bible verses. and convicted as an adult, the ed to enter the pleas at a Sept. Court documents allege the boy stabbed and shot his 9-year- many relatives of the Longs

Kansas Democrats want tax break extension

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District covers the western half of Kansas, said in a statement. said Democrats should not look for "quick stimulating the economy that are awaiting Senate action.

"These temporary maneuverings and ma-

nipulations of tax rates are not what will get covers the Wichita area, was out of the our economy moving again," Huelskamp country and unavailable for comment.

fixes" but real solutions to creating jobs. He covers Johnson, Wyandotte and a portion of September. said the House had passed 11 bills aimed at Douglas counties, said he would oppose efwould not stimulate economic growth.

Congress is currently on break and is like-

Rep. Kevin Yoder, whose 3rd District ly to take up the tax issue when it returns in

Wagnon said she realized that the payroll

forts to raise any taxes, adding that increases break was a temporary solution and that Congress will eventually have to develop a Rep. Mike Pompeo, whose 4th District long-term solution to fund Social Security.

Witnesses: crop insurance critical in Farm Bill negotiations in the coming decades. He said includes crop insurance as well dated to improve efficiency and tion of so-called limited irrigated

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wants to know his crop insur-

Stabenow of Michigan, said the mittee" its recommendations for rise." farm program cuts.

their plan to reduce the federal gram cuts. budget by \$1.2 trillion or more,

Stabenow told about 300 people who attended the field hear-16 million people work in agri-

now said.

The ranking member of the agriculture committee, Repub- and past president of the Kansas lican Sen. Pat Roberts of Kansas, said agriculture faces tough challenges ahead as global population is expected to top 9 billion ers need a strong safety net that said programs can be consoli-

riculture must double output.

The ag committee's chair- for a Farm Bill with commod- ers. woman, Democratic Sen. Debbie ity prices where they are today," panel has until Oct. 14 to give this crowd that prices can fall Baccus said. the budget-cutting "super com- much more quickly than they

Roberts told reporters before While the deficit reduction the hearing that "everything is agreement didn't make any im- on the table" when it comes to mediate cuts to farm programs, farm programs, but that farmers agriculture remains a target as and ranchers want them to use he said crop insurance doesn't the super committee finalizes common sense in making pro-The Kansas senator said he

wants the budget cutting supercommittee to give them a number of farm program cuts, but ing in Kansas that she considers leave it up to the agriculture the farm bill a jobs bill because committee to decide how to best make those farm program cuts.

"Farmers will understand fis-"Agriculture has already taken cal responsibility and we simply substantial, and in my judgment, ask that cuts to farm programs disproportionate cuts," Stabe- be proportionate to other programs," said Kenneth McCauley, a corn grower from White Cloud Corn Growers Association.

Kansas Farm Bureau President Steve Baccus testified farm- levels in the new farm bill. He

committee not to increase crop ers. "Some folks question the need insurance premiums for produc-

grower from Minneola, acknowledged that it has been hard to justify in the past direct pay-

Direct payments, which pay producers for crops whether they have had a good year or a poor year, is not as effective for the taxpayer, said Jeff Whitham, chairman of Western State Bank in Garden City.

"From our perspective, the most effective is multi-peril crop

insurance," he said. Ron Brown, president of the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts in Fort Scott, urged the committee keep funding for conservation at or above current

"We cannot afford this kind mittee on the future of the dwin- gated or dryland fields. Roberts said. "I don't have to tell of weakening in the safety net," dling Ogallala aquifer, saying a Gregory Shelor, a sorghum lem accompanied by appropriate braska, which has been given federal policy would be useful.

The governor urged inclusion of a conservation program in the good crops and good prices. But federal incentive payments to water right holders in exchange cover all expenses whereby di- for retiring all or part of their warect payments cover more during ter right. He also urged the adop-

Waterworld

The Tillman Story

in order to meet this demand, ag- as direct payments. He urged the provide easier access for produc- crop insurance that would protect farmers who apply reduced Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback water to fields. Typically, crops focused his remarks to the com- are insured as either fully irri-

Kansas is among three multi-state approach to the prob- in addition to Colorado and Netentative approval to develop and offer limited irrigated crop insurance possibly as soon as ments to farmers when they have Farm Bill that would provide next year if certain milestones can be met, Brownback said.



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