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Bowling, food available over holiday

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Local businesses will have altered hours this weekend and some will close Monday to celebrate New Year's Day.

City and county offices will be closed Monday along with the Recycling Center. Senior Progress Center will also be closed Monday and the transportation van will not run.

State offices, such as the K-State Experiment Station and the Veterans Affairs Office, will be closed Monday.

The Post Office will be closed and the Farm Service Agency will also be closed Monday along with all banks. The Bank will close early at 2 p.m. Friday.

The Colby Free Press office will be closed Monday, and there will be no paper that day.

Pioneer Memorial Library will be closed Sunday and will resume regular hours on Monday.

The Oasis and Bosselman truck stops along with most convenience stores will not close. Petro Lube will be open regular hours this weekend.

The garage at Tubbs and Sons will be closed Saturday and open Monday, while Colby Dodge will be closed Monday. Denny's and P&D Auto will be closed Monday as well.

Colby Bowl will be open all

weekend. It will reserve lanes from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on New Year's Eve but will have open bowling available the rest of the time.

McDonalds, Arby's and Subway will close at 8 p.m. New Year's Eve and reopen Monday with regular hours. Taco John's will close at 5 p.m. Saturday but will have regular hours New Year's Day. City Limits will close Sunday. Smoffee's will have normal hours on New Year's Eve, but will close from Sunday until Wednesday. All other restaurants will be open their regular hours throughout the weekend.

Dollar General will close at 8 p.m. Saturday and hold regular hours Sunday. The Walmart pharmacy will close at 6 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Dillon's pharmacy will close at 6 p.m. New Year's Day. Palace Drug will be closed on Sunday.

The Prairie Museum of Art and History will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

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Brand new day care center



JANCI MILLS/Brewster Public Schools

The Brewster Public School will have a new day care center, day. Kallan Rothchild (from left), Konner Collett and Kenadie Rothchild got to try out the toys at an open house on Dec. 9.

Villa High Lake to get new trout

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism will be stocking Villa High Lake with rainbow trout on Wednesday.

The department stocks trout in lakes around the state to facilitate fishing.

From January to April 15 a \$12.50 trout permit will be required for all anglers 16 or older

fishing at Villa High in addition to a valid 2012 state fishing license. Trout permits are available at the department website and local license vendors.

The daily limit is five trout for adults and two for anglers 15 and younger who do not have a permit. The possession limit is three times the daily limit.

State to get millions for insurance

Kansas is set to receive more than \$5.8 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to ensure more children get health insurance coverage, Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced Wednesday.

More than \$296 million was awarded to 23 states. Kansas will receive \$5,862,957.

The performance bonus payments are paid for under the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, one of the first pieces of legislation signed into law by President Obama in 2009. To qualify for these bonus payments, states must surpass a specified Medicaid enrollment target. They also must adopt procedures that improve access to Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program making it easier for eligible children to enroll and retain coverage.

The bonuses come one week after new data

from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show the number of children with insurance increased by 1.2 million since the Children's Health Insurance Program reauthorization in 2009. Health and Human Services said this increase has been entirely due to greater enrollment in public programs such as Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

"More children now have the advantages health coverage provides," Sebelius said. "And parents now have the security of knowing their children can get the health care they need without worrying an illness could leave them with a lifetime of medical bills."

Performance bonuses help offset the costs states incur when they enroll lower income children in Medicaid. By ensuring states streamline their enrollment and renewal pro-

cedures, the bonuses give states the incentive to adopt long-term improvements in their children's health insurance programs.

"Despite serious fiscal challenges, today's awards show children's health remains a top priority for states," said Cindy Mann, deputy administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. "Not only have more states qualified for performance bonuses than in the past, but many have continued to improve the efficiency of their programs."

The 23 states eligible for performance bonuses include: Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

Holes in the street



KAYLA CORNETT/Colby Free Press

The water main replacement process on Webster is going full speed ahead now, with much of the south lane blocked off and dug up. The \$115,000 project includes line replacement

on Webster from Range Avenue to School Avenue and some of the side streets. APAC-Kansas is the general contractor.

KBI called to Scott City for barricaded suspect

A Scott City man who barricaded himself was taken into custody without incident Wednesday by Kansas Bureau of Investigation agents.

A Bureau news release said the Scott County Sheriff's Office requested assistance Wednesday morning with Daniel Allan Lewis, 43, who after an alleged threat to

a female acquaintance, had barricaded himself.

Bureau agents and the High Risk Warrant Team responded to the scene. Lewis was taken into custody without major incident. He is being held in Scott County on a charge of criminal threat. No one was injured during the incident.

Rexford scholars finish third

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains High School Scholar's Bowl team finished in third place behind Rawlins County and Weskan at the Triplains Invitational in Winona on Dec. 12.

The team defeated Cheylin 70-10 in the first round but lost to Rawlins County in the second. They then won the next 2 rounds against Wheatland/Grinnell and Wichita County before dropping a round to Weskan. They won their last four rounds against Triplains, Brewster, Greeley County, and Wallace County.

"We didn't hesitate to buzz in during this tournament," said team member Macayla Easton. "We

spent less time discussing before hitting the buzzer. We were head-to-head with Sharon Springs and they beat us to the buzzer on the last question."

All of their scores after the first round were close - most within 10 points.

Other team members include Trey Schwarz, Kylie Jones, Leea Juenemann, and Jacob Antholz.

The team, which is coached by Rosanne Dougherty, is off until after the holiday break. Their next competition is Wednesday, Jan. 18, at the Western Kansas Liberty League meet at Triplains High School.

