

### A hole in one



KAYLA CORNETT/Colby Free Press  
President Brent Wiedeman announced Friday after the Citizens Medical Center tournament at Meadow Lake Golf Course that Farmers and Merchants Bank would donate \$50,000 to the hospital's expansion drive. "The two physicians and general surgeon coming to Colby will have a huge impact on our community," said Tama Unger, Citizens director of fund development and community relations. "Brent and Farmers and Merchants Bank understand this. We are grateful for their participation in our ... campaign and for their commitment to the future of health care in Colby."

## Housing hearing scheduled

The Kansas Housing Resources Corp. will hold a public meeting at 1:30 p.m. Monday in the Little Theatre of the Colby Community Building to give citizens a chance to comment on its plans for rural housing.

The corporation is asking for public comments on efforts to help cities and counties develop moderate-income housing and infrastructure in rural areas. The draft plan, called the Kansas Moderate Income Housing Request for Proposal, outlines eligible applicants and activities, application procedures, grant and loan structuring, award criteria, monitoring and reporting requirements.

The agency says it anticipates releasing about \$2.75 million from the state Housing Trust Fund through the program.

The corporation will accept written comments through Friday, July 13, at MIH RFP, Kansas Housing Resources Corp., 611 S. Kansas Ave., Suite 300, Topeka, Kan. 66603. E-mail comments to Fred Bentley, the corporation's rental housing director, at fbentley@kshousingcorp.org.

The proposal will be refined following the comment period, with the final draft expected by Friday, July 20.

To see a copy of the request, go to [www.kshousingcorp.org](http://www.kshousingcorp.org).

## Blood drive misses its mark two days

With wheat harvest in full swing, one thing that some may have overlooked was the Red Cross blood drive last week, which fell short of its goals for both days.

Last Wednesday, the goal was 81 units of blood, said Bev Vaughn of the American Red Cross. The amount actually given was 75 units, or pints. On Thursday the goal was 46, with 33 donations.

The good news is that the "Battle of the Walmarts" brought in more people, though the final winner has not yet been announced.

When Colby falls short of the goal at a drive, Vaughn said, the difference must be made up from

surrounding towns. It is more usual for Colby to exceed its goals so other towns can draw on its supplies, she added.

## Social worker's appeal denied

WICHITA (AP) - A former Kansas social worker convicted of enslaving mentally ill residents of the Newton group home he ran with his wife has lost an appeal of his 30-year sentence.

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Tuesday rejected claims by Arlan Kaufman that his trial attorney was ineffective.

Arlan and Linda Kaufman were

Vaughn said she wanted to thank everyone who donated, along with some new volunteers who worked the drive.

convicted in November 2006 of forcing residents to work naked at their farm a over 15-year period and perform sexual acts, while billing families and the government for "nude therapy" sessions.

A three-judge panel of the appeals court not only disagreed with Arlan Kaufman's claim, but noted that the evidence against him was overwhelming.



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