



### 4-Hers demo life skills

Josh Koon (above) demonstrated how to use magazines in a creative way, by making picture frames, to recycle them Thursday during the 4-H Lifestyle Demonstrations at the 4-H Building. Melissa Zimmerman (right) demonstrated how to make trail mix "for those that are on the go." The mix consists of nuts, raisins and candy pieces.

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## District organizes fees, wages

By Sam Dieter Colby Free Press sdieter@nwkansas.com

The Colby Public Schools board met Monday night to help reorganize the school board for the 2012-2013 school year.

The first order of business was board elections. Janice Frahm was reinstated as the president of the board, and Tracy Rogers will be the vice president again this year.

Board committee members were also all reinstated to their positions. Terrel Harrison will remain the Agent for Receipt of Vouchers, Tracy Rogers will remain the leading officer for the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center, Susan McLemore for the Coordinating Council, Tracy Rogers for the Government Relations Network, Ed Geihlsler for the Area Board of Control, Omar Weber for the Building Committee and Brice Barton for the District Technology

of board members is that Angie Gaede will take Susan McLemore's place at the head of the District Steering Committee for School Improvement. McLemore will also take Gaede's place as the alternate officer for the District Technology Plan.

Other school board officials were reinstated to their positions.

In other business, the board:

- Established fees for school services such as school meals, textbooks, weight training and fees for activities and sports for the new school year. Textbooks will still cost \$70 a year to rent, and the driver's education fee remains at \$162. There will be an increase in the maximum the school can charge for activity fees, and an increase in weight training and gym fees. School lunches will also cost slightly more. Wages for substitute teachers and non-contract jobs have been raised slightly.
- Changed school hours for

The only change in the lineup

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## Truck convoy coming to town

By Sam Dieter Colby Free Press sdieter@nwkansas.com

Truckers will get a chance to support the Special Olympics and give athletes a ride into Colby in September.

"They love to get on the CB radio," said convoy committee member Joe Mentlick. "You ought to see the smiles on them."

The Sixth Annual Northwest Kansas World's Largest Truck Convoy will be on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 8. The west leg of the convoy will leave Wilken's Truck and Trailer in Goodland at 9:45 a.m. (Central Time.) The east

leg of the convoy will leave Mitten's TA Travel Plaza in Oakley at 10 a.m.

The two legs will meet in Colby at about 11 a.m. and the trucks will parade around town, led by two law enforcement officers participating in a related event, the Special Olympics Torch Run.

The registration fee is \$100 for trucks and \$50 for cars and motorcycles, along with a valid driver's license and insurance.

Coordinator Luke Shulte said that there is not deadline and that they can even walk up and register Saturday morning."

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## Obama releases \$70M for military

By Julie Pace Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama said today he is releasing an additional \$70 million in military aid for Israel, a previously announced move that appeared timed to upstage Republican rival Mitt Romney's trip to Israel this weekend.

The stepped-up U.S. aid, first announced in May, will go to help Israel expand production of

a short-range rocket defense system.

The system, known as Iron Dome, has proved successful at stopping rocket attacks fired at Israeli civilians from close range, including from Gaza.

Obama announced the new military assistance as he signed a bill in the Oval Office expanding military and civilian cooperation with Israel.

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## Extreme heat may be new norm in Kansas

By Mike Corn The Hays Daily News

KEITH SEBELIUS RESERVOIR (AP) - Mike Lentz watched in amazement as the digital readout to his thermometer ticked higher and higher in late June. It hit 111. Then 113.

When it hit 117.1, "I thought, wow," said Lentz, the Bureau of Reclamation's dam superintendent.

About 5 minutes later, it hit 118 - a record for the Bureau of Reclamation shop below the dam holding back the lake water.

It also was the hot spot in the nation - 20 degrees hotter than Death Valley National Park. It was only 3 degrees warmer than Hill City, about 35 miles to the south where back-to-back temperatures of 115 degrees brought national attention.

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## Cars collide on Fourth



Police responded to a crash on Fourth Street in front of the Farmers and Merchants Bank at about 8:30 a.m. this morning. Debbie Leitner of Gem was driving westbound on Fourth

and was turning south into a parking lot when Cody Bieker of Colby, who was driving eastbound, hit her car in the side. Both drivers were uninjured, but their cars had to be towed.

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