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Colby hospital reaches milestone

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Foundation. "Family Center for Health Care's provider base continues to grow, and as we all know, having general surgery on a full-time basis will have a huge impact on the care CMCI will offer.

"This is an incredible time to be apart of health care in north-west Kansas. The support we have received from our community and ... employees in just the last eight months will have very lasting implications on our community."

Unger said that having the support of hospital and clinic employees has played a major role in the success of the campaign.

"We believe in the campaign," said lab manager Bob Hanzlick, who's worked for the hospital for about 25 years. "We give to help build a good health center. Everyone's interested in pitching in and giving support. We see the benefits of our efforts every day, and it's a great thing

to be a part of. "This is the first time in 30 years that we've gone to the public (for financial support), and it's pretty remarkable that we've been as successful as we've been, especially when you see other hospitals that get tax money struggle.

"Here, we are not getting any tax money and we are consistently in the black. We are continually expanding, and its exciting to see how far we've come. We've progressed light years since I first got here, and it's all because of the people pitching in and giving financially. We have good administration, and board support has been vital for success, too."

"We have 100 percent participation from CMCI employees," Unger said. "Because of their dedication, we have raised \$120,000."

Clinic manager Scott Focke, who has taken charge of employee giving, said everyone is excited about the opportunity to get involved.

"Even new employees are contributing," he said. Unger said Lon Frahm of Colby has agreed to match employee contributions. She said the center averages 250 employees at any given time.

"Since 2002, CMCI employees have contributed to the Employee Giving Fund," she said. "Those accumulated contributions since 2002 have allowed us to allocate \$30,000 to the expansion project."

The campaign also has received financial support from area people, businesses and foundations.

Midwest Energy has contributed \$30,000, Farmers and Merchants Bank and the Garvey Texas Foundation \$50,000 each, Sunflower Bank \$10,000 and the Steele Foundation \$3,000.

A substantial gift of grain from Paul and Sharon Steele of Colby was reported in the *Colby Free Press* on Feb. 17, which shed light on this unique vehicle for giving to the campaign.

Valued at more than a quarter

of a million dollars, grain from the Steeles helped the foundation exceed its endowment goal for the campaign just two months into the drive.

Other gifts of grain have come from Mike and Jeanene Brown, Ken and Sheila Frahm and Lon Frahm.

"The bottom line is not only the impact we have here in Colby," said Unger, "but also the impact our efforts have in north-west Kansas. The community is really turning into a regional center when you think of the new Aquatic Park, the college and the other businesses here.

"But it's the people who make our community so great. It's the generosity of all of these individuals and businesses, foundations and employees who've contributed. It speaks to the spirit of the community.

"We want quality. We want the best, and that is what we are willing to get behind. That means the best doctors and the best facility and the best care."

Briefly

Dennen Field closed for repairs to track

Dennen Field is closed for about a week due to resurfacing, repairs and maintenance being done on the track. For information, call the high school office at 460-5300.

Volleyball, football teams plan scrimmages

The Colby High volleyball and football teams will hold "drinks only" scrimmages on Friday, Aug. 24. The volleyball drink scrimmage will start at 6 p.m. in the high school gym, and the football scrimmage will start at 8 p.m. at Dennen Field. The admission fee to both will be a bottled drink for the players. For information, call the high school at 460-5300.

Lemonade stand will be set up on Tuesday

The Fourth Annual Lemonade Stand held by April Swartz will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Swartz Veterinary Hospital, 1775 W. Fourth St. All proceeds go to the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter in Goodland. Come meet pets available for adoption. For questions, call the vet hospital at 460-1078.

Seniors plan potluck at Presbyterian Church

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

Community blood drive planned for Wednesday

The Colby Community Blood Drive will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, and from 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Community Building, featuring the Battle of the Badges between law enforcement, emergency medical and fire department members. People will vote on who they want to win the traveling trophy and bragging rights. Everyone who donates will receive a T-shirt and a chance to win a prize donated by local businesses. Call (800) 733-2767 to schedule an appointment or go to redcrossblood.org. Volunteers will be serving homemade zucchini bread. For information, call Bev Vaughn at 462-3861 or 443-1467.

Organization ordering fruit for delivery

The Catholic Youth Organization at Sacred Heart Church is selling fruit for delivery in late August. Reserve your order of freestone peaches, Bartlett pears or Gala apples through Wednesday. Contact any member or Megan Augustine at the Sacred Heart rectory, 462-2179. Pickup is scheduled for 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, at the 4-H Building.

Firefighters receive money for relief fund

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ers relief associations across the state, said Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger, nearly \$550,000 more than last year.

"This fund assists firefighters and their families when an accident or death occurs in the line of duty," Commissioner Praeger said.

The money is generated by a 2-percent tax paid by insurance companies on fire and lightning insurance premiums written in Kansas for the previous year under the

Kansas Firefighter Relief Act.

The Kansas State Firefighters Association will receive \$431,244 for education and research and to help pay for the association's death benefit fund.

Of that, \$331,244 is earmarked for education and research into fire prevention and firefighting, and \$100,000 is used to replenish the association's death-benefit fund.

Nearly \$1.3 million in benefits was paid in 2011 to firefighters as a result of firefighting-related injuries or disability, and nearly \$837,000 went to dependents.

Most of this year's distribution was deposited electronically into relief-association bank accounts.

Electronic report filing and fund distribution has been a point of emphasis for John Boyd, the Firefighter Relief Act administrator for the insurance department.

"The electronic fund transfer is cost efficient and quick," Commissioner Praeger said. "The (groups) receiving the money can put it to good use immediately, and John has been instrumental in making that happen."

GOP candidate puts Medicare back in spotlight

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican Paul Ryan's blueprint for Medicare could prove as polarizing in the campaign as President Barack Obama's health-care overhaul has been. Even Mitt Romney may not want to go there.

Romney's new running mate has built a strong reputation on Capitol Hill for bold ideas to restrain health-care costs and federal spending overall. His centerpiece idea is to steer future retirees into private insurance plans, with a fixed payment from the government that may or may not cover as much of a retiree's costs as does the current program.

Ryan, a conservative Wisconsin congressman and chairman of the House Budget Committee, calls his idea "premium support." Democrats call it a voucher plan. In theory, Ryan's

plan could work, economists say, but the devil's in the details. Lots of them, mostly yet to be ironed out.

Ryan would also turn Medicaid — the federal-state program that covers welfare clients and the working poor — over to the states. It would sharply limit the growth of future spending on that safety-net program. Between them, Medicare and Medicaid cover about 100 million people, touching nearly every American family in some way.

While expressing support broadly, Romney has yet to spell out where he stands on specifics of his running mate's proposals. And that could get tricky.

Mindful of the risks, Romney put gentle but unmistakable distance between his agenda and Ryan's hot-potato budget proposals on Sunday, a day after announcing his running mate's selection. The presidential candidate singled out Ryan's work "to make sure we can save

Medicare." But Romney never said whether he embraced that plan himself. During the Republican primary, Romney had called Ryan's budget a "bold and exciting effort" that was "very much needed."

Democrats wouldn't let them off the hook, criticizing the "Ryan-Romney" Medicare plan at every turn.

"From the standpoint of public understanding, the Romney-Ryan ticket has a hill to climb," said health economist Joe Antos of the business-oriented American Enterprise Institute. "I think they can do it, but it's going to require some explaining..."

Seniors vote at higher rates than younger people, and Medicare matters to them. Concern about Medicare cuts in Obama's health-care law helped drive older voters into the Republican camp in the 2010 congressional elections, delivering control of the House to the GOP.

"This puts Medicare in play as

a central issue in the campaign," said John Rother, president of the National Coalition on Health Care, a nonpartisan group representing a broad swath of players in the health-care system.

The political sensitivities are clear. Polls find that Americans lean heavily on Medicare to help keep them secure after retirement and are suspicious of proposed alternatives, such as Ryan's plan.

Surveys also give Democrats an edge over Republicans when people are asked which party people most trust to handle Medicare. Democrats held a 48 percent-39 percent advantage on that issue in a June 2011 AP-GfK poll.

In an interview Sunday on CBS' "60 Minutes," Romney and Ryan both offered words meant to reassure the elderly.

America is about more choices, Romney said, adding: "That's how we make Medicare work down the road."

Friday: High, 89; Low 60
Saturday: High, 95; Low 60
Sunday: High, 89; Low 51
Precip: Friday None
Saturday None
Sunday None
Month: 0.34 inches
Year: 9.19 inches
Normal: 16.36 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 6:56 a.m. 8:40 p.m.
Moon: waning, 9 percent
Wednesday 6:57 a.m. 8:39 p.m.
Moon: waning, 4 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
Friday to Sunday 2,655,000 gal.
(average)
(Colby Public Works)

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Tuesday Evening August 14, 2012										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Last Man	Happy	Apt. 23	NY Med		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		The Mentalist		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	America's Got Talent				Stars Earn Stripes		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	Hotel Hell		MasterChef		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Shipping	Shipping	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	Crocodile Dundee				Crocodile Dundee II					Cool Run.
ANIM	Handfishin'		Tanked: Unfiltered		Tanked: Unfiltered		Handfishin'		Tanked: Unfiltered	
BRAVO	Million Dollar LA		Million Dollar LA		Housewives/NJ		Gallery		Housewives/NYC	
CMT	Reba		Reba		Ace Ventura				Ron White's Comedy Salute to t	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Work.	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	The Burn		Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	The Burn
DISC	Jaws Home: Reloaded		How "Jaws"		Adrift: 47 Days		Adrift: 47 Days		Adrift: 47 Days	
DISN	High School 2		Shake It		Shake It		ANT Farm	Austin	Austin	Vampire
E!	Celebs Speak Out		Kardashian		Kardashian		Chelsea		E! News	Chelsea
ESPN	World/Poker		World/Poker		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Softball		SportCtr		Softball				Nation	Baseball Tonight
FAM	Pretty Little Liars		Hill Nannies		Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped	
FX	Knowing				Knowing					
HGTV	Property Brothers		Design Star All		Hunters		Hunt Intl		Million	Sellers
HIST	Pawn		Top Gear		Cnt. Cars		Cnt. Cars		Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Women Went		Women Went		Dance Moms	
MTV	16 and Pregnant		Teen Mom		Teen Mom		Teen Mom		True Life	
NICK	Victorioti	Victorioti	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Destination Truth		Destination Truth		Collection		Destination Truth		Collection	
SPIKE	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Rat Bast.	Repo	Repo	Repo	Repo
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		The Office	
TCM	City for Conquest				White Heat				Footlight Parade	
TLC	Craft Wars		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Craft Wars		What Not to Wear	
TNT	Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		Franklin & Bash		Rizzoli & Isles		Franklin & Bash	
TOON	Level Up	Adventure	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Squid
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Bizarre Foods		Mysteries-Museum	
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond		Raymond		King		King	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		White Collar		Covert Affairs		Political Animals		White Collar	
VH1	Honey 2				Big Ang		Love, Hip Hop		Single Ladies	
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Chris	Chris
Premium Channels										
HBO	J. Edgar				Hard Knocks		The Newsroom		True Blood	
MAX	Love		Dream House		Strike Back		Strike Ba		Femme Fatales	Strike Ba
SHOW	Weeds		Web Ther.		Piranha		Episodes		Weeds	The Real L Word

Wednesday Evening August 15, 2012

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Suburg.	Mod Fam	Suburg.	20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Big Brother		Criminal Minds		CSI: Crime Scene		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	America's Got Talent		America's Got Talent		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	So You Think				Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Storage	Storage
AMC	Crocodile Dundee				Crocodile Dundee II					Break-Bad
ANIM	Tanked		Wildman	Wildman	Mud Lovin' Rednecks		Tanked		Wildman	Wildman
BRAVO	Million Dollar LA		Million Dollar LA		Top Chef Masters		Top Chef Masters		Million Dollar LA	
CMT	Reba		Reba		Footloose				Pretty in Pink	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	South Pk	South Pk	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	South Pk
DISC	Rogue Sharks		Shark Fight		Animal Attacks		Shark Fight		Animal Attacks	
DISN	Camp Rock		Shake It	Shake It	Gravity	Austin	Shake It	Good Luck	ANT Farm	Vampire
E!	Kardashian		Kardashian		The Soup	The Soup	Chelsea		E! News	Chelsea
ESPN	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Soccer				Softball				Baseball Tonight	
FAM	Melissa	Daddy	Willy Wonka				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Chopped		Restaurant: Im.	
FX	Hancock				Hancock				Little Man	
HGTV	Income	Kitchen	Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	

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	HIST	LIFE	MTV	NICK	SCI	SPIKE	TBS	TCM	TLC	TNT	TOON	TRAV	TV LAND	USA	VH1	WGN
HIST	Picked Off	Picked Off	Picked Off	Picked Off	American	American	Picked Off									
LIFE	Trading Spouses	Trading Spouses	Trading Spouses	Trading Spouses	Trading Spouses	Trading Spouses	Trading Spouses									
MTV	Awkward.	Awkward.	Teen Mom	The Real World	Snooki	Snooki	Snooki	Snooki								
NICK	Victorioti	Victorioti	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends						
SCI	Haunted Collector	Haunted Collector	Paranormal Witness	Paranormal Witness	Haunted Collector	Paranormal Witness	Paranormal Witness									
SPIKE	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction						
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan						
TCM	Intolerance									The Wind						
TLC	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Honey	Honey	Toddlers & Tiaras	Honey	Honey									
TNT	The Mentalist	The Mentalist	The Mentalist	The Mentalist	CSI: NY		The Great Escape									
TOON	NinjaGo	NinjaGo	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Squid						
TRAV	Man, Food	Man, Food	Best Sandwich		Toy Hnr	Toy Hnr	Meat	Meat	Best Sandwich							
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