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Fund raiser planned for cancer patient

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Everyone is invited to a benefit dinner and dance to support a young woman in her battle with brain cancer. Proceeds from the event will go to help pay the medical expenses of 16-year-old Alisa Finley, a Colby High junior and dancer on the drill team.

The event will run from 4:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. Fifth St.

Advance tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for kids. At the door, it'll be \$15 for adults and \$12 for kids. Admission covers the all-you-can-eat buffet, a soft-drink ticket and a night of dancing. Raffle tickets will be



Alisa Finley

sold for the "eagerly anticipated bake sale," said event coordinator Shania Finley-Shanahan, Alisa's sister.

Donations can also be made at Bankwest in Colby, 295 N. Franklin, under "Robert Finley special account."

"Alisa has been amazing through all of this," said her mother, Theresa Finley, as her

daughter finished up a round of treatments in Denver. "She's the sweetest girl and has no complaints, even though it's taken its toll on her."

"And she is always apologizing for being sick," added Finley-Shanahan.

Finley said Alisa will need at least 6 1/2 weeks of radiation five times a week and two different kinds of chemotherapy for the stage 3 glioblastoma brain tumor that was found about two months ago.

Finley said it isn't the worst kind of cancer, and Alisa has a chance to fight the deadly tumor.

Her strength, Finley says, comes in large part from her family and friends, and especially from Alisa's father Robert and sister, who have also experienced the recent struggles of cancer.

"They've had chemo and radiation and

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Game played at school

Nancy Ohlrogge (above) faced off against Steven Bear during the Rock-Paper-Scissors Tournament Friday night at Heartland Christian School. Bear won the tournament, although Ohlrogge stayed in close to the end. The school's secretary, Deena Bandy (right), acted as a judge for the tournament, pointing out David Elsen's apparent victory of paper over rock.

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Heartland holds tourney to raise money

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Ninety-one people entered themselves into the Rock-Paper-Scissors Tournament at Heartland Christian School on Friday, buying 300 tickets among them, but most had stand-ins play the games for them.

The way this math worked out, Nancy Ohlrogge got to play perhaps 24 matches.

"It'll be quick now," Ohlrogge said towards the end of the tournament. "She has three more brackets left, so it'll go fast."

Ohlrogge, and her son, D., a first grader at the school, were among about 50 participants in the third annual tournament.

Contestants sat down in one of six sets of chairs in the school

gym, facing away from each other. They each got a practice run, then played the best two out of three.

The many turns Ohlrogge got came in part from representing four family members who bought tickets from her.

"It's really harder than it looks," she said of trying to trump the other player's hand – scissors over paper, rock over scissors or paper over rock.

What started out as organized chaos ended with large groups of people watching friends and family eliminate each other.

The tournament started shortly before 8, and it was 9:30 p.m. by the time the last match was over.

Stephen Bear, a Heartland parent, won the grand prize, a five-day cruise for two to Cozumel,

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Dental services free at 'give' event

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Free dental services will be available to anyone in northwest Kansas who needs help but can't afford it, thanks to a group of dentists in the region.

Dr. Karen Thummel of Colby will be one of several offering her services during a special event.

Patients seeking free dental help can make an appointment with Thummel, said DDS Give co-organizer Dr. Jeffrey Lowe of Hays.

Participating offices will be open Saturday, Sept. 22, for the event.

All services are first come, first served, and by appointment only,

said Lowe, and time is limited. Many of the participating offices are already filled to capacity, so people should call soon.

"Because the program is designed to help those who need it most, it's not likely that everyone who calls will get an appointment," said Lowe, "and, some people may leave with unmet dental needs."

He said services will be restricted to diagnosing and alleviating pain, cavities and infection, including things like fillings, extractions, X-rays, exams and cleanings.

"If you or someone you know could benefit from the program,

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Company sues ABC News for defamation

By Grant Schulte and Kristi Eaton

The Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — Beef Products Inc. sued ABC News Inc. for defamation today over its coverage of a meat product that critics dub "pink slime," claiming the network misled consumers into believing it is unhealthy and unsafe.

The Dakota Dunes, a South Dakota-based meat processor, is seeking \$1.2 billion in damages for roughly 200 "false and misleading and defamatory" statements about the product

officially known as lean, finely textured beef, said Dan Webb, the company's Chicago-based attorney.

The lawsuit filed in a South Dakota state court also names several individuals as defendants, including ABC news anchor Diane Sawyer and the Departure of Agriculture microbiologist who coined the term "pink slime."

The company's reporting "caused consumers to believe that our lean beef is not beef at all — that it's an unhealthy pink slime, unsafe for public consumption, and that somehow it got hidden in the meat," Webb said before the company's official announcement.

ABC News, owned by The Walt Disney Co., denied the company's claims.

"The lawsuit is without merit," Jeffrey W. Schneider, the news station's senior vice president, said in a brief statement today. "We will contest it vigorously"

The 257-page lawsuit names American Broadcasting Companies, Inc., ABC News, Inc., Sawyer and ABC correspondents Jim Avila and David Kerley as defendants. It also names Gerald Zirnstein, the USDA microbiologist who named the product "pink slime,"

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Obama, Romney trade tough words over attacks

By Charles Babington and Nedra Pickler

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With a beloved ambassador dead and anti-American turmoil in Arab nations spreading, the presidential candidates are challenging each other on their foreign policy credentials and on who would provide the steadiest hand in a crisis.

At a rally today in northern Virginia, Romney was expected to argue that the upheaval abroad

showed the need for more American strength on foreign and domestic matters. He was ready to link both themes while maintaining a focus on the economy by accusing President Barack Obama's policies toward China of driving away U.S. jobs, campaign aides said.

Romney has suggested that Obama is weak and didn't react quickly enough to condemn attacks on U.S. missions overseas. He was backed up today by the party's last presidential nominee,

Sen. John McCain, who said the president's "feckless foreign policy" has weakened America.

Democrats have responded by suggesting that Romney is reckless and untested as a world leader, with Obama accusing him of having "a tendency to shoot first and aim later."

Obama's campaign has urged its surrogates to avoid publically politicizing the developments in the Middle East and to temper their criticism of Romney's response as the situation unfolds. The presi-

dent's team has no plans at this point to air ads on the subject.

The campaign barbs came as protesters angered by an anti-Muslim film from a California filmmaker took to the streets and attacked a third U.S. mission this week.

Today, hundreds of demonstrators chanting "death to America" stormed the U.S. Embassy compound in Yemen's capital and burned the U.S. flag, replacing

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viders at 1 p.m. and one for clients at 3 p.m. Other cities on the tour include Manhattan, Pittsburg, Dodge City, Atchison, Chanute, Russell, Pratt, Olathe, Emporia, Hutchinson and El Dorado.

Aging and Disability Services also is conducting sessions targeted at consumers and families receiving disability, aging, mental health and substance-use disorder services.

"With all of the details we now have on the KanCare program, it's important for us to meet in person with the people directly associated with Medicaid and HealthWave to ensure that complete information about this transition is provided," said Robert Moser, secretary of health and environment.

