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## Residents ask city for dog park here

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It was the beginning of July when Emi-

ly Keen moved to Colby with her husband Chris, and one thing stood out to her. "We just noticed an obscene amount of

dogs that are chained to their back porch," she said, "and dogs that are cooped up in-

with fellow dog lovers Melissa and Andy

Lavitt to work on a plan to give dogs a of a city park for the town's dogs. They a fenced off dog park, divided into sections for larger and smaller pets, complete with trash cans and bags for waste. Their biggest need right now is somewhere to

land," she said. "That's where we need to colleagues to laugh. start from.'

That is why the Keens and Melissa 4 meeting to consider fencing off part manager that starts the 24th."

space of their own in town. Their goal is told the council they weren't asking for cil that they had a plan for how the park money.

"We're looking for land, that's what we're looking for," Chris Keen said that the meeting.

"That's not money?" council member 'We're kind of where we need some Mark Beringer asked, leading some of his

No decision was made at the meeting. "I hate to keep saying let's put it off," Emily and Chris have since teamed up Lavitt asked the City Council at its Sept. Beringer said, "but we've got a new city

would be built.

Melissa Lavitt asked the council to consider setting aside two acres, preferably with benches and trees for human

"We've got enough support in this town from people that want to do it," Chris Keen said. "We're not asking for

They have set up a Facebook page called "Friends of the Colby Dog Park"

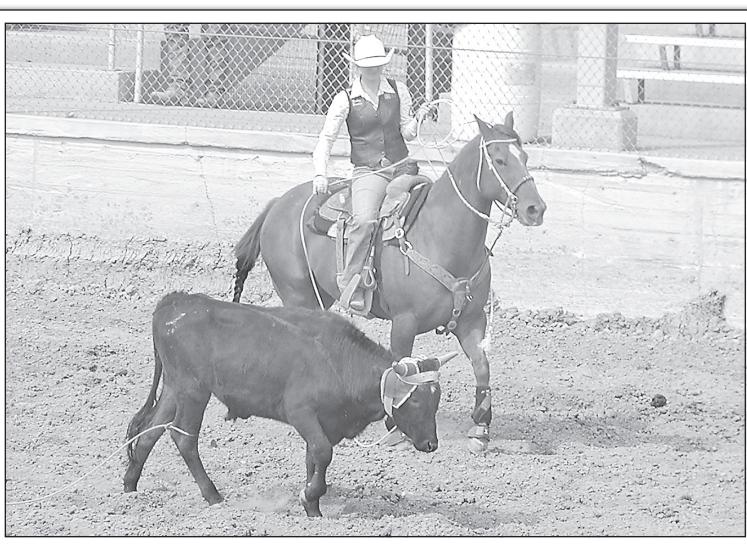
The three dog lovers told the countoget support, which is one thing they say they have a lot of.

"I've had lots of people ask all the time, ask me about the progress," Emily Keen said. "I was just at the dentist the other day with my son, and the receptionist was

asking about it." Users, she said, might include local dog owners, Interstate travelers, hunters and 4-Hers with dogs.

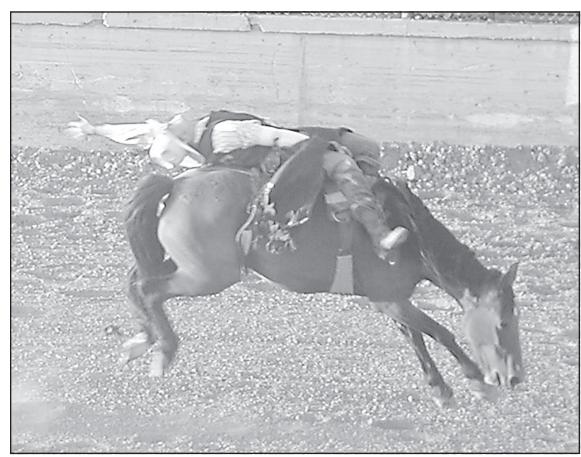
A dog owner should be about 15 be-

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Carley Frazier caught her steer (above) at the team roping event after she and Jon Herl from Western Oklahoma State College made it to the last round of the rodeo Sunday at the fairgrounds. The first rodeo for the Central Plains region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association was from Friday to Sunday and included every thing from goat tying to bareback riding (right). Colby Community College held the rodeo, providing a chance for Robert Shoenfeld and his granddaughter Ryler Cart to sit in the sun Saturday afternoon (far right).

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### College team holds rodeo

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After the dust settled Sunday afternoon, Alan Russell and his team still didn't get to go

as a home team advantage," he said, looking around the arena at the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

Instead, the 12 members of the Colby Community College the national champions at the rodeo team had a lot of extra college finals come out of this work over the weekend. The college held the first of 10 National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association rodeos for the Central Plains region. Over 500 riders Lindsey Estes, Alex Harris, Katfrom 26 colleges in Kansas and Oklahoma, as well as one in Missouri, spent Friday and Saturday competing in everything from goat tying to bull riding.

but their coach said that several of his kids have a shot.

freshmen, "so a large percentage of them actually will rodeo professionally."

The next rodeo will be Thursday to Saturday, Oct. 4 to 6, at so tough."

Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. After sdieter@nwkansas.com four rodeos this fall, Russell said, there will be six more next spring, meaning the team does not have much of an off season.

Those in the top 10 for each event went again on Sunday, "There really is no such thing and the top three in each event will get a chance to go on to the regional finals this spring in Casper, Wyo.

'We're in the toughest region," Russell said. "A lot of region."

Members of college team who competed this weekend include Kristi Breickler, Owen Dineen, era Harter, Lucas Phillips, Cody Rieker, Kelli Riggs, Morgan Shepard and Connor Stephens.

Russell noted that they went up against kids from both junior The Colby team didn't have colleges and four-year univeranyone in the finals this time, sities, including Northwestern Technical College, Fort Hays State University, Fort Scott "There's actually quite a few Community College in southof them who already rodeo pro- eastern Kansas, Kansas State fessionally," he said, adding University, Oklahoma State that some are up-and-coming University and Panhandle State University.

> ketball team playing Kansas State," he said. "That's why it's

"It would be like our bas-



#### College discusses scholarships

The Colby Community College trustees heard last Monday that the college was spending too much for scholarships and would have to tighten up on what it gives out, including, perhaps, the Thomas County Tuition Grants.

Dr. Stephen Vacik, college president, said the Scholarship Committee is trying to trim the dollar amount for future awards.

He asked trustees to consider suspending the grants, which provide full tuition for students from the county, noting that the college tax levy already is high. He said he felt they would still find the college to be a bargain.

Trustee Bill Shields asked what would happen to "transition students," such as freshmen who are already using the grants this year. Vacik said he would bring figures to the board next month. Because of repeated cuts in income, he said, the college is

being forced to survive by mak-

Treasurer Nick Wells mentioned that both Vacik and Dr. Keegan Nichols, vice president of student affairs and marketing, attended a recent Endowment board meeting. The foundation may change scholarships for sophomores, Wells said, and is losing money on international and out-of-state students.

In other business, the board:

 Approved the consent agenda after discussing payment of checks. Board members requested that Alan Waites, chief financial officer and vice president of business affairs, find a way to show which checks have or have not been paid from the previous

• Heard a report from Nichols, who said the Chartwells foodservice contract will expire in July. She said John Gatz, college attorney, had helped her with the

bid procedures. A request for bids will be sent to various food services. She said some other companies will honor the college's meal plan, so Colby could save money with a different food service. Some of the specifications also need to be renegotiated, she said.

• Heard a report for Joyce Washburn, dean of academic affairs, from Vacik due to Washburn's absence. Vacik mentioned a visit to the WaKeeney campus, saying he was pleased with the state of the facility there.

The state Higher Learning Commission will be visiting the Norton nursing site in October, he said, and after the Norton program is accredited, then the college should not have to do another site visit with the commission. He added that a new site for the Goodland program has

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#### Apple supplier suspends China factory after brawl

By Joe McDonald

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BEIJING - The company that makes Apple's iPhones suspended production at a factory in China today after a brawl by as many as 2,000 employees at a dormitory injured 40 people.

The fight, the cause of which is under investigation, erupted Sunday night at a privately managed dormitory near a Foxconn Technology Group factory in the northern city of Taiyuan, the company and Chinese police said. A police statement reported by the official Xinhua News Agency said 5,000 officers were dispatched to

The Taiwanese-owned company declined to say whether the factory ders as it ramps up production to is involved in iPhone production. meet demand.

It said the facility, which employs 79,000 people, will suspend work today and reopen Tuesday.

Foxconn makes iPhones and iPads for Apple Inc. and also assembles products for Microsoft Corp. and Hewlett-Packard Co. It is one of China's biggest employers, with some 1.2 million workers crowd of spectators and triggering in factories in Taiyuan, the southern city of Shenzhen, in Chengdu in the west and in Zhengzhou in central China.

The unrest happens at a critical time for Apple. The fight started days after the launch of the latest iPhone model in the U.S. and eight other countries. The phone quickly sold out in most stores in the U.S. and Apple has a three to See "APPLE," Page 2 four-week backlog of online or-

Today, Apple said it sold 5 million units of the new iPhone 5 in the first three days, less than analysts had expected. Its stock fell 1.4 percent to \$690.50 in midday

The fight in Taiyuan started at 11 p.m. on Sunday, "drawing a large chaos," a police spokesman was quoted by Xinhua as saying.

Order was restored after about four hours and several people were arrested, said the company, a unit of Taiwan's Hon Hai Precision Industry Co.

It said 40 people were taken to hospitals for treatment.

