

# Emergency director leaves county

# Briefly

The Once-a-Month Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the basement of the Colby Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. No reservation is needed, and the free meal, held the second Saturday of each month, is open to everyone. For questions, call the church office, 462-6342.

The Colby Episcopal Churchwomen are selling fresh-crop pecans, walnuts and cashews for the holiday season. Almonds, pralines, chocolate covered pecans and mixed nuts are also available. Call Martha Hullett at 462-2505 for delivery or you can make a purchase at Colby Canvas, 285 E. Third St.

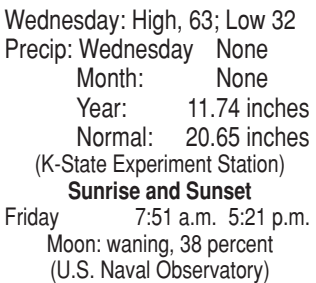
Genesis-Thomas County food bank needs volunteers to help fill containers for its annual Christmas Basket project at 7 p.m. Friday at the Thomas County 4-H Building on West Olive Street. Anyone interested in helping is welcome. Baskets will be distributed from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday.

Santa City, in the Scout Hut at Fike Park, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. every weekend. Starting Monday, the winter wonderland also will be open weeknights from 6 to 8 p.m. On Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24, it will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

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.

The Gem Lions Club plans to hold its annual pancake feed from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Gem Community Building. Come and enjoy lots of pancakes, sausage, eggs, pie and Lions Candy Day mints – and some visiting. Donations will be used for community projects, sight programs and education. Bring eyeglasses and hearing aids to recycle. For information, call Ken Poland at 462-7809.

For a \$5 donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County at their second annual soup supper, you can enjoy chili; chicken-noodle, ham- and bean- or cream-can soup; or gumbo. Come to the Colby High basketball game from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at the Community Building. For information, call Orvella Romine at 460-9125.



# Congressman loses two big committees

“To change it,” he said, “I’d have to do something I’d never do, turn over my voting card to people in Washington.”

# City Council tables contract on lines

There was a brief discussion about the contract before it was tabled. Council Member Mark Beringer asked why the contract

Interest in the vacant position has been submitted since the latter part of October. Arasmith said at the reception that she is confident in her ability to run the office as interim director and has expressed interest in the permanent position as well.

“Since working here, Susan and I have become great friends,

**ge 1** He said he did not believe the decision was a personal one against him and that he has good relationships with the chairmen of each of the committees.

He also said fellow Kansas Rep. Lynn Jenkins – who sits on the Republican Steering Committee – did not have a role in the removal.

Huelskamp had some harsh words for the

shouldn't say that all utility lines should be placed underground.

Friesen said that he is not sure if his company will want to place lines on utility poles inside the city.

He wants to put the lines on

and I'm sad to see her move," Arasmith said. "She'll be leaving some big shoes to fill, and I hope I can make her proud."

In October, Arasmith was well on her way to obtaining all of the mandatory certifications needed to become an emergency management director, she said, but in November, the state changed some of their requirements.

House leadership concerning the Farm Bill. "They're closing down shop at noon on Wednesday," he said. "They say there's not enough time to do a farm bill before the end of the year. There's plenty of time."

The Agriculture subcommittees have not been working on the bill and rarely even meet, he said, while his Veterans Affairs committee meets all the time.

Midwest Energy poles in the city, but does not have approval to do that yet.

Council member Fred Taylor said there is only one line of Midwest utility poles going through the city, and Friesen

Unfortunately, the classes she needs for the new requirements aren't available, so she is in limbo waiting for the opportunity to get certified.

"I've called as many people as I can to try and get classes started," she said, "but haven't been able to yet. I've even tried getting grandfathered in, but that hasn't worked either."

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said his company only wants to work on that one line.

He said after the first meeting that the firm intends to serve commercial customers such as cell-phone towers, not residential users.

The Bureau of Mines and Geosciences had issued warnings before the typhoon to people living in flood-prone areas, but in the Compostela Valley, nearly every area is flood-prone.

Bureau Director Leo Jasareno said about 80 percent of the valley is a danger zone due to a combination of factors, including the mountains and rivers, as well as logging that has stripped hills of trees that minimize landslides and absorb rainwater. Logging has been banned since last year's fatal flooding, but it continues illegally.

Nearly 80 villagers and soldiers died in the New Bataan village of Andap when a flash flood swamped the two emergency shelters and a military camp. Jasareno said Andap had been an especially dangerous place to be.

People stay because the land is rich in natural resources, including timber and gold, which is dug by small-scale miners.

Compostela Valley Gov. Arturo Uy rejected criticism by scientists and central government officials that his flood-ravaged communities should relocate.

Uy said previous floods had been far less damaging, and had never threatened the places where the doomed emergency centers had been set up: the village hall, a health center, a covered court.

The deaths came despite efforts by President Benigno Aquino III's government to force residents out of high-risk communities as the typhoon approached. Vice President Jejomar Binay today directed local executives, police and military officials not to allow those displaced to return to their homes in areas classified as danger zones. However, it wasn't clear how quickly and where substitute homes would be built.

# LOCAL

# TV Listings

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## Sunday Evening December 9, 2012

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30				
KAKE/ABC	Landing	Prep &	Christmas With Holy				Local							
KBSL/CBS	The Amazing Race				The Mentalist		Local							
KSNK/NBC	Football	NFL Football					Local		Dateline NBC					
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Amer. Dad	Local									
<b>Cable Channels</b>														
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Be the Boss		Be the Boss		Storage	Storage				
AMC	Miracle-34 St.				Miracle-34 St.				Christmas					
ANIM	Rattlesnake Republic		Gator Boys		Finding Bigfoot		Gator Boys		Finding Bigfoot					
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Shahs of Sunset		Happens	Housewives/Atl.	Shahs					
CMT	CMT Artists		Rumor Has It...				Rumor Has It...							
CNN	CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight		CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight					
COMEDY	Hot Tub	Wedding Crashers				Tosh.0		Futurama	Futurama	Futurama				
DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters		Magic	Magic	MythBusters		MythBusters					
DISN	Secret	Shake It	Dog	Jessie	Good Luck	Shake It	Austin	Jessie	Wizards	Wizards				
E!	Leann Rimes		Kardashian		Ice-Coco	Leann Rimes		Chelsea	The Soup	Love You				
ESPN	SportCtr	Football Bowl Mania					SportsCenter		SportCtr					
ESPN2	Poker								World/Poker					
FAM	The Mistle-Tones				The Mistle-Tones				J. Osteen	Shook				
FOOD	Sugar Dome		The Next Iron Chef		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant Stakeout		The Next Iron Chef					
FX	The Other Guys					The Other Guys								
HGTV	Extreme Homes		Property Brothers		House Hunters Reno		House Hunters Reno		Property Brothers					
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Ax Men		Bamazon		Outback Hunters		Pawn	Pawn				
LIFE	Christmas Angel		All About Eve				Christmas Angel							
MTV	Most Stylin		MTV Special				Jersey Shore		Teen Mom					
NICK	See Dad	Merry Christmas				The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends				
SCI	Indiana Jones		Indiana Jones						Name of King					
SPIKE	Mission: Impossible					Mission: Impossible								
TBS	Married Too?					Married Too?								
TCM	We're No Angels				Lady in the Lake				The Crowd					
TLC	Sister Wives		Sister Wives			Sin City Rules		Sister Wives		Sin City Rules				
TNT	The Town					The Town								
TOON	Looney	Dragons	Cleveland	King/Hill	King/Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Dynamite	Chicken	Aqua Teen				
TRAV	David Blaine		David Blaine		Monumental Mysteries		The Smithsonian		David Blaine					
TV LAND	Roseanne	Roseanne	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King				
USA	NCIS		NCIS				Quantum of Solace							
VH1	Planet Rock: Hip Hop		Menace II Society			T.I.-Tiny		T.I.-Tiny	Marry	Marry				
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News/Nine	Replay	30 Rock	30 Rock	Rules	Rules				

## Premium Channels

HBO	The Change-Up				Girls	Girls	Enlighten	Enlighten	Contraband	
MAX	L.A. Confidential				Very Harold & Kumar 3D			Sweet Prudence & Erotic		
SHOW	Homeland		Dexter		Homeland		Dexter		Homeland	