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The high school band students were joined by a few alumni and staff members (above) for their last song at the Christmas program Tuesday. Playing were (back row, from left) Jessica House, Aleisha Collett, Shea Rothchild and (front row) Kathy Bannister, Bonnie Holm and Ryan Edmondson. The preschool students sang "Decorate the Christmas Tree" (right) as they demonstrated how to go about it. They were (back row, from left) Paige Fulwider, Kamdyn Schmidt and Shaun Ohlrogge, and (front row) Bryce Roulier, Braxton Meier, Dane Moore and Joseph Mills.



## Program fills Brewster gym; Polar Express party cut short by blizzard

The gym was full for the school Christmas program on Tuesday night in Brewster. The students and Mrs. Alice Collett put a lot of hard work into the performance. Susan Schmidt's prekindergarten and kindergarten classes even joined in on the fun. The band students were joined by a few

alumni and staff for their last song of the evening. Santa made his appearance to end the evening.

The preschool through fourth grade Polar Express Party was cut short by the snow storm. Students still enjoyed a P.J. party, Mrs. Mills reading "The Polar Express" to

them, making shape trains, having an estimation contest, drinking hot cocoa and watching the Polar Express movie.

The students and staff get to enjoy an extra day of Christmas break due to the snow. Thanks to everyone who was out early Thursday morning clearing our streets and

sidewalks.

Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas. If you have Brewster news or upcoming events you would like to share please e-mail me at [angiem@st-tel.net](mailto:angiem@st-tel.net), call 694-3008 or drop it by the Prairie Land Insurance office.



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### On the Beat

#### COLBY POLICE

##### Dec. 13

12:01 a.m. - Caller reported his vehicle being hit.  
4:41 a.m. - Theft: caller advised of things missing from house.  
9:30 a.m. - Subject came to station about break-in. Report filed.  
5:20 p.m. - Subject came to station about custody matter. Report filed.

##### Dec. 14

10:37 a.m. - Clerk advised of theft. Report filed.  
10:37 a.m. - Manager advised of abandoned vehicle. Spoke to reporting party; owner had contacted them.  
11:41 a.m. - Helped ambulance and Fire Department.  
1:29 p.m. - Criminal threat: subject advised of problem. Report filed.  
2:38 p.m. - Caller reported transients by the visitor's center. Subjects told to move to the truck stop.  
3:47 p.m. - Collision on S. Range.  
4:39 p.m. - Caller reported erratic driver southbound on Franklin from Sixth. Unable to locate.  
8:40 p.m. - Walkthrough at Colby Community Building.  
9:03 p.m. - Narcotics violation report filed.  
10:28 p.m. - Caller reported loud music. Spoke with subject;

turned music down.

#### THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

##### Dec. 12

12:27 a.m. - Security check at the college.  
8:55 a.m. - Civil forfeiture report filed for seized firearm.  
11:11 a.m. - Released Mackenzie Shields.  
2:23 p.m. - Booked Eduardo Ernesto Foirá.  
2:45 p.m. - Released Foirá.  
3:27 p.m. - Served warrant on Adam Lincoln.  
7:37 p.m. - Booked Amber Groom.  
8:53 p.m. - Booked Levi Coy Fullmer.

##### Dec. 14

11:28 a.m. - Amber Dawn Groom arrested on warrant.  
12:55 p.m. - Released Groom.  
1:01 p.m. - Criminal threat/battery: 911 caller advised of being threatened at Frontier Ag, Brewster. Report filed; sheriff and Highway Patrol units assisted.  
1:06 p.m. - Booked Brian Heath Keil.  
2:24 p.m. - Released Levi Coy Fullmer.  
2:32 p.m. - Released Adam Theodore Lincoln.  
4:08 p.m. - Booked David Leroy Mayer.  
4:17 p.m. - Booked Darren Paul Driscoll.

4:32 p.m. - Booked Carlos Albert Pimental.

4:41 p.m. - Released Pimental.  
4:56 p.m. - Released Driscoll.  
6:25 p.m. - Caller reported peacocks in the roadway at U.S. 83 and County Rd. M. Spoke with owners.  
7:40 p.m. - Served 48-hour hold on David Mayer.  
10:22 p.m. - Booked Hector Jasso Nunez.  
10:37 p.m. - Released Nunez.  
10:47 p.m. - Booked Adolfo Ramos Garza.  
11 p.m. - Released Garza.  
11:10 p.m. - Booked Darick Michael Mead.  
11:22 p.m. - Released Mead.

##### Dec. 15

1:42 a.m. - Helped Colby Police on disorderly conduct call on N. Grant.  
2:18 a.m. - Booked Brant Bear.  
2:20 a.m. - Assisted Colby Police, Highway Patrol, emergency medical services and rescue squad on accident at Fourth and Franklin.  
5:36 a.m. - Released Bear.  
11:41 a.m. - Assisted Highway Patrol with accident I-70 mile 70.  
12:50 p.m. - Booked Kyle Lynn Brogan.  
23:23 p.m. - Courtney M. Wislon arrested on warrant in Lane County.

### Corrections

The article "Businesses, offices will close for holiday," on Page 2 of the Friday, Dec. 21, *Colby Free Press* gave the wrong hours for Starbucks on Christmas Eve. The coffee shop will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Christmas Eve and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Christmas Day. The mistake was due to in-

correct information provided to the newspaper.

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## Grains program trains members new to state wheat commissions

Seventeen wheat commissioners from across the U.S. - including one from Colby - traveled to the International Grains Program at Kansas State University for the Wheat Commissioners Training Program held Dec. 10 to 12.

Throughout the week, participants attended presentations from Mark Fowler, milling specialist and program associate director; Justin Gilpin, chief executive of Kansas Wheat; and Dave Krishock, flour quality and baking specialist. To start the course, participants were in the classroom learning about the classes and quality of wheat, milling math and blending.

"We came to get an education about what we do," says Tom Zwainz, director for the Washington Grain Commission and a wheat farmer there. "When we get new directors, we need to send them through these types of trainings to give them a better foundation with which to make decisions."

During the training, participants had a chance to put that knowledge to the test during a bakery laboratory and a soft and hard

wheat milling lab exercise in the Hal Ross Flour Mill. The experiences gave the participants a better understanding of how wheat is made into flour and the different classes of wheat, Fowler says.

"Scientifically, things haven't changed in the process of making flour in over 100 years" Zwainz said, "but I hadn't realized all that it takes to break down wheat into flour."

Another participant, Sheila Frahm of Colby, a Kansas wheat commissioner, said she has wanted to attend a milling course for 30 years. She said the hands-on learning experience is a follow-up to her dream. She now knows wheat definitions, different classes of wheat and steps of milling.

"We've been able to condense three semesters of classes into

three days, and we've experienced something pretty incredible," Frahm says. "Through this course I've seen wheat from kernel to flour, and I did not realize there were so many steps to the process."

With such a high percentage of U.S. wheat being exported, it is crucial that wheat growers and buyers understand the international market as well.

This is just one example of the many partnership trainings offered through the program. In addition, it offers trainings in the areas of feed manufacturing and grain management, flour milling and grain processing, and grain marketing and risk management. To learn about the training opportunities, go to [www.grains.k-state.edu/igp](http://www.grains.k-state.edu/igp).

### Tire tree unpopular

SMITHFIELD, N.C. (AP) - One man's treasure is another man's pile of tires.

The *News & Observer* of Raleigh reports (bit.ly/T4l3h2) Rockside Tire has been setting up a pyramid-shaped stack of tires with lights, ornaments and a brightly lit star in Garner. Now the shop has set up a holiday tree in Smithfield and some people don't like it.

Store owner Charlie Hansen says the tree is creative.

But Town Councilman Charles Williams has asked the local fire department to see if it's legal to have what he calls a "pile of tires" near a wooden building.

Smithfield Fire Chief Patrick Harris says he can't find any local rules that would make the display illegal. But he says he will check with the state fire marshal to see if the tires should be removed.

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