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were without power for a few hours.

Former City Manager Carolyn Armstrong said the hardest hit area of Colby was the city's new pool and its facilities.

She said several city vehicles suffered broken windows in the storm.

County Emergency Management Director Susan McMahan said several fires were reported around Colby due to transformer explosions and strong winds and reduced visibility was hampering recovery efforts.

Other reports in Thomas County included the cave in of a grain silo, two miles of electrical distribution line down, two irrigation pivots flipped, a barn destroyed near Gem and at 11:20 p.m., the eastbound lane of I-70 at the Levant exit, mile marker 45, was closed due to several semi rollovers.

8 In the sports world, the Colby High varsity wrestling team took second place at the Class 4A State Wrestling Tournament in February and came home with two state champions.

Junior Dustin Reed at 120 pounds and senior Konnor Kriss at 138 brought home gold medals

als Feb. 25 from the Salina Bicentennial Center after winning the championship in their weights, while the team as a whole took second place with 96.5 points.

Three other Eagles took medals at state: senior Michael Tubbs placed fourth at 132 pounds, while junior David Mainus finished fourth at 106 and junior Zell Bieberle was fourth at 285.

Both Reed and Kriss were state champions in 2011 as well, and Reed has never placed lower than second in the state tournament while Kriss never finished lower than third in his four years.

Junior Beau Brown also wrestled after taking first place at the regional tournament last week, but did not place.

Junior Quade Woofter and sophomore David Mainus wrestled at state as well after both taking second place at regionals, but they did not place.

Junior Macen Shull, sophomore Andrew Taylor and junior Troy Quenzer wrestled in the tournament, too, after taking fourth in the regional tournament, but none was able to place at state.

9 After 19 1/2 years as city manager of Colby, Carolyn Armstrong announced her retirement at the end of March. Armstrong said she turned 65 last year and thought it was a good time to retire. Her last day

was June 15.

Armstrong said it was a good time because the city is in great shape. She said she had told City Council members her plans to retire.

Armstrong said she had been working for 47 years, with the last 33 in city government. Before Colby, the only other city she worked for was Ogalala, Neb. She started out in the city clerk's office and moved up to city manager, where she remained for five years.

The City Council appointed Police Chief Randy Jones as interim city manager and he served for about three months. The city hired its new manager, Tyson McGreer, on Aug. 21 and he started work on Sept. 24.

McGreer had been the city administrator of Grant, a city of about 1,160 in southwest Nebraska, since 2008. Before that, he was a division manager at Hi-Line Cooperative and an energy specialist at Cenex Harvest States, both in Elsie, Neb. He has a bachelor's degree in industrial distribution from the University of Nebraska.

He came to Colby with his wife, Mandy, two sons, Brody, 6, and Tate, 3, and another child on the way.

10 Colby lost a longtime physician, father and husband, Dr. Victor H. Hildyard II, when he died Tuesday, July 3, 2012, at the Lo-

gan County Hospital in Oakley. He was 65.

"His No. 1 priority was patient care," said his wife Brenda Hildyard. "He never gave up on a patient."

Many of his patients and colleagues, friends and family showed how much he meant to them by leaving flowers and memorabilia in his honor on the grounds of his clinic, Colby Medical and Surgical Center at 175 S. Range Ave.

Hildyard was a 1965 graduate of Cherry Creek High School in Denver and in 1969, received his undergraduate degree from the University of Kansas.

Following his father's footsteps as a doctor, Hildyard graduated from the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Denver in 1973 and completed an internship at the Hennepin County Medical Center at the University of Minnesota Medical School in Minneapolis.

He came to Colby in 1974, where he practiced until his death.

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Reception planned for retiring commissioner

Everyone is invited to a farewell reception for retiring county Commissioner Ken Christiansen from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday in the commissioner's room at the Thomas County courthouse. For information, call County Clerk Shelly Harms at 460-4500.

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. The group will also get together on Tuesday, Feb. 12. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverage will be provided. For information, call 462-6342.

Hospital plans classes for expectant mothers

Citizens Medical Center will offer four weeks of childbirth classes from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursdays starting next week. Women due to deliver before May should attend with their labor support partner. The next classes won't begin until April. For information or to register, call Jeanene Brown at the hospital's Education Department, 460-4850.

Free adult classes to begin next week

The Adult Education Department at Colby Community College is offering free General Educational Development classes for anyone who needs to finish a high-school degree beginning Monday in the lower level of the library on campus. The department also will provide an "academic bridge" to prepare those who want to enroll in health-care programs. For information or to enroll, call Director Nance Munderloh at 460-4663.

College offers two beginning craft classes

Colby Community College will offer two introductory craft classes beginning Monday, Jan. 14. A three-credit-hour class in stained glass, taught by Rod Rodenbeck, will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays in Room 502 of Ferguson Hall. From 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, a variety craft class will include Rebel Jay teaching print making and assemblage sculpture, Chris Thummel, acrylic and collage, and Donna Roberts, paper making and book binding. Enrollment is limited to 10 in each class; there will be a \$30 charge for materials for either one. For information, call Jay at (785) 269-7065 or Troy Bielser at 462-3984.

Volunteers needed to deliver home meals

The Colby Nutrition Site at the Senior Progress Center needs volunteers to deliver meals to homes from 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays or Thursdays. Call Kaila DeBoer at 460-2901 for information.

Kansas wants donor to pay child support

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agreement isn't valid, because instead of working with a doctor, Marotta agreed to drop off containers with his sperm at the couple's home, according to prepared court documents the department gave to the AP late Wednesday.

The women handled the artificial insemination themselves using a syringe, and Schreiner eventually became pregnant, according to the documents. The couple broke up in 2010, and last year, Schreiner received public assistance from the state to help care

for the girl.

"My ex-partner and I wanted to have a baby," Schreiner said in a written statement to the department in January 2012, also included in the department's latest filing.

Marotta told The Topeka-Capital Journal that he is "a little scared about where this is going to go, primarily for financial reasons." His attorney didn't return a phone message Wednesday from the AP, and there was no listing for his home phone number in Topeka.

Phone numbers listed for Schreiner and Bauer were either incorrect or out of service,

and Schreiner did not respond to a message sent by Facebook.

The department first filed a petition against Marotta in Shawnee County District Court in October, asking that he be required to reimburse the state for the benefits and make future child support payments.

Along with the 1994 law regarding artificial insemination, the department cited a 2007 Kansas Supreme Court ruling. In that case, the court decided that a sperm donor who works through a licensed physician can't legally be considered a child's father absent a formal, written agreement.

Water engineer approves new restrictions for five years

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something that warrants additional examination," Barfield said.

In four to six weeks, he will send out his final order of designation which lays out how the management area will work. He said this order includes instructions to the review committee to see how many people transfer water rights within the area.

"It's looking at the issue from 2018 and beyond," he said. "So that's why I'm not changing the

LEMA."

Bossert pointed out after the meeting that users would still be limited to the amount of their original water rights before the management area came into being, and also sent Barfield additional testimony about it.

"Apparently, we convinced them that it wasn't a big deal," Bossert said.

But he added that the groundwater district does not want to see large amounts of water rights moved around.

"These wells are challenged,"

he said. "They're not going to be moving hundreds of acre feet. We can't believe that they will, but if it does happen, then we agree with them that we should look at it."

Bossert said he was restricted from talking to Barfield while he was considering the order. Besides the questions from the meeting, he said, he knew of no other changes that the engineer was considering.

He and others with the district previewed the order before it was signed, he said, and sug-

gested minor changes that Barfield addressed.

Bossert said he hopes farmers will be willing to continue limiting how much they pump out of their wells.

"I think that we'll sit down in three years and give it an honest shake," Bossert said, "but my crystal ball isn't good enough to see three years out."

The Nov. 28 meeting followed one Oct. 4, and before that, water users in the Sheridan 6 area met between November 2008 and May. Bossert said that wa-

ter users have been planning for how to limit groundwater use for about 10 years.

The management district covers much of northwest Kansas, including all of Sherman, Thomas and Sheridan counties. Other types of water restrictions have been used elsewhere, but the management area is the first of its kind to be used.

Sheridan 6 is one of six areas in the district where the aquifer is depleted, but the only one so far where landowners could agree on a regulation plan.



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