Student News

Colby Public Schools Activities: no school. **Sacred Heart** Activities: No school. Heartland

Activities: no school, spring

Golden Plains Activities: no school, spring

Brewster

Activities: no school, spring **Colby Community College**

Activities: spring break, no classes. **Sunday:** time change; 1 p.m. softball, Salina; 1 p.m. baseball, El Dorado; rodeo, Ft. Scott. **Monday:** 2 p.m. softball, Great Bend. **Thursday:** 5 p.m. baseball,

McCook. Saturday: 1 p.m. baseball vs. Barton County. Sunday: 1 p.m. baseball vs. Barton County. **Triplains**

Activities: set clocks ahead. Monday: school in session; 4 meeting. Tuesday: school in session; 9:30 a.m. first and second grade play "Cinderella." Wednesday through Monday, March 18: no school, spring break.

Send us your calendar and menus. E-mail colby.society @ nwkansas.com or mail Colby Free Press, 155 W. Fifth, Colby, Kan.,

Senior Progress Center

game at the Senior Progress Cen-

Activities for the week: Monday: 10:30 Skip Bo. Tuesday: 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. backgammon. Wednesday: cinnamon rolls. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. canasta game. Friday: 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pool

Menus for the week: **Monday:** tater tot casserole, Harvard beets, apricots. Tuesday: ham, sweet potatoes, cook's choice vegetable, pineapple. Wednesday: meatballs, au gratin potatoes, peas, gel-

Thursday there will be a canasta atin with mixed fruit. **Thursday:** chicken salad sandwich, tomato soup, peaches, cookie. Friday: baked fish, green bean casserole, strawberries and bananas, blueberry crisp.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch Monday through Friday at the senior center. Home delivery is available, as is pick-up service. A contribution of \$3 per meal is suggested for seniors, \$5.25 for others. For anyone under 60, home delivery is \$5.75.

Make reservations at (785) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

Red Barn

Activities for the week:

Sunday: Daylight Saving Barnswallows. Wednesday: 10 ter.

a.m. ladies' Bible study.

Thursday: 2 p.m. Come On Time begins. Monday: 10:45 Down. Friday: 9:30 a.m. Koffee p.m. blood pressure clinic; 2 p.m. Klatch; 2:30 p.m. Stitch and Chat-

Michigan considers state slug

MARQUETTE, Mich. (AP) an effort in Michigan's Upper Convention and Visitors Bureau. Peninsula to make a fictional creature the state's official slug.

WLUC-TV reports (bit.ly/ Amorous Spotted Slug is Larry Buege. He's an advocate for Slug Lovers In Michigan Empowered, or S.L.I.M.E., and says people across the Upper Peninsula are involved in an effort to collect

The goal is 10,000 signatures. If they do that, they'll send the idea to state lawmakers for

Public Notice

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Colby Airport Board (also the Airport Airspace Committee) will conduct a Public Hearing concerning the proposed Height and Hazard Airport Airspace Ordinance for Colby Shalz Field Municipal Airport. The ordinance public hearing will immediately follow the regularly scheduled City of Colby Airport Board meeting at 8:30

The Public Hearing will be held at the Airport Meeting Room at the Colby Municipal Airport. If you have any questions or concerns or need special assistance, please contact the Colby City Manager's office by letter, in person, or call 785-460-4410. A copy of the ordinance is available for review at Colby City Hall.

(Published in the Colby Free Press on Friday, March 8, 2013)

Pat Black is executive director People are having a little fun with of the Marquette County

She says it's a creative way to try

to attract visitors. The Upper Peninsula is known XTECZI) the creator of the for natural wonders such as Tahquamenon Falls as well as unusual tourist attractions.

Public Notice

USD 315 Colby Public Schools Rescission of Proposal Submission Deadline

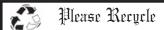
Notice is hereby given regarding the Request for Qualifications for Professional Services (published in the Kansas Register February 28, 2013) that the 9:00 a.m. March 8, 2013 deadline for responses has been set aside. The new time and date for Proposal Submission Deadline is 4:00 p.m. March 20,

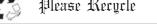
Interested firms may request information from Jo DeYoung, Business Manager, 315, 600 W. Third St., Colby, 67701. jdeyoung@colbyeagles.org, or 785-460-

Responses must be received by 4:00 p.m. March 20 for immediate review. Responses will not be accepted after that time. U.S.D. 315 reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive technicalities, and make award(s) as deemed to be in the best interest of the district.

Jo DeYoung Business Manage

> (Published in the Colby Free Press on Friday March 8, 15, 2013)





Sales data indicates higher land values than those shown by farmers' estimates

p.m. junior high music contest, study indicates that using sales There are nine such districts in the Sharon Springs; 7 p.m. board transaction data in determining the value of Kansas farmland shows a higher – in some cases significantly higher – value for the land than the traditional survey method derived from farmers' estimates of land value.

The current growth in land values and the many businesses and personal decisions affected by these values warranted more extensive analysis to obtain estimates that were less aggregated than either the state or crop reporting district-level values that were available," said K-State Research and Extension agricultural economist Mykel Taylor.

"For this study, we obtained sales transaction data from the Kansas Property Valuation Department, which reflect agricultural land sales in Kansas."

A paper outlining the study is available online at www.agmanager.info/farmmgt/land/lease/de-

Taylor, along with K-State agricultural economist Kevin Dhuyvetter, embarked on the study in part because state budget cuts in 2009 forced changes in the way land values are reported in Kansas. Prior to 2009, the Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service conducted farmer surveys which allowed land values to be reported

Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Case No. 2013-PR-06

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Ronald J. Ribordy, Gloria Kay Ribordy, deceased, requesting: Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Thomas County, Kansas:

A tract of land in the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Eighteen (18), Township Eight (8) South, Range Thirtysix (36), West of the Sixth Principal more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point 80 feet East of the Northeast corner of Lot 1. Block 23, in the Town of Brewster, Kansas; 75 feet; thence West 140 feet; thence North 75 feet to the point of beginning:

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws

You are required to file defenses to the Petition on or before March 28, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in the city of Colby in Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

RONALD J. RIBORDY, PETITIONER

John D. Gatz. #10808 Attorney at Law P. O. Box 346 Colby, KS 67701-0346 Attorney for Petitioner

> (Published in The Colby Free Press on March 1, 8, 15, 2013)

24th Annual Raile Charolais/Red Angus Production Sale

Monday, March 18, 2013, 1 p.m. CST - St. Francis Auction Market, St. Francis Selling 77 Bulls, 45 Charolais, 20 Red Angus, 12 Composite CharolaisXRed Angus or Angus

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'Unfortunately, the crop reporting district-level estimates reported by Agricultural Statistics Service were discontinued in 2009, so now, no official governmentreported data exist of regional values," Taylor said.

The Agricultural Statistics Service does, however, report state average values for irrigated, nonirrigated and pasture land, based on an annual survey of agricultural producers, asking for their estimate of the value of cropland and pasture land they operate. Several potential problems exist

with these data, however, Taylor

said. "The data for these estimates

is a survey of people's opinions, which may not be highly attuned to the current land market." For example, she added, the Statistics Service data have typically lagged behind estimates based on market data, suggesting that changes in land values are

moving faster than people not ac-

tively engaged in the land markets

Turning to the Property Valuation Department data for a marketbased estimate of land values, the team looked only at undeveloped parcels of land at least 40 acres in size, and only considered non-irrigated cropland and pasture. Characteristics such as parcel size, soil

A new Kansas State University at the crop reporting district level. and cropland within a parcel, and rangement, a separate part of the used to estimate county-level land

> "In all cases, the survey-based estimates are lower than the market-based estimates derived from sales transaction data," Taylor said. "For non-irrigated cropland, the analysis using Property Valuation Department transactions data suggests a state-level value of \$2.516 an acre, a 48 percent increase over the 2012 Agricultural Statistics Service-reported value of \$1,700 an acre.

"Across the nine crop reporting districts, the differences range from a 15.4 percent increase over Agricultural Statistics Service values in the Southeast Crop Reporting District, to an 80.6 percent increase in the Northwest crop reporting district."

Pasture values are similarly understated by the survey method, she added, noting that the transactions data estimate of \$1,589 per acre for the state is 67.2 percent higher than the Agricultural Statistics Service-reported value for 2012. Regional differences range from a 17.5 percent increase in the Southeast to a 150.8 percent increase over Agricultural Statistics Service pasture value for the northwest crop reporting district.

Cropland Rental Rates Also Understated

Using a method of calculating prices. quality rating, percent of pasture revenue from a crop share ar-

when a parcel was sold were all study that looked at cash rental rates also indicated that U.S. Department of Agriculture-Kansas Agricultural Statistics estimates are significantly lower than cash rent estimates.

"As with crop and pasture land values, many people want to know how recent changes in both the land and commodity markets have affected rental rates for cropland," Taylor said.

Historically, the ratio of cash rent-to-land value (rent-to-value ratio) has been in the range of 5 to 7 percent, she said. If that relationship still holds, then a state-level estimate for non-irrigated cropland of \$2,516 per acre would imply cash rental rates ranging from about \$126 to \$176 per acre. "That leaves a large amount of

negotiating room for landowners and tenants," Taylor added, which prompted the economists to use another method. Rather than targeting a particular rate of return on non-irrigated cropland, cash rents were estimated using a method of calculating revenue from a crop share arrangement.

A comparison of the rental rates from the two approaches adjusted for risk reveals the Agricultural Statistics estimates are significantly lower than the rental rates estimated by Taylor and Dhuyvetter, which reflect current grain







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