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People enjoyed the Colby Community College luncheon Friday, which was served before the 2013 Bull Sale at the college farm.

## College holds largest bull sale

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Colby Community College had its biggest test bull sale to date Friday at the college farm.

"Quite frankly, because of the drought I was very surprised," said Dr. Marcy Ward, director of the college beef cattle program.

Ward said she found sale books back to 1982, showing that this was the biggest sale out of a 30-year span. She added that perhaps the drought pushed several people to sell with the college, helping to boost the number of cattle.

"I did have one guy that used to have his own sale," Ward added, "but this year he brought us bulls."

That man and his friend had about 40 Gelbvieh bulls before they were tested, she said. The

name of the sale comes from the test the bulls go through, including how much weight they gain when fed.

Ward said 112 bulls were tested, 83 made the sale and 68 sold. The average sale price was \$2,400, but one bull, a Gelbvieh, sold for \$5,000. Twenty-one cows were brought to the farm, and all of them passed the test, selling for an average of \$1,300 each.

"The students are very involved in that marketing process," Ward said.

Some former students bought bulls, she added, while current students kept the sale running. They do the hard work on the college farm, she said, as well as help organize the sale. Cattle from the Angus, Balancer, Gelbvieh, Hereford, Red Angus, Saler and South Devon breeds were sold.



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A total of 68 bulls were sold at the Colby Community College bull test sale Friday at the college farm.

## Mariman wins spot on council

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Unofficial election results were counted last night for the Colby School Board, the City Council and Colby Community College board of trustees elections in Thomas County.

The polls closed at 7 p.m. Tuesday and County Clerk Shelly Harms said the official tally of votes will come next week.

Four seats came open on the City Council, one in each ward, when the councilmen in those seats whose terms are expiring decided not to run again. So far, Bill Mariman has defeated Joshua Faber for the Ward 2 City Council seat, winning the only contested race in the City Council elections, getting 87 votes to Faber's 60. Lance Bolyard is the only candidate running for the seat in Ward 1

and has 90 votes, and Francis Britton, the only candidate running in Ward 4, has 123. For the open seat in Ward 3, 83 write-in votes were cast.

Tracy Rogers, Janice Frahm and Kristina Lemman are winning so far to take the three open seats on the Colby School Board. Rogers received 527 votes, Frahm got 354 and Lemman got 344. The other two candidates are Chad Applebury, who has 296 votes, and Ronda Faber, who has 294. Rogers and Frahm are both incumbents on the school board.

For the board of trustees, newcomer Audrey Hines is the only person who filed to take the seat left open by Cindy Black. She has 627 votes, while incumbents Bill Shields and Kenton Krehbiel have 662 and 632, respectively.

Margaret Flanagan, the only

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## Senate rejects casino measure

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TOPEKA — An attempt to bring a state-owned casino to southeast Kansas failed Tuesday evening when the state Senate rejected a deal to help such a project but also kill off any possibility of slot machines at dog and horse tracks.

Senators voted 24-15 against a bill rewriting a 2007 state law authorizing both state-owned casinos and slots at dog and horse racing tracks. Under the law, the

Kansas Lottery owns the rights to the new gambling and claims part of the profits, while leaving day-to-day management in the hands of private developers and track owners.

State-owned casinos are operating in Dodge City and Kansas City, Kan., and south of Wichita. But track owners contend the law didn't make slot machines lucrative enough for them to install, and the lottery doesn't have a po-

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## Obama to press for gun measures

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WASHINGTON — In danger of losing congressional momentum, President Barack Obama is drawing attention to Colorado's newly passed gun control laws as he applies public pressure on Congress to pass similar federal measures.

Obama was visiting Denver today, stepping up his call for universal background checks for gun buyers as well as his demands for Congress to at least vote on an assault weapons ban and limits on large-capacity ammunition magazines.

The trip is heavy with political

symbolism. Colorado expanded background checks and placed restrictions on magazines despite being a state with a deep-rooted hunting tradition, where gun ownership is a cherished right. Moreover, Obama will meet with law enforcement officials and community leaders at the Denver Police Academy, not far from the Aurora suburb where a gunman last summer killed 12 people in a movie theater.

The president's trip is occurring in the same week that prosecutors announced they would seek the death penalty for James Holmes, accused of carrying out the Aurora rampage.

## Some dark matter found

GENEVA (AP) — A \$2 billion experiment on the International Space Station is on the verge of explaining one of the more mysterious building blocks of the universe: The dark matter that helps hold the cosmos together.

An international team of scientists says the cosmic ray detector has found the first hint of dark matter, which has never yet been directly observed.

The team said today its first results from the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer, flown into space two years ago, show evidence of

a new physics phenomena that could be the strange and unknown matter.

Nobel-winning physicist Samuel Ting, who leads the team at the European particle physics laboratory near Geneva, says he expects a more conclusive answer within months. The findings are based on an excess of positrons—positively charged subatomic particles.

"This is an 80-year-old detective story and we are getting close to the end," said University of Chicago physicist Michael Turner, one of the giants in the field of dark matter. "This is a tantalizing clue and further results from AMS could finish the story."



Barry Mitchell, a volunteer for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County, handed out prizes (above) Saturday at the organization's annual Bowl for Kids' Sake fund raiser. Noelle Thompson (right), bowled a game with her great aunt's team, one of 13 that visited Colby Bowl and Fun Center that afternoon for the event.

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## Bowl for Kids' Sake held over weekend

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The first half of the annual Bowl for Kids' Sake fund raiser brought 13 teams to the Colby Bowl and Fun Center on Saturday.

"Because of the weather, it kind of threw everything out of sync," said Orvella Romine, director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County.

The event had to be postponed because of a snowstorm the weekend before. Romine said she split the 22 teams that

signed up between Saturday and the coming weekend.

"A lot of people still turned out," she said.

The teams came in all afternoon Saturday, several at a time. They were put together by Big Brothers Big Sisters board members, high school and college kids and area businesses.

One of the bowlers, Bev Vaughn, said she goes to Celebration Life Church with Romine. She said she was recruited as part of what she described as the first team to get organized.

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