

## Planting a different 'prairie fire'



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Shawn Siruta (from left), Dawid Schoeman and Dirker Coedzee from Triple T farms helped plant 33 prairie fire crabapple trees on Arbor Day April 26 in front of Colby Community College. Steve Ostmeier (at right) a member of the city tree board, said the college cut down a number of trees recently and tree board members and Triple T employees planted the trees, which were paid for with local donations.

## New head of firm from Colby

Adams Brown Beren and Ball has named Brian Staats, partner and office manager of the public accounting firm's Colby location, as the firm's new managing partner.

After spending the past 15 years in Colby, Staats has relocated to Great Bend to take this position.

"I am excited for the opportunity to lead Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball into the next generation," said Staats. "We have an extremely talented group of professionals that share a commitment to providing our clients with dedicated, personalized service and exceptional results. I am looking forward to the continued growth of our firm and the successes we will encounter in the future."

Staats joined the firm in 1988.

As managing partner, he will be responsible for the direction and management of the firm.

Michelle Spence, the new office manager of the Colby location, has been with the firm since 2008. She is a graduate of Kansas State University, where she received her

bachelor's in business administration and Master of Accountancy. Spence is a member of the Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Rotary and the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce.

### Public Notice

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A BRANCH BANK

Notice is hereby given that Adams Bank & Trust, Ogallala, Nebraska, in accordance with the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 8-157 of the Nebraska Banking Act and Neb. Rev. Stat. § 8-2103 of the Interstate Branching by Merger Act, filed an application with the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance for approval to establish a branch bank to be located at 370 North Franklin Avenue, Colby, Kansas.

Objections to the application must be filed with the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance, Commerce Court, Suite 400, 1230 "O" Street, PO Box 95006, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68509, within fifteen days after the date of publication scheduled for May 15, 2013. If substantive objections to the application are filed, the application will be scheduled for hearing.

DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND FINANCE  
Lincoln, Nebraska

By: John Munn, Director

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### Public Notice

#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

DAVID KERSENBROCK, Plaintiff  
vs  
JEREMY KERSENBROCK, Defendant.

Case No. 12-CV-67

#### NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of an Order entered in the above action on May 6, 2013, the following described real estate:

**Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Eighteen (18), Township Six (6) South, Range Thirty-four (34) West of the Sixth P.M., Thomas County, Kansas (including irrigation equipment located thereon and used in connection with the irrigation of the said land, less the electric generator, irrigation motor and fuel tank). Appraised Value \$680,000.00**

Will be offered for sale at public auction on the 6th day of June, 2013, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., at the Thomas County Courthouse, Colby, Kansas, and sold to the highest bidder pursuant to the terms and conditions hereinafter stated:

1. The minimum bid to be accepted shall not be less than two-thirds (2/3rds) of the appraised value stated above.
2. The buyer will be required to pay the entire purchase price at the time of the sale.
3. The sale is subject to confirmation by the District Court of Thomas County, Kansas.
4. The said real estate will be sold free and clear of any redemption right.
5. The sale is being made without warranty of title.

SHERIFF OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

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### Public Notice

#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Eldora E. Biggs, Deceased.

No. 2012-PR-32

#### NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Errol L. Biggs, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Eldora E. Biggs, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Eldora E. Biggs, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 29, 2013, at 10:00 o'clock AM, in the District Court, in Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

ERROL L. BIGGS, PETITIONER

Submitted by:  
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### Public Notice

#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Colby, Kansas will accept sealed bids on the following product/supply:

**Dowex SAR Strong Base Anion Resin Chloride Form or Equivalent**

Bids will be received in the office of the City Clerk, 585 N. Franklin Avenue, Colby, KS 67701 until 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 21, 2013. Bids will be opened at that time. Upon review of the bids by City staff, the bids will be presented to the City Council for review and final acceptance on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at 7:30 P.M., in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Bid instructions, specifications, and contract details may be obtained from the City Clerk's office, 585 North Franklin Avenue, Colby, Kansas or by contacting the City Manager at 785-460-4410.

A firm fixed price contract award will be made in writing to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder. The City of Colby may reject any or all bids if there is a sound, documented reason.

/s/ Joni L. Ketchum, City Clerk

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(1-877-447-4383)

rvineyard@ruraltel.net

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Colby Bowl & Fun Center  
American Implement  
Comfort Inn  
Cornerstone Ag, LLC  
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Arby's  
Sonic  
John & Jeanne Schroeder  
American Family Insurance  
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Hi-Plains Co-op  
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Sacred Heart Finance Council  
Sacred Heart Parish Council  
Holy Family Circle  
St. Monica's Circle  
Knights of Columbus  
Sacred Heart CYO  
Queen Mary's Circle