

Demolition fees waived on homes

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who is cleaning up the land and improving our land values.”
Tiede asked Way if there was a Rasure said he thought the fees should be waived for single-family dwellings, but that mobile homes would be a problem.
Thomas said at \$1 a ton the county has not had to pay that much. Tiede said the county charges \$11 to cover the cost to the state and put money away for a new cell.
Cole asked if there was an alternative way to get rid of mobile homes.

Tiede said they might talk to Alex West of Alex's Wrecking Service and Radiator Repair, as he had hauled a lot of mobile homes away.
Rasure said it would be good to have a written waiver, and asked Way where it should be handled. Way said he felt it should go through the commissioners.
The commissioners approved the demolition program for single-family homes, and gave Martin a verbal go ahead on the two homes she is tearing down, saying they would get a form made up.

Manager testing water

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mixing point where the blended water would be tested before it goes into the system. He said neither of the options is going to be cheap, but he thinks that blended water could save the city from having to build a treatment plant for many years.
“I want to look at a long-term fix,” he said. “The state knows we are working on this, and we know we will have to deal with the nitrates. The state is not going to send us a

letter demanding we do something right now.”
Hill said the nitrates probably will continue to climb, and said the city is running out of areas to pump water. He repeated his request that people try to conserve water during hot weather, with the city unable to use one of its wells because of high nitrates and has another one down with a pumping problem.
“In the short term, water availability may be the issue and not nitrates,” he said.

Voters to decide on St. Francis gymnasium

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The St. Francis Board of Education, at the Thursday meeting, decided to proceed with plans for building a new gym on the south side of the present gym. After a lot of discussion, they said that, in the end, the voters would decide at the November election.
The board has studied the matter of building the new gym for several years, looking at the cost as well as how to fund it. They have found that prices have just continued to climb.
At a prior meeting, a chart of what would be the approximate ad-

ditional cost to the taxpayer if the gym bond passed was distributed. At the last meeting, they were given figures that were incorrect and those figures almost stopped the board from pushing forward. However, Bonnie Zwegardt, board member, also works in the county appraiser's office. She did some figuring and found the correct figures.
The board agreed to see if the public will be willing to support a \$2,500,000 bond to build the gym. There would be a 15-year payback and it would raise the mill levy approximately 4.97. There is some good news as with the gas exploration and discovery, it will ease the

Wheat Ridge Acres artists



Tissue-paper abstract collages are among the art by Wheat Ridge Acres residents on display at the Carnegie Arts Center this month. The residents have been taking classes from Goodland artist Shirley Houston. Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

taxes in the county. However, it is uncertain how long the taxpayers can count on the gas boost.
Rob Schiltz, superintendent, said it is important to note that all the following figures are estimates.
Right now for the amount of \$2,500,000 at a 15-year payback, the taxpayer would pay, yearly, an extra \$21.47 on 160 acres dry-crop land; \$35.78 on 160 acres irrigated land; \$3.82 on 160 acres grass land.
Broken down to a monthly amount, the taxpayer would pay an extra \$1.79 on 160 acres dry crop land; \$2.98 for 160 acres irrigated land; and \$.32 on 160 acres grass land.
“With these new figures, I feel like the increase in taxes would be doable,” Bruce Feikert, board member, said.
“The people will make the final decision (at the November election),” said Dr. Mary Beth Miller, board member.
Mr. Schiltz will contact Greg Vahrenburg with PiperJaffray, a bond company, so he can put together a resolution calling for a bond election.
More information concerning the bond election and what it will cost taxpayers will be available in the near future.

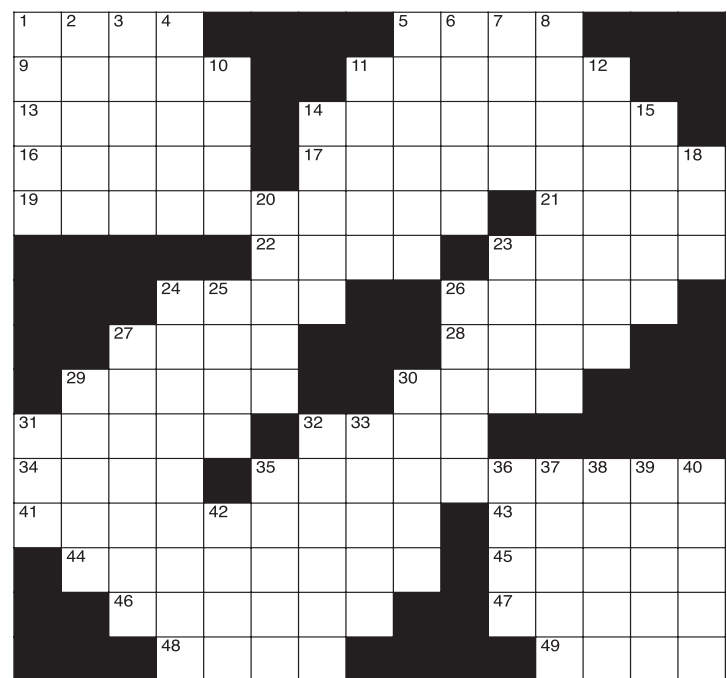
Colby college adds therapeutic massage program

A Therapeutic Massage Program will get underway soon at Colby Community College following approval by the Kansas State Board of Regents, which governs six state universities, and supervises and coordinates 19 community colleges, five technical colleges, six technical schools and a municipal university.
“It is the first time this program has been offered at the local level,” said Carol Johnson, program director. “Prior to now, a student interested in a career in Massage Therapy had to travel to eastern Kansas or out of state to achieve the required education.”
Students will take 30 credit hours including an 8-week externship (outside the classroom) scheduled

for June-July 2009.
“Kansas is currently a non-licensure state but is moving toward licensure in the near future,” she said.
Therapeutic massage in one form or another has been part of human history since ancient times, often used in both mid-wifery and shamanistic healing rituals. With the rise of major western civilizations, massage found a major role in the Greek and Roman empires in the gymnasiums creating the precursors to today's sports massage.
Asian civilization had its systems of therapeutic massage as well which are still the foundations for today's shiatsu and acupressure modalities.
With the rise of empirical based

study in the fields of medicine, therapeutic massage began to evolve as an alternative and complimentary healing modality in the modern world.
Hippocrates, considered “the father of medicine”, was an avid supporter of massage and left many writings concerning its uses and benefits Johnson said.
Many modern physicians during the 18 and 1900's continued studying the effects of massage on the human body and have left a large body of medical writings that have formed the basic platform for what we now know as western massage. As new studies and findings continue to be acknowledged, published and put into practice, massage therapy has come into its own as a respected member of alternative healing techniques with many chiropractors and physicians referring patients to qualified massage therapists for treatment.
Massage therapy is known to lower blood pressure, help with stress reduction and improve circulation. Sore muscles, back pain and range of motion can all be improved with various massage techniques.
Students who complete the new college program will earn a certificate in Therapeutic Massage and will be eligible to sit for the National Certification Exam. It is a goal of the massage profession to standardize licensure requirements across the United States using the National Exam.

Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Soluble ribonucleic acid
 - 5. Mama __, rock singer
 - 9. Cures
 - 11. Pale and colorless
 - 13. Musical composition
 - 14. One after another
 - 16. Scottish sweater knit
 - 17. Uneven
 - 19. An endowment institution
 - 21. __wance: stipend
 - 22. Waistline accessory
 - 23. Vertical member in a window frame
 - 24. Runners used for gliding over snow
 - 26. Avoids: “__ away from”
 - 27. Slide sideways
 - 28. __ Christian Anderson
 - 29. 1910 Nobel in Literature: Paul
 - 30. Musical composition with words
 - 31. Wed
 - 32. A minute amount (Scot)
 - 34. Japanese wrestler
 - 35. Bill of fare
 - 41. Concentration camps
 - 43. Rings
 - 44. Ignite
 - 45. Act as a link between
 - 46. Couch
 - 47. Passover feast and ceremony
- CLUES DOWN**
- 48. 13-19
 - 49. Crimefighter Eliot
 - 1. Wheat bundle
 - 2. Slang for backward
 - 3. Yaren is the capital
 - 4. 19018
 - 5. Root vegetable
 - 6. Not native
 - 7. Metal smelting byproduct
 - 8. Finding the location of
 - 10. Transmit
 - 11. Danger
 - 12. Are remarkable (slang)
 - 14. Locations
 - 15. Shopping centers
 - 18. Fish eggs
 - 20. Put up with unpleasantness
 - 23. __tung: type of silk
 - 24. Sends off a firework display
 - 25. FM 100.7 in Boise, ID
 - 26. Piglet
 - 27. Sunday talks
 - 29. Couture
 - 30. Touch or taste
 - 31. Manuscripts (abbr.)
 - 32. Not accessible to view
 - 33. Anoint
 - 35. “Divine Comedy” author
 - 36. Sumac genus
 - 37. Per__t: lasting
 - 38. Leave or strike out
 - 39. Short letters
 - 40. Consumers
 - 42. Write bad checks

State transportation department delays Road 14 bids to September

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bond spending we will know what we need to make the 95 percent mark.”
He said he could adjust the numbers if the commissioners could hold a special meeting on Thursday, Sept. 18, or even on Friday, Sept. 19, if the total does not reach the 95 percent paid out amount.
Thomas asked Way about prepaying for the chip sealing on old U.S. 24. Way said he did not see paying for the whole project, but the county might be able to prepay for the rock if that would help. He said hauling cost is going to be a big part of that bill.
Thomas asked how much it would cost to do old U.S. 24 across the county. Way said rock is running about \$32 a ton delivered, and it takes about 200 to 210 tons per mile.

With an estimated 34 miles of road, the total would be \$228,480.
Tiede said it would be good to have Way call the rock supplier and see if the county can make a deal.
Thomas asked how much the chip seal project would cost for the whole length of the road, including the rock and oil. Way said it would probably be about \$30,000 a mile with all the rock, oil and application cost, or just over \$1 million.
Tiede said he had talked to Jerol DeBore, owner of Penco Engineering of Plainville, who has handled the other county road projects, about the

idea of extending the Road 14 project south of old U.S. 24. He said DeBore thought it was a great idea.
Neufeld said they won't know if there is any money left until they see the bids in September.



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