

# Auditors to check Convention and Visitor's

By Sharon Corcoran

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The Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau board, after hearing that it hadn't been audited in recent years, but worried about the cost, voted Monday to spend about \$1,500 to have the county's accountants check its books.

Though concerned about dollars and cents, the board also voted to donate \$400 for fireworks for the county's Fourth of July celebration.

"A couple of years ago, we talked about doing an audit," said Director Donna Price. "Since I've been here, we have not done an audit."

The bureau can have a procedures and operations analysis by the same accounting firm the county uses, she said, and the county will pay half of the cost. The bureau has an appointment scheduled for Monday, Price said, so the board needs to vote on whether or not to do it. The appointment can be canceled, she said, if the board does not want the accounting check.

"I have always been a big proponent of audits," said Board member Brenda McCants. "It improves the credibility of the board."

The firm, VonFeldt, Bauer and VonFeldt, estimated the cost at \$3,000, Price said, and the bureau would pay half. The agreement,

she said, is to pay the accountants \$60 per hour plus expenses. The bureau may be able to take some procedures out of the check that do not apply, she said, such as payroll, since it has no employees. That would bring the price down, she said.

"If we take some nonessential things out," Price added, "it will be less. We can't pay \$1,500 to \$3,000; we don't have it."

Some of these procedures don't apply, said board member Lincoln Wilson, looking at the proposal.

"I agree we don't have \$1,500 to \$3,000," he added, "but I'm a proponent of outside audits."

Wilson, owner of the Howard Johnson

Hotel, and board member Bill Stoick, owner of the Super 8, said they didn't think the proposed work should take enough hours to cost \$3,000. The bureau has only so many books, Wilson said.

"We need to do this," McCants said. "It isn't our money; it's county money. I know \$1,500 is a lot of money, but how do you put a price on our credibility?"

"If we're doing something wrong," Price said, "whether it's me or as a board, we need to know and correct it."

Wilson made a motion to do the analysis, and McCants seconded. It was approved unanimously.

The city and county are each contribut-

ing \$1,500 to the annual Freedom Fest fireworks, Price said, and Sherman County Economic Development is contributing \$500. The fireworks display usually has a \$7,000 budget, she said, but only has \$4,000; the board needs to decide whether the bureau will donate.

Wilson made a motion to donate \$200, but it died for lack of a second. After some discussion, noting that the bureau donated \$400 last year and had budgeted the same for this year, David Branda, owner of the Sherman Theatre, moved that the bureau donate \$400. McCants seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## Colby woman will face charges of homicide

By Jan Katz Ackerman

*Colby Free Press*

A Colby woman has been charged with vehicular homicide in the death of two Colby people in a car-motorcycle crash last fall.

Dawnelle L. Umberger, 34, was charged in Thomas County District Court for the unintentional deaths of Roger L. Blau and Roberta Casey.

Court records show Blau and Casey were riding a motorcycle Oct. 1, when Umberger is alleged to

have failed to yield the right of way to them, a traffic infraction for which she's also charged.

If convicted, depending on a pre-sentence investigation, Umberger could face up to one year in the Thomas County jail and a fine up to \$2,500.

According to court documents, Umberger unintentionally killed Blau and Casey by operating her car in a manner which "created an unreasonable risk of injury" to them. She is alleged to have deviated from

the standard of driving care a "reasonable person would observe under the same circumstances."

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that Blau and Casey were approaching the Colby Bowl on Range Avenue, or K-25, just north of College Drive. They were north-bound when Umberger tried to turn left into the bowling alley in front of the cycle. The patrol said she failed to yield the right of way to the oncoming cycle.

## Precinct party committeemen, women on ballot in November

By Pat Schiefen

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Democrats and Republicans will be electing a precinct committeeman and committeewoman from each of the four city wards and each of the townships in primary elections this August.

These people make up the central committee for each party, which select candidates to fill vacant offices and decide party affairs.

The deadline ended for the people to file was noon on Monday at the Sherman County Clerk's office.

Mary Ann Snethen, deputy county clerk, said there have been some more candidates file for committee positions.

Previously, Snethen said, the clerk's office received a filing for Republican committeewoman from Karen Hooker in Stateline, Republican committeeman from Harlan House and committee-

woman from Cora House in Itasca; Republican committeewoman from Carol J. Topliff in Logan; and Republican committeewoman from Penelope Tedford and committeeman Myron Tedford in Voltaire.

Lois Cossman filed for Republican committeewoman in Grant township. Rosanne Koggie in Iowa, Cheryl Traub and Danny Traub in Lincoln, Browyn Quenzer and Marsha Schilling and Todd Quenzer and Ron Schilling in Llanos, Andrew House and Max Linin in Logan, Joyce Purvis and Elmer Purvis in McPherson, Scott Hooker for Republican committeeman in Stateline, Doris Quenzer and Allen Quenzer in Union, Judith Coon and Keith Coon in Voltaire, and L.J. Owens and Sondran Owens in Washington Township.

In Ward 1, Roberta Bretz and Marlyn Mangus have filed for the Republican committeewoman po-

sition. Jeff Mason filed for committeeman. Cynthia Strnad filed for Democratic committeewoman, the only one in her party.

Ward 2 has two Republican women filed for the committee position, Janet S. Craft and Garnet O. Haifleigh. Curtis Duncan filed for Republican committeeman.

In Ward 3, Roxanne Yonkey filed for Republican committeewoman and Travis Witman for committeeman.

In Ward 4, Judi Vignery and Micki Scherling filed for Republican committeewoman and lawyer Ron Vignery and funeral director Dane Scherling, filed for committeeman.

No one filed in the townships of Shermanville and Smokey. If any decisions need to be made on the Democratic side the lone Democrat will make it, said the county clerk's office.

### Honoring the flag



Walt Linthacum gave the tribute to the flag at the Flag Day ceremony at the Elk's Lodge on Thursday. The Goodland Elk's Lodge has a ceremony and the students read their winning Americanism essays.

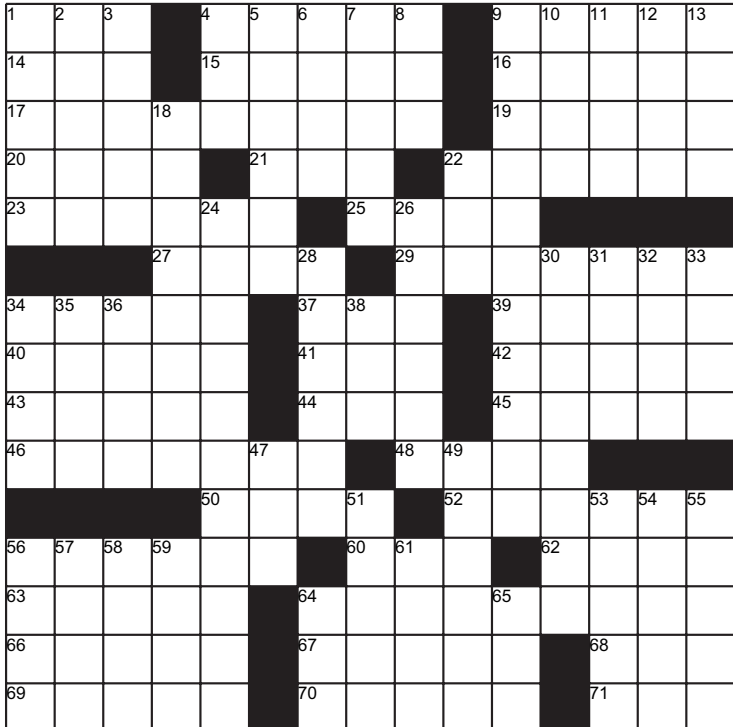
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## Crossword Puzzle

Females With Male Names

### ACROSS

- Hippie's home
- Carl of "Cosmos"
- Mine passage
- Chowed down
- Hacienda brick
- Hobbes, in "Calvin and Hobbes"
- "Fatal Instinct" actress
- Give the slip to
- Poi source
- Numbered rd.
- Strongly opposed
- Come into view
- Sitarist Shankar
- Prescription items, for short
- "Winner \_\_\_ be present"
- Pie nut
- Have title to
- Abalone shell lining
- Item in a chain
- \_\_\_ tai (rum drink)
- Pointless
- Brown ermine
- Two-by-two vessel
- PC encyclopedia medium
- Get sick
- Skid Row denizen
- Cast-of-thousands film
- Stage digressions
- Bar "where everybody knows your name"
- Research room
- Ward of "Sisters"
- Access AOL, e.g.
- Mick Jagger ex
- Martin's "That's \_\_\_"
- Van Gogh painted here



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- Fleur-de-\_\_\_
- Walk unhurriedly
- Toasting word
- Mad Hatter's drink

### DOWN

- Cut-and-\_\_\_
- First-stringers
- "The Wreck of the Mary \_\_\_"
- Two cents, so to speak
- Was gaga over
- Joint woe
- Capp's Yokum
- Photog's image
- Fleetwood Mac singer
- Honeycombed home
- Petri dish gel

- G-men and T-men
- Palm, for one
- Oscar-winning Sally Field role
- Forum greeting
- "Laura" star
- Golf pro Sorenstam
- Iman is one
- Like a fop
- Tar Heel State: Abbr.
- "Answer yes \_\_\_"
- Abound
- Furtive whisper
- Kett of old comics
- Chuck wagon figure
- Simple card game

- Audiophile's shellful
- California's \_\_\_ Tar Pits
- Bob Cratchit's job
- Handed out
- "Dallas" matriarch
- Zesty dip
- Chowder morsel
- \_\_\_ sapiens
- Swelled heads
- Cork's land
- Folksy Guthrie
- Madison or Monroe: Abbr.
- Designer label initials

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## SPORTS TELEVISION SCHEDULE

### Saturday

9:30 a.m. ABC World Cup Soccer Czech Republic vs. Ghana  
ESPN SportsCenter at the U.S. Open from Mamaroneck, N.Y.  
UNIV Copa Mundial 2006 Czech Republic vs Ghana from Colonia  
10:30 a.m. NBC U.S. Open Golf Third-round play  
11 a.m. FOX MLB Baseball Teams TBA  
12 p.m. ESPN 2006 NCAA College World Series Game 12:30 p.m. ABC World Cup Soccer Italy vs. U.S.  
NBC U.S. Open Golf Third-round play  
UNIV Copa Mundial 2006 Italy vs United States from Kaiserslautern  
2:30 p.m. FOX Women's Volleyball AVP Sacramento Open  
NBC U.S. Open Golf  
3 p.m. ESPN NTRA Road to the World Thoroughbred Championship from Churchill Downs  
4 p.m. WGN MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Cincinnati Reds from Great American Ball Park

5 p.m. ESPN 2006 NCAA College World Series Game #4 from Omaha, Neb.  
FXSP MLB Baseball Rockies at Cardinals  
6 p.m. FX NASCAR Busch Series Meijer 300 presented by Oreo from Kentucky Speedway  
9 p.m. ESPN SportsCenter from Bristol, Conn.  
10 p.m. ESPN2 SportsCenter SportsCenter at the U.S. Open from Mamaroneck, N.Y.  
11 p.m. ESPN SportsCenter from Bristol, Conn.  
6:30 a.m. UNIV Copa Mundial 2006 Japan vs Croatia from Nuremberg  
7 a.m. ESPN SportsCenter from Bristol, Conn.  
**Sunday**  
9:30 a.m. ESPN SportsCenter SportsCenter at the U.S. Open from Mamaroneck, N.Y.  
UNIV Copa Mundial 2006 Brazil vs Australia from Munich  
10:30 a.m. NBC U.S. Open Golf Final-round play  
11 a.m. ABC World Cup Soccer Australia vs. Brazil

FOX NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup in Brooklyn, Mich.  
12 p.m. ESPN 2006 NCAA College World Series Game #5 from Omaha, Neb.  
12:10 p.m. WGN MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Chicago Cubs from Wrigley Field  
12:30 p.m. ABC World Cup Soccer France vs. South Korea  
NBC U.S. Open Golf Final-round play  
UNIV Copa Mundial 2006 France vs Korea Republic from Leipzig  
1:30 p.m. CBS Champ Car Racing World Series in Portland, Ore.  
2:30 p.m. NBC U.S. Open Golf Final-round play  
4 p.m. ESPN SportsCenter from Bristol, Conn.  
5 p.m. ESPN2 2006 NCAA College World Series Game #6 from Omaha, Neb.  
6 p.m. ESPN MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Atlanta Braves from Turner Field  
9 p.m. ESPN SportsCenter from Bristol, Conn.