

Family

Community Calendar

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

Rotary, Student Union, noon
Alcoholics Anonymous, city hall basement, noon
VFW Auxiliary, 1:30 p.m.
Senior Progress Center Board, 3 p.m.
First Year Webelos, LDS Church, 1145 S. Franklin, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Bear Cub Scouts, Fire station basement, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Wolf Cub Scouts, United Methodist Church, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Ladies cards and golf, Country Club, 5:30 p.m.
Weight Watchers, United Methodist Church, 6 p.m.; weigh-in 5:15 p.m.
Domestic Violence Support Group, 7 p.m. Call 462-2860
After 5 Club, Shepherd's Staff, Rexford, 7-8:30 p.m. *Quilting Bee*
Family night story time, Pioneer Memorial Library, 7 p.m.
Sweet Adelines International, United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
Rebekahs, (2nd & 4th Tuesday) 7:30 p.m.
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

'Turn it down' is cry of frustrated woman eating out

DEAR ABBY: Why do television and movie directors think they must fill every moment of a show with background music? I know many others feel as I do. I am particularly bothered when the wonderful nature shows have such loud background music that it's difficult to understand the commentary. What would be wrong with simply hearing the natural sounds of nature, like the sea or the forest?

Many people I know dislike going into restaurants because, again, the "background" music level is so high it is impossible to converse. And forget about sitting in a movie theater. Any sound level about 90 decibels does permanent damage to one's hearing — yet studies show that practically every movie theater exceeds this damaging level by a huge margin. Ask a theater manager to turn down the volume, and you'll be told the public likes that noise. We are permanently damaging the hearing of our people.

NANETTE FABRAY
MACDOUGALL, PACIFIC
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DEAR NANETTE: You're absolutely right, of course. But restaurants use music to discourage patrons from lingering over their meals so the table can be "turned" to accommodate another seating, which equals more profit for the restaurant. Call it modern restaurant management.

If one were to ask theater owners and managers why the volume is raised so high in movies, I'm sure the reply would be that it adds to the realism for audiences whose hearing is already impaired from rock concerts and dance clubs.

Speaking as someone with a degree of hearing loss of my own, I agree that television shows are sometimes marred because the background music overpowers the dialogue. But whether or not it will be altered depends upon the demographic the producers and station executives are trying to appeal to.

Sad to say, but the situation probably won't improve until people are able to prove in a court of law exactly where they were when their hearing was damaged.

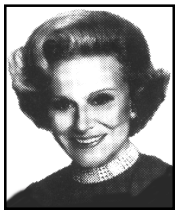
DEAR ABBY: I am responding on behalf of the Vermont State Judiciary Committee to a recent letter from "Needs to Know," who plans to "marry" in Vermont. We would like to clarify a potential misunderstanding of our landmark civil union law.

In Vermont, the institution of marriage is available only to couples of the opposite sex. However, same-sex couples may establish a "civil union," which entitles them to benefits and privileges, as well as the responsibilities, equal to those afforded to married couples.

We hope "Needs to Know," her partner, their families and friends enjoy their stay in Vermont.

JOHN F. CAMPBELL, SENATOR, WINDSOR COUNTY, CLERK, SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

DEAR SEN. CAMPBELL:



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

Survivor Camp for children set at Colby College

Colby Community College will sponsor a **Survivor Camp**, five days of outdoor activities for children ages 8-10, from 9 a.m.-noon June 11-15 in the college gymnasium. Tom Stephens will teach how to set up a camp site in an environmentally friendly way on Monday. Shelly Rodenbeck will teach First Aid on Tuesday. Jeanne Thyfault will oversee cooking lunch over an open fire on Wednesday. Kipp Nelson will teach water safety on Thursday. Leonard Hopper will teach map and compass on Friday. The fee is \$40 per child for the week, or \$10 per day. For information contact Joan Jilka or Monica Kane at the college.

The Disabled American Veterans

Happenings

(DAV) Mobile Service Office will be at the Wal-Mart in Colby from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, April 13. "Like all services provided by the nonprofit DAV, there will be no charge for this on-site counseling and claim filing assistance, which will be hosted by Dwight W. Pralle Chapter," said DAV National Adjutant Arthur H. Wilson. "A highly trained national service officer from the DAV's Wichita office will meet with you personally."

Local veterans and their families are invited to visit the Mobile Service Office. They need not be DAV or DAV Auxiliary members to take advantage

of this free DAV service. They should bring their Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) claim number and Social Security number and any other pertinent documentation to the DAV Mobile Service Office location.

The **Thomas County Spring Livestock Show** will be April 28 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. It is KCCA and Big 6 Circuit Sanctioned. David Penney and Nathan Martin will be the judges. For information contact the Thomas County Extension Office.

The **general transportation van** is available to anyone in Thomas County for trips to the doctor, to visit friends, to the meal sites, etc., from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For reservations call 462-2901 by 11 a.m. the previous business day if possible.

The **Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, Inc. annual banquet, *Growing For The Future***, will be Friday, April 27, at City Limits Convention Center with a social at 6 p.m.; dinner and entertainment at 7 p.m. The 2000 Ambassador Business Person of the Year and Community Service Award winners will be honored. Tickets are \$20 each. Reservations need to be returned with payment

prior to April 17. Contact Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, 350 S Range Suite 10, Colby. Tickets will be mailed to you.

Donna Pfisterer is the **Welcome to Colby** lady. She may be reached at 462-3491. She will bring a basket of goodies to newcomers in the community. Give her a call if you know someone who has moved.

The Kansas Department on Aging gives the following referrals. To avoid unwanted telephone calls, write to: Direct Marketing Association — Telephone Preference Section, PO Box 9014, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9017. To avoid unwanted junk mail, write to: Direct Marketing Association — Mail Preference Section, PO Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008. Keep a copy of the letter for your records. It may be necessary to repeat the request for discontinuance.

Markets

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Death

Floyd Eiler
Floyd Eiler of Oberlin, 82, died Thursday, April 5, 2001, at Decatur County Hospital, Oberlin. He was a farmer.

He attended Oberlin Grade and Decatur Community High School, graduating in 1936, and was a Staff Sgt. in the army in WWII. He married Mary Mae Perkins on June 8, 1952. She survives.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin, the Rev. Nolan Pierce officiating. Private inurnment will be at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society and Hospice of Decatur County.

Cora M. Vaughn
Cora M. Vaughn, 88, died Thursday, April 5, 2001, at Prairie Senior Living complex in Colby.
Services are pending with Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel.

Thank You!
A special thanks to the voters in the recent election.
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CCC Board of Trustees

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	(Old Technology) Siemens Tomoscan CX	VS	(New Technology) GE HiSpeed CXI
Procedure	Scan Time (*)		Scan Time (*)
Head	20 minutes		10 minutes
Chest	20 minutes		10 minutes
Abdomen	30 minutes		10 minutes
Sinus	30 minutes		5 minutes
Pelvis	20 minutes		10 minutes
Cervical spine	25 minutes		5 minutes
Soft tissue neck	20 minutes		5 minutes
Lumbar spine	40 minutes		15 minutes
Extremity (upper)	20 minutes		5 minutes
Extremity (lower)	20 minutes		5 minutes

(*SCAN TIMES INCLUDE PATIENT PREPARATION AND COMPLETION OF PROCEDURE)

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"MULTI-PARCEL" REAL ESTATE AUCTION

800 ACRES THOMAS COUNTY CROPLAND

SELLERS: MEDFORD FARMS, INC.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2001 @1:30 PM, DST

AUCTION LOCATION: COMFORT INN CONFERENCE ROOM IN COLBY, KS- JUST SOUTH OF I-70

LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS:
TRACT 1: NE/4 of 9-9-36, Thomas County, Kansas
TRACT 2: W/2 of 21-9-36, Thomas County, Kansas
TRACT 3: S/2 of 3-10-36, Thomas County, Kansas
LOCATION: 8 Miles South of Brewster, Kansas
MANNER OF SALE: This real estate will be offered as a "MULTI-PARCEL" auction in individual tracts and in combinations of tracts. It will be sold in the manner that produces the highest aggregate bid. There will be OPEN BIDDING on all tracts and combinations of tracts during the auction as determined by the auctioneer. Bids on tracts, tract combinations and the total property may compete. Auction procedure and increments of bidding are at the discretion of the Auctioneer.
TERMS: 10% down day of sale with balance upon approval of title, on or before May 17, 2001. Personal and corporate checks are acceptable for the down payment with the final payment to be in certified funds. Bidding is not contingent upon financing. Financing, if necessary, needs to be arranged and approved prior to the auction. Announcements made day of sale take precedence over printed material.
ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS: Each successful bidder will be required to enter into a Farm & Ranch Contract to Buy and Sell Real Estate immediately following the auction. Copies of these contracts will be available from the auctioneer prior to the sale.
EVIDENCE OF TITLE: Sellers will provide title insurance to the Buyer(s) in the amount of the purchase price, with the premium to be paid one-half by the Sellers and one-half by the Buyer(s). Title evidence will be provided on sale day. Buyer(s) may close as soon as closing documents are prepared — no later than May 17, 2001.
ACREAGES: Acreage figures are considered to be approximate and are from reliable, sources, based on (USDA) FSA figures. All FSA information is subject to change. FSA acres may not be the same as deeded acres.
INSPECTIONS: Each potential bidder is responsible for conducting their own independent inspections and due diligence concerning pertinent facts about the property. Neither Sellers nor Farm & Ranch Realty, Inc. are making any warranties about the property, either expressed or implied.
EASEMENTS: This sale is subject to all rights-of-way and easements, whether recorded or not, and to any oil and gas leases of record.
POSSESSION & CROPS: Possession shall be day of closing. Buyer(s) shall receive all of the 2001 growing wheat crop.
CROP INSURANCE: All of the Seller's crop insurance will be transferred to the Buyer(s) with Buyer(s) to pay the premiums when due and payable.
REAL ESTATE TAXES: Sellers shall pay all 2000 & prior years' taxes. 2001 taxes shall be paid by the Buyer(s).
MINERAL RIGHTS: The mineral rights are believed to be intact and shall go with the land.
FSA PAYMENTS: Buyer(s) shall receive all of the 2001 FSA-PFC contract payments.
AGENCY: Farm & Ranch Realty, Inc. and its representatives are the Exclusive Agents of the Sellers.
ESCROW: Northwest Title Co., Inc. of Colby, KS, will serve as escrow agent and closing agent for these transactions. There will be a closing fee of \$250.00 per transaction payable to Northwest Title Co., Inc. which shall be paid one-half by the Sellers and one-half by the Buyer(s).

TRACT 2
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TRACT 1
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TRACT 3
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TRACT 2	315.6	161.6/38	22.8/46	11.0/38	\$740.73
TRACT 3	322.0	164.9/38	23.2/46		\$731.73