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## Council to discuss cleanup

By JAY KELLEY

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The expanded cleanup at the Ace Services site on Convesse Ave. will be a topic for the Colby City Council when they meet Tuesday at City Hall at 7:30 p.m.

The council will decide whether or not to waive the double charge for water outside the city limits for those property owners whose wells have been contaminated from the site.

The council will also:

- Decide on a request to provide deferred compensation benefits to city employees from Waddell and Reed.

- Decide on a request to place a fence in the street right-of-way at 290 South Franklin by Ryan Bland.

- Decide on ordinances adopting uniform public offense and standard traffic codes for Kansas cities.

- Hear a report on the preliminary budget for 2001.

According to City Manager Carolyn Armstrong, the expected levy is 37.592 or about \$10 million.

Last year's budget was 35.518 and the actual levy was 34.549.

For information or agenda, call Jo Strange, executive secretary to the city manager, at 462-4410.

All council meetings are open to the public.

## Fun in the sun



Cooler temperatures brought people out to enjoy recreational opportunities in Colby over the weekend. Lori Haberer took part in a sand volleyball game at the Jaycee's beach party on Saturday afternoon,



while Eugene and Barb Wieland attended a ball game at the fast-pitch softball tournament at the Colby Recreation Fields Saturday evening. (See page 8 for tournament results)

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## Relay needs teams

By PATTY DECKER

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The annual Relay for Life is just three weeks away and organizers say they are in desperate need of teams.

According to Bob Coleman, one of the coordinators, there is a meeting planned for Thursday beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the State Farm office, 905 E. 4th, Colby, and anyone wanting to help is encouraged to attend.

This year's Relay for Life will be held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 10 and 11, at Dennen Field starting at dusk and ending Saturday morning, Coleman said.

The reason for the community's largest slumber party each year is its symbolism associated with the light and darkness of the day and night which parallels the physical effects and mental state of a cancer patient while undergoing treatment, Coleman said.

The relay, he said, begins when the sun is setting, which symbolizes the time a person is diagnosed as having cancer.

"The day getting darker represents the cancer patient's state of mind as they feel their life is coming to an end," he said.

As the evening goes on its grows colder and darker, similar to the emotions of the cancer patient and around 1 to 2 a.m., the time symbolizes when the patient starts treatment.

"They become exhausted, some sick, not wanting to go on, possibly even wanting to give up," he said.

"Around 4 to 5 a.m. symbolizes the coming of the end of treatment, leaving them once again tired, but also knowing they will make it," he said.

By having teams of walkers, Coleman said, we are offering hope by not giving up until a cure is found for cancer.

"When people leave the relay next month, hopefully they will be thinking of the cancer patient leaving their last treatment — just as exhausted and weak," he said.

Coleman, along with other organizers, said they believe that as a participant, people will feel the brightness this event will bring.

For information or to register a team in this year's Relay For Life with the theme of "Cancer Does Not Stop for Nighttime," call Coleman at (785) 462-2724; Deb Quagliano, (785) 462-8199; or Chuck Dempewolf, (785) 462-3481.

## '36th mission' enjoyable for Colby's Jay Donelan

By JAY KELLEY

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Jay Donelan said he enjoyed his 36th mission in a B-17 a lot more than the first 35.

"No one took a shot at me this time," said the 76-year-old Donelan.

Donelan boarded the B-17 *Aluminum Overcast* at 7 a.m. June 29 in Broomfield, Colo. for a 30-minute ride, a 50th anniversary present from his wife, Marilyn.

Donelan was the only World War II veteran on the flight, a fact the local television stations played up.

"I was on three television stations," he said. One of the stations also sent him a video of the flight and one man sent him some pictures.

"People wanted my autograph for the pictures after we came down," Donelan said. Donelan said he autographed several pictures of the plane after they returned. The most moving moment for him was a lady who came up and said, "We're proud of your generation and what you did."

The flight itself was "perfect."

"They took us up about 1,500 feet,"



Jay Donelan stood by the waist .50 machine gun on the *Aluminum Overcast*, a World War II B-17 bomber. Donelan flew his "36th mission" in the

plane on June 29 as an anniversary present. His first 35 missions were in combat during World War II.

he said. The crew offered them earplugs, but Donelan said he declined. "At least this time, I didn't have to listen to a .50 (machine gun)," he said.

Donelan's first 35 missions were with the 305th Bomb Group, part of the Eighth Air Force, in Chelveston, England. After that he was sent back to

the United States to train on B-29s, a larger plane, for the invasion of Japan.

The war ended before he could be sent to the Pacific, so the Army let him

out and he came home.

Donelan's plane, *Ole Miss Destry*, flew 138 missions during the war, the second most of any B-17.

## Abortion opponents begin 'Summer of Mercy Renewal' in Wichita

WICHITA (AP)—The first full day of the Summer of Mercy Renewal began with anti-abortion protesters confronting Sunday worshippers and wrapped up with prayers to end abortion.

"I don't think we need to have a civil war over this," said Wes Wolken, associate pastor of Word of Life Church where some 1,000 abortion opponents gathered Sunday night for a worship service.

But he added, "I think there will be

a lot of patience tried before this is over with — city police, us, them."

On Monday, anti-abortion activists planned to march several blocks through downtown Wichita to City Hall.

Also, Operation Save America, coordinating the renewal of the 1991 Summer of Mercy protests, wants a federal judge to allow them to parade in front of Dr. George Tiller's clinic and to throw out higher bail bonds for any arrests at the clinic this week.

The protesters wanted to parade past Tiller's clinic twice daily from Tuesday through Saturday. But city officials denied the request and closed the streets around the clinic.

Protesters gathered Sunday on the sidewalk in front of the clinic to pray and preach. Nearby were abortion rights supporters.

A snow fence was erected along the property and the curb to keep demonstrators off the streets and off the clinic property.

Police at the clinic watched the demonstrators but said there were no arrests. By sundown, the sidewalk was deserted.

A city order last month imposes higher minimum bails for people who live outside Sedgwick County than for county residents.

In 1991, the Summer of Mercy ended with 2,700 arrested after more than 45 days of protests and city officials want to avoid a repeat of that.

Tiller's clinic has been targeted by

protesters for the past decade because he is one of the few physicians in the country who performs late-term abortions. The clinic was bombed in 1985 and Tiller was shot by an anti-abortion activist in 1993. At the Sunday night worship service, the mood was more about conciliation than confrontation.

Rev. Robert Behn, director of the Operation Save America group in Buffalo, N.Y., urged listeners "to prepare the way for the Holy Spirit to come to Wichita and end abortion."

Talking to reporters, Rev. Flip Benham, director of Operation Save America, said, "Our mission hasn't changed. Our strategy has."

Asked if protesters planned to block the clinic, Benham said, "That's not a planned strategy. Ours is wider in scope and we are winning the battle."

Earlier in the day, abortion opponents marched on five Wichita churches, confronting worshippers with bullhorns and large signs showing aborted fetuses.

## Briefly

### Weather: 90s and 60s

It looks like the 90s will prevail for Colby this week, with lows in the 60s. Winds will be generally on the light side from the south and thunderstorms could occur each day. Partly cloudy conditions are also anticipated. The weekend temperatures for Colby were: highs, Friday 86, Saturday 85 and Sunday 91; lows, 66 Saturday, 63 Sunday and 63 this morning. There was a total of 0.33 inches of precipitation recorded since Friday, bringing the month's total to date of 0.63. The soil temperature at the four-inch depth is averaging 83 degrees. The records for July 16: 107 in 1932 and 50 in 1917. (The daily temperatures, precipitation and records are provided by the Northwest Kansas Research-Extension Center, Colby.)

### Queen, princess forms due

Applications for the Thomas County Rodeo Queen and Princess are due no later than Friday, July 20, to Trudy Wildeman, 5245 N. Range, Colby.

At that time the girls will be given rodeo tickets to sell.

The pageant will be Friday, July 27, beginning at 9 a.m. with the horsemanship competition at the fairgrounds. The fashion and speed competition will be at the noon luncheon at the Ramada Inn. Everyone is welcome to attend. A free-will donation will be accepted.

There will be a People's Choice Award chosen by the public. Coronation of the queen and princess will be during the rodeo Monday night, July 30, and on that morning, Wildeman will take the girls to the nursing homes and to visit sponsors around town.

### College board meets today

The Colby Community College Board of Trustees will meet at 5 p.m. today in the board room of Thomas Hall Administration Building.

They will meet with a representative of Ranson Municipal Consultants, LLC representative; discuss a grievance hearing; consider changing meeting dates in August; and consider renaming the agriculture building to honor a donation from the Carr Estate.

They will approve an agreement with Norton County Hospital to lease classroom space for the nursing program; pay bills; discuss negotiations; and discuss any other item any member wants to discuss. The meeting is open to the public.

### School board meets Tuesday

The Colby Board of Education will hold its regular meeting Tuesday beginning at 7 p.m. in the board room of the administration building, 210 S. Range.

A majority of the meeting will be devoted to reorganization with the installation of new members, dates for meetings, appointments, depositors, establishing activity fees, lunch prices, music lessons, substitute rates, facility rental fees, and other related items.

In addition, the board will consider approving the handbooks for the grade school, middle school and high school, along with waivers, out-of-district requests, staff development points and memberships.

For information or an agenda, call 465-5000.

### Nine-Run-Run registration begins

Now in its sixth year, the Thomas County Emergency Medical Services is again sponsoring its Nine-Run-Run beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4 in Colby. Early registration is underway, said Kathy Wright, one of the organizers with openings in all age groups for the 10K and 5K run, 2K fun run and 2K walk. The cost for early registration is \$10 for walkers and \$13 for runners and after Monday, July 23, the cost will increase to \$12 and \$15 respectively, she said. To register, call any EMS member.

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