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It's the *Navy's* turn *Arts Association and Free Press bringing Navy Band to Colby*

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The Western Plains Arts Association and Colby Free Press have joined up to sponsor a performance by the United States Navy Band on Tuesday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Colby Community Building.

Pat Ziegelmeier, executive director of the Western Plains Arts Association, said this special performance in Colby is part of the Navy Band's national tours.

The band will present a variety of popular and classical favorites.

Ziegelmeier said several mem-

bers of the Colby Community College Band will join the Navy Band to perform John Philip Sousa's "Washington Post March."

The United States Navy Band is the Navy's premier musical representative in Washington, D.C., and is recognized by many as "The World's Finest."

Officially formed by an Act of Congress on March 4, 1925, the band is under the leadership of Commander Ralph M. Gambone. The band performs frequently at the White House and provides music for military ceremonies and special

events and has participated in nineteen presidential inaugurations.

The concert is free, said Ziegelmeier, but tickets are required for admission.

They are available by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Pat Ziegelmeier, WPAA Executive Director
Colby Community College
1255 South Range
Colby, Kan. 67701

Anyone needing more information can call Ziegelmeier at (785) 462-3984, ext. 307.

Surgeon featured on television is a 1971 Colby High graduate

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The hectic pace of the morning — Wednesday — didn't allow the *Free Press* the time necessary to get into family details as they related to the story on Dr. Darrel Williams.

Dr. Williams, if you caught the front page story on Wednesday, performed a rare procedure to restore the sight to a man who ended up with a badly mangled eye following an accident.

Dr. Williams is an eye surgeon, practicing in Minot, N.D. The patient, John Palmer, is also a resi-

dent of Minot.

The story aired on NBC-TV's "Today's Show" shortly after 8 a.m. Wednesday. The interviewer was the show's co-host Matt Lauer.

Some personal background:

• Dr. Williams graduated from Colby High School in 1971.

He and his wife, Barbara, have two children — Peter and Annie.



Dr. Williams

• The doctor's mother and stepfather are Colby residents, Florene and Jerry Messamore.

• Bob and Mary Helen Bixenman, Colby, are an uncle and aunt.

• Gene and Hubert Cooper, Colby are an aunt and uncle.

• Former Colby residents who now live in Moscow, Idaho, Shirley and Morris Hemstrom, are an aunt and uncle.

It was an interesting interview to witness and underscored the remarkable, almost unbelievable, progress being made in eye care profession.

In Thomas County District Court Two plead guilty to meth charges

By MICHELLE L. HAWKINS

Colby Free Press

A Colby couple arrested in September 2002 for manufacturing methamphetamines in their home and again for the same charge in January 2003, pleaded guilty on Wednesday in Thomas County District Court.

After a investigation which started at the end of 2001, Bobye Chadwell, 46, and her husband Ray Chadwell, 41, were arrested on Sept. 23 in their home in the 600 block of North Range.

After being released, the couple returned to manufacturing the drug and were again taken into custody

again on Jan. 4.

In their appearance before Judge Glenn Schiffner on Wednesday, the couple entered guilty pleas to possession of methamphetamines, possession of methamphetamines with the intent to distribute and the possession of anhydrous ammonia, an ingredient used in the production of meth, in an unapproved container.

The couple are facing prison sentences of between 10 and 42 months for the possession charge, another 14-51 months for the distribution charge and another 10-42 months for using an unlawful container.

During their appearance, Thomas County Attorney Allan Taylor told

Judge Schiffner he would like their sentences to run consecutively when they are sentenced on May 7. Their defense attorney, Todd Stramel, said he would like the sentences to run concurrently, meaning their jail time would count for all three charges at the same time.

The couple asked the court for permission to relocate to the Kansas City area and requested their case be transferred to that jurisdiction.

When the couple was first arrested in September, their daughter, Angie Shaw, 29, and her friend from Morland, Debbie Lindenman, 39, were also taken into custody.

Latest military mobilization involves unit at Garden City

WICHITA (AP) — Army Reserve soldiers from the 467th Engineering Detachment (Firefighting) in Garden City have been ordered to active duty.

The mobilization was announced Thursday by the Army Reserve's 89th Regional Support Command,

which is based in Wichita.

Military officials said they would not release the number of soldiers affected by the mobilization nor when they would leave for their mobilization station.

A farewell ceremony has been scheduled for March 15 in Wichita.

Briefly

Singles dance tonight

The Colby Singles Group will hold its monthly dance to-night from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Entertainment is provided by Jim Christensen of Kearney, Neb. The dance is open to all single people and alumni.

For questions, call Don Birzer, 462-2127.

Orchestra to perform Sunday

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will be performing, "Into the Joy of Spring," at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, in the Colby High School auditorium.

The orchestra will be under the direction of Juliann Groom and featured soloists include David Mruzek, Sharon Kriss, Denise Shoff, Tremon Kizer, and Andrew Salvador.

The orchestra is supported by its many Friends of the Orchestra and admission is through Friends of the Orchestra membership.

Tickets are also available at the door.

Vocal concerts set for Monday

The Colby Middle and High School vocal departments will be presenting their "Spring Masterworks Recital" on Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The choirs will be performing selections they sang at the music festival and also demonstrating several of their daily classroom activities. A reception sponsored by the music boosters will be held in the commons area after the concert's conclusion.

Can still enroll your child

Enrollment for next year's kindergarteners was held Feb. 28 at the Colby Elementary School. For those who missed this pre-enrollment, Terrel Harrison, principal, is asking parents and/or guardians to stop by the school office, 210 N. Grant, as soon as possible to enroll your child. Harrison said to bring the child's immunization records, birth certificate and social security number for the enrollment. Any children residing in the Colby School District and who will be five years old on or before Aug. 31, 2003 is eligible to enroll.

Big job for little fans



MICHELLE L. HAWKINS/Colby Free Press

Colby Eagle fans, young and old alike, were out in droves on Thursday night to support the boys in the semi-final game of the Class 4A Sub-State tourney. Kelsey Shields (above left) and her friend used banners and led cheers to fire up the Eagles. It must have worked as the Eagle boys beat Scott City 58-56 and will advance to the finals and play Larned on Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. at the community building.

Plan would aid jobless Kansans

TOPEKA (AP) — Thousands of jobless Kansans would receive an extra week of unemployment benefits under a proposal outlined by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius.

Sebelius plans to ask legislators to revise the current state budget to allot an additional \$16 million to jobless benefits and \$1.9 million to the Department of Human Resources to improve its administration of the benefits.

The money would come from Kansas' \$78 million share of \$8 billion in federal funds given to states last year to bolster unemployment programs.

Under the plan, announced Thursday, the state would still offer a maximum 26 weeks of unemployment benefits.

But for one year, the state would eliminate the current one-week

waiting period for the first check.

Since out-of-work Kansans typically find a job within 17 weeks, the current waiting period means they receive 16 weeks of benefits.

Eliminating the one-week wait means the typical unemployed Kansan would receive 17 weeks of benefits.

Officials estimate that 51,000 Kansans would receive the extra check.

Senate President Dave Kerr said Sebelius could have proposed extending benefits past the 26th week.

"I'm not sure she's done enough, and I'm not sure it's targeted right," said Kerr, R-Hutchinson.

But Sebelius said the proposal will help Kansans as soon as they lose their jobs.

The waiting period is a holdover from the days when unemployment

claims were processed by hand, said Acting Human Resources Secretary Jim Garner. Thirteen states have done away with such delays, while others still have the one-week wait but eventually issue an extra check.

Sebelius said the plan was drafted by the Employment Security Advisory Council, whose 12 members include representatives of both business and labor.

Legislators typically defer to the council's recommendations on unemployment issues.

The plan also calls for repealing the state's policy of reducing the benefits of older unemployed Kansans by the amount of any Social Security payments they receive. That change would provide another \$1.2 million in benefits annually to unemployed workers.

It is not necessary to bring children for the pre-enrollment, she said.

Storm spotter meeting scheduled

The National Weather Service will be conducting storm spotter training in the Little Theater room of the Colby Community Building on Tuesday, March 11.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. and is open to the public free of charge.

Sweet Thunder sign-up announced

Sweet Thunder will hold its annual sign-up/informational meeting on Sunday, March 9 in Room 106, Student Union, Colby Community College, at 3 p.m.

Players and parents, and others interested, are urged to attend. Call Barb Wieland, Manuel Rubio, Susan Wark, Donna Augustine or Tanya Staats for additional information. Registration forms or additional information is available on their website at www.colbysweetthunder.org.



Continued nice

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. South wind 15 mph becoming west early in the morning. Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs near 60. West wind 15 mph becoming east late. Saturday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. Sunday...Partly sunny and cooler. Highs in the upper 40s. Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Monday...Partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the lower 60s.

The numbers

Thursday's high, 64
Low this morning, 25
Soil temperature, 34
Year ago, 52 and 21
Month's snowfall, trace
Month's precipitation, 0.03
Records, 89 in 1901 and -13 in 1920

