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Democratic National Convention

Mother-son duo headed for Boston in July

By TISHA COX
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Cathy and Chris Gordon of Colby are making the Democratic National Convention a family affair. The mother-son duo was chosen as delegates to the national convention in Boston on July 26-29 at the First District Democratic Convention in Ellsworth on Saturday.

Cathy said she's happy about the chance to go to the convention with her son. "We're thrilled," she said. "We're really excited about it. It's really a once in a life-

time deal, I think."
The two were elected delegates to the First District Convention at the March 13 caucus held in Colby. Cathy Gordon didn't think the Kansas delegation had ever sent a mother-son to the national convention as delegates.
"That's really unique," Cathy said. "I just wonder if it's ever been done before."
She said she's never experienced anything like the caucus before, but is excited for Chris to get the chance to see how the electoral process works.

"Chris is absolutely beside himself," Cathy said, adding he's always been very outspoken. She said they always thought he would either be a minister or politician and it looks like he's leaning towards politics.
Cathy said she wanted him to see how everything works and thought they would try giving the national convention a shot. "We just put our names in," she said. "We never dreamed both of us would be elected. We were pretty shocked."
Rosalie Seemann, chairperson for the Thomas County Democratic Party, said she

was happy that the two were chosen to represent the state and also with the participation from the area.
Seven delegates from around the area represented the First District at the convention in Ellsworth. Seemann said she went as an alternate and had never been to the district even before.
"I was very impressed with this," she said.
The Gordons were among some 20 delegate wannabes who gave their best pitch to the convention. In the end, the Gordons

ended up as two of the five delegates — the number allotted to the First District — to the national convention. Accompanying them will be one alternate. Tim Peterson, of Monument, was also elected as delegate. Peterson is the current First District chair.
The convention at Ellsworth attracted nearly 200 Democrats.
In total, the Kansas Democratic Party will have 41 delegates and 6 alternates.
District conventions on Saturday were also held at Topeka, Kansas City, Kan., and Wichita.

No new election filings are reported

By TISHA COX
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If you have your eye on seeking an office in the August primary, there is still ample time to file. As of this morning, Thomas County Clerk Tracey Perkins said there have been no new filings in more than a month. The deadline to file for the Aug. 10 primary is at noon on June 10.
On the ballots are the District 2 and District 3 county commission seats, county attorney, county treasurer, register of deeds, sheriff and county clerk.

Republicans Bill Miller, Jr. and Bert Stramel have filed to run for county commissioner District #3, currently held by Duane Dawes. Dawes, a Democrat, has not as yet indicated his intentions. Republican Glen Kersenbrock holds down the District #2 seat, and he hasn't

signaled his intentions, and no one else has yet filed.
Currently filling other county seats are County Attorney Laurence A. Taylor, Democrat; County Treasurer Doneta Applebury, Democrat; and Register of Deeds Maybelle Moore, a Republican. Perkins, a Democrat, said earlier this year she would be filing by petition for re-election. Republican Undersheriff Mike Baughn will be on the ballot. Sheriff Tom Jones, a Democrat, won't be seeking re-election.
Wilbur Henry, a Republican, has filed to run for Rovohl Township trustee and Lyman Bear, also a Republican, is running for Brewster-Barrett Township trustee.
Jim Morrison, R-Colby, is running for re-election as 121st District House Representative. He represents Thomas, Sheridan, Sherman and Graham counties.

Council meets Tuesday

By PATTY DECKER
Free Press Editor
Street improvement talks on Copeland Avenue from West 5th to West 7th are back on the agenda when the Colby City Council meets at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday in the council chambers of city hall.
The street project was first discussed in March; however, because Jim Tubbs, one of the council members, was not familiar with the improvements in that area he asked it

be tabled for a later date.
Carolyn Armstrong, city manager, did say she checked on permits regarding drainage since the improvements could alter that. The drainage question was brought up last month by one of the residents who did not agree with the improvements. Also on the agenda, JoAnne Sunderman, librarian, plans to give an annual report.
For a complete agenda, call 462-4410.

Three, two, one, go — and they're off



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Colby Kiwanis Club members hosted the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Fike Park on Saturday with children to age 9 attending. Youngsters in the 4, 5 and 6 year old category started running as soon

as organizers said, "Go!" Rick Dickman, secretary of the Kiwanis Club, said he wanted to thank all the children and parents who came out for the hunt.

Colby College endowment auction reaches its goal

By TISHA COX
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The annual Colby Community College Endowment Association auction brought a taste of the glitz and glamour of Tinseltown to Colby on Saturday. The auction, with the theme "Hollywood on the Plains," grossed more than \$50,000 at the City Limits Convention Center, said Nick Wells, endowment association director.
"We met the goal," he said, of matching last year's net of about \$50,000.
Wells said the money will be used for scholarships.
More than 320 people showed up for this year's event, which was very comparable to last year, he said.
He said the live and silent auction brought in about \$42,800 and the


rest of the money came from table reservations, tickets and cash donations.
"I'm extremely happy," Wells said. "The community was very supportive."
The auction and the fall phone-a-thon are the two biggest fund-raisers for the endowment association.
He said the auction items that garnered the most attention were trips. "There was some pretty frantic bidding," Wells said. "All of those sold really well."
They included a trip to a University of Kansas basketball game, K-State football, a Colorado Rockies trip and trips to the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas and Cheyenne Frontier Days in Wyoming.
Another item that gained attention was a diamond giveaway. Wells said Horlacher Jewelers in

conjunction with endowment association board members offered 10 chances to win a one-carat loose diamond worth about \$4,000. He said Angie Pope of Hoxie chose the diamond from among nine cubic zirconia. Other popular items were gold coins and four large stuffed dogs donated by Stockton Pharmacy.
Also, Wells said everyone enjoyed the auction's theme. He said the decorations will also get some extra use because they were donated to Colby High School because this year's prom theme is "Hollywood on the Plains."
Wells thanked the community for their support, including the business who donated auction items and all of the people who attended.
"I think everybody had a really good time," he said.



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Don Hazlett of Farm and Ranch Realty called part of the Colby Community College Endowment Association auction Saturday with the help of Ron Evans. Nick Wells, endowment director, said the auction grossed more than \$50,000.



Thunderstorms

Colby, Oakley, Hoxie area Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows upper 30s. Southeast winds 5-10 miles per hour, shifting to the east after midnight. **Tuesday...**Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance for thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. East winds 5-15 miles per hour. **Tuesday night...**Partly Cloudy. A 20 percent chance for thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. Southeast winds 5-15 miles per hour. **Wednesday...**Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 5-10 miles per hour, shifting to the northwest 5-15 miles per hour late.

The numbers
Sunday's high, 68
Low this morning, 37
Records for April 5, 86 in 1932 and 15 in 1968
Year ago today, 42 and 32
Precipitation past 24 hours, 0.00
April total, 0.00
April snowfall, 0
Soil temperature, 54

The sources:
The forecast is from the National Weather Service, and other numbers are from the Northwest Research-Extension Center, Colby. A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Briefly

College board to meet

The Colby Community College Board of Trustees will meet at 5 p.m. tonight in the board room of the administration building. Items on the agenda include a presentation from Bob Hartsook and John Pepperdine of Hartsook and Associates on fund raising, approval of contracts and agreements, tuition and fees, student/trustee dinner, policies and procedures manual, and faculty contract negotiations. The meeting is open to the public.

Blood drive Wednesday

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at Colby High School from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday. Many restrictions have been lifted and if people have been cancer-free for five years or have their diabetes under control, they can donate, officials in the Central Plains Region said today.

Also, many medications don't disqualify donors. People should bring photo identification. Walk-ins are welcome or an appointment can be scheduled by calling 1-800-448-3543.

Easter Cantata scheduled

A community-wide Easter Cantata will be performed at 7 p.m. on Good Friday (April 9) at the Berean Church in Colby. The public is invited to attend.

Corn growers meeting Tuesday

The Northwest Kansas Corn Growers Association will hold its annual meeting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, in the Gem Community Building, Gem. Featured speaker at the event is Mary Knapp, state climatologist, a Kansas corn grower update and scholarship award. For questions, call Julie Saddler at (785) 462-2237 or Steve Friesen at (785) 462-6343.

Career day planned Thursday

The Colby Grade School Site Council members are planning a career day for students on Thursday. Students in fifth grade will be shadowing a person in the community.

Class reunion scheduled

The Colby High School Class of 1984 has scheduled its 20th reunion for July 2, 3, and 4, coordinators of the event said. In an effort to communicate with others in that class, a website has been set up for registration and other information. The address is: www.colbyhigh-1984.com

Coaches needed for swim club

The Colby Swim Club is now taking applications for coaches for summer swim. Any persons interested in coaching are asked to call Mark and Angie Goudy, Brewster, at 694-2599 or Tracy and Robyn Rogers, Colby, at 462-3128.

