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# Wal-Mart debate heats city meeting

Free Press Editor

An agreement was reached between the City of Colby and Wal-Mart Stores during Tuesday night's council meeting — but with dissen-

The vote was 5-3 in favor of the agreement. Council members approving the terms were John Bremenkamp, Ken Bieber, Bev Eicher, Phil De Young and Jim Brown. Opposing the agreement were Jim Tubbs, Eugene Wieland and Mark Beringer.

"I know we have differing opinions on this project," said Carolyn Armstrong, city manager. "However, in my experience it is unusual to have a developer willing to pay for the items outlined in the agree-

Armstrong was referring to items that include Wal-Mart paying 100 percent of the paving costs on both sides of the property where the new store will be located. The cost, she said, is estimated at 48 percent of the project or \$413,165.

The store will also pay 100 percent of an 8" sewer main from the west edge of Wal-Mart's property to the trunk line under Interstate-70. This is estimated at 2,400 feet and costing about \$104,600 and will extend underground electrical service on the west side of the property, looping the perimeter with 8" water lines.

The city's portion of the agreement would require it being responsible for the remaining street project on Franklin and Willow at an estimated cost of \$447,595.

This would also include extending the overhead electrical lines America and Wal-Mart. along the north side of the Wal-Mart property, providing two 16" water main taps on Franklin and pulling primary conduits and installing iunction boxes on the west property line of the store.

The new super center will be just west of Franklin from Bourquins Old Depot and RV Park

Representatives from Wal-Mart have also requested the completion date be moved up to Aug. 1, 2005 with final completion required by Oct. 1, 2005.

Tubbs reiterated his opposition to the agreement.

"We have approved a 20' street when our requirements are for 24', we passed a gigantic sewer bill for the new sewer plant and now we are about to spend another \$400,000 for the street by Wal-Mart," he said.

"It's really a disgrace and I think we are the weakest council I have ever seen," Tubbs added.

Beringer also voiced opposition to approving the agreement by saying he believes we should look at renegotiations.

"I don't think that the \$400,000 request would keep them from coming. This is an \$8 billion corporation," Beringer said.

His point was that if the agreement was re-negotiated and Wal-Mart turned down the council's offer, he said the council could still go back with the \$400,000 proposal.

Tubbs added that he thinks when the city is about to spend \$400,000, which in his opinion is a major decision, it should be discussed in more than one or two council meet-

"I cannot believe you are starting this thing (discussion) all over again," Bieber said to Tubbs about his objections.

In response, Tubbs said the group was naive and needed to read Newsweek and the recent article on rural

After a few other comments from council members, Mayor Warren Hixson finally interjected and called for the vote. It was Tubbs who then requested a "roll call vote" for the record.

## Time to celebrate

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ABOVE: Bud and Faye Goeken checked out the mug that Bud received during the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program recognition banquet at the American Legion in Colby on Wednesday night. LEFT: Dancing was also a popular feature. The theme for the evening was "Jungle Jamboree" and volunteers were recognized for the hours they have volunteered. Each year RSVP hosts the special dinner and dance to honor those volunteers making a difference. The event is also in conjuction with National Volunteer Week which concludes Saturday See page 3 for more photos of the event.

## Hospital continues search for administrator



#### More moisture

Colby, Oakley, Hoxie area Tonight...Widespread rain showers and solated thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 30s to around 40. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of showers and thunderstorms 90 percent. Friday...Occasional rain. Windy. Highs in the upper 40s to around 50. Northeast winds 20 to 30 mph. Chance of rain 80 percent. Friday night...Occasional rain perhaps mixed with snow. Lows in the upper 30s. North winds 10 to 20 mph with gusts to around 35 mph. Chance of rain or snow 80 percent. Accumulation slight. Saturday...Mostly cloudy in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. A 40 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the upper 40s to lower 50s. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

#### The numbers

Wednesday's high, 67; Low this morning, 40; Records for April 22, 93 in 1937 and 16 in 1899; Year ago today, 72 and 37; Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.32; April total, 1.61; April snowfall, 3 inches; Soil temperature, 57

#### 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.

By TISHA COX

Colby Free Press The search continues for a new chief executive officer for Citizens Medical Center, Colby. Kevan Trenkle, chief financial officer/interim executive officer, said the process began a couple of months ago.

candidates that applied for the po-

We had about 50 candidates that applied for the position."

Kevan Trenkle, chief financial officer

night," he said. "We had about 50 Trenkle's been the interim administrator since.

Classifieds

They have narrowed the pool The latest interview session down to eight or nine and the next lasted more than five hours. Trenkle step will be to further cut the list to said the hospital has been without five. When that's done, on-site visan administrator since April, 2003 its to Colby will be arranged, along

"We had phone interviews last when Michael Boyles resigned. with "extensive" in-person inter-

views, Trenkle said. "Hopefully by summer we'll

have someone in place," he said. Trenkle said they did get a high number of applicants but he said

that isn't unusual, but they did screen all of them. "They're from level," he said.

all over the United States," he said, and he declined to name any of them. He also said the process is taking time because they want to make sure the right person is picked for the job.

Trenkle said wearing two hats has involved a lot of extra work and some stress and he's excited about the prospects of hiring a new administrator. It's all part of preparing for the future, he said, which has also included recruiting new doctors.

"We've got a bright future and we've got to get on to the next

## Funding for center continues

By TISHA COX

Colby Free Press The Wellness Center at Colby Community College was one of the items of business at the board of trustees meeting on Monday.

The board discussed a fund-raising proposal submitted by Hartsook and Associates of Wrightsville Beach, N.C. The board had received the proposal but Cleona Flipse and Kurt Stephens said they hadn't had time yet to read it.

At its last meeting on April 5, the board heard a presentation from Bob Hartsook and John Pepperdine of Hartsook and Associates because the board is looking into the possibility of hiring an outside source to help raise money for the center.

The board took no action on the proposal itself but made a motion to see if they could have an assessment done separately and then proceed with a fund-raising campaign. Hartsook explained during the last meeting they would do an assessment to see how much money they could potentially raise. The price tag for the assessment would be \$14,000.

After an assessment is completed, the company then places someone in the community to help with fund-raising or have a representative touch base several times a month to see how the process is going, which has a separate flat fee.

"Do we have to sign up for the whole deal?" asked board member Larry Arehart. Don Kready, board member, said they could do the assessment then make a decision if they want to go on.

Stephens had concerns about performance but board president Kenton Krehbiel said there is a performance evaluation included in what they would get.

"They do have a pretty impresve list of clientele," Krehbiel said. adding they should find out how other entities feel about their experience with Hartsook.

The board wants college President Dr. Mikel Ary to follow up on the questions and hopes to have an answer back at its May meeting.

In other business, the board heard from Ken Johnson, dean of financial affairs that the school could receive between \$189,000-\$250,000 from the state because Gov. Kathleen Sebelius just signed a budget bill giving \$5 million more this year to community colleges. He said they should find out in June just how much more money they will be getting.

The trustees heard a program review from Gracemary Melvin, dean of instruction. "I think it's got a pretty good balance at this point,"

She also said they're keeping an eye on the supply budget to make sure no one goes over.

### **Briefly**

#### Fund raising dance planned

A fund raising dance will be held from 8 to 11:30 p.m., Friday, April 30, at Comfort Inn Convention Center to help defray travel expenses for Lisa Jones, Miss Rodeo Kansas Princess, Colby. Featured at the dance will be disc jockey Bobby Wild and admission is \$7. Jones said she as a representative of the county, she plans to make appearances throughout the state, along with attending the rodeo in Calgary, Canada and the Wrangler National Final Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nev. All proceeds will assist Jones in meeting her commitments as the state's rodeo princess.

#### Honor choir to perform

The Colby Grade School Honor Choir's "Soaring Singers" will present a year-end concert at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 4 in the grade school auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend and there is no charge for admission.

#### School vaccinations required

Emily Strange, school nurse for the Colby School District, said the state will require chickenpox and Hepatitis B vaccinations for school entrance. If a child has chickenpox, the vaccine isn't required. Written documentation from a doctor or parent, with the date of illness, needs to be provided to the school. For information, contact Strange at 460-5111.

Musicians to entertain at feed The Colby Bluegrass Committee is sponsoring a pancake priate for all ages. Tickets will be available at the door at \$4

and sausage feed, Saturday, April 24, at the Colby Community Building. Serving will begin at 7 a.m. and continue until 2 p.m. The cost of the event is free-will donation with proceeds going toward funding the Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass Festival on July 16, 17, and 18.

Scheduled at 10 to 10:30 a.m. during the pancake feed will be Steve Bugbee and Monica Bugbee-Miller; 10:30 to 11 a.m., Monica Bugbee-Miller and Carla (Bugbee) Haggard; 11 a.m. to noon, jam session featuring Bill Summers, Larry Booth and friends; noon to 1 p.m., Shannon Myers; and during the last hour of the pancake feed from 1 to 2 p.m. a jam session will be featured with bluegrass: John Scott, Keith Reavis, Bob and Sue McLemore and others.

### Substance abuse program

Fifth grade students at Sacred Heart School and Colby Grade School will be participating in a discussion on underage drinking on April 29 and 30. The event is part of a nation-wide "Reach Out Now Teach-In" during lunch hour. Dr. Luke Tubbs will be the facilitator for both sessions.

Colby College play begins tonight The Colby Community College drama department will present "Ring Round the Moon," tonight, Friday and Saturday in the Cultural Arts Center on campus. Show times be-

gin at 7:30 p.m. tonight and Friday, with a 3 p.m. matinee on The play, directed and designed by Deb Bickner, is appro-

for adults, \$3 for students. For questions, call 462-3984.

### Senior Awards Night planned

The 2003-04 Colby High School Senior Awards Night is planned for Monday, May 10, starting at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. During the evening, academic, attendance and scholarship award winners will be recognized for their accomplishments. The public is invited.

#### Piano recital Sunday

The piano students of Sharon Kriss will be having a Spring Piano Recital at 2 p.m., Sunday, at the Colby United Methodist Church. The public is invited.

### Taxes due by May 10

The 2003 second half of property and real estate taxes for Thomas County residents are due by Monday, May 10, said Donita Applebury, county treasurer. She wanted to remind anyone with taxes due to make sure and submit those taxes by the May deadline since this is a change from previous years when taxes were due on June 20. Call 462-4520.

#### Underclassmen to be honored

Colby High School has scheduled an awards ceremony for students in 9th, 10th and 11th grades starting at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, in the school auditorium. The public is invited to attend this event to honor students with academic and attendance accomplishments. Cameras are welcome. For questions, call 460-5300