### Thursday

**October 21, 2004** 

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### COLBY 23, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Leonard r home, 618 Main St., Gem. on-hand gifts and collectible shments served. Bring a f aat start for Christmas. 462 Help Wanted **1977 Ford,** short box, 4x4, 429, 35" tires. 2001 Honda 400EX, new engine 719-767-8800 Misc. for Sale . 10/14—11/3 une. 0/20—10/22illo to swath and bale as County. 785-462-— C 9/20 - 10/29 good condition, power locks ws, A/C, \$4,500 O.B.O. 785-4 . A+ Cleaners ene Cheney. 10/18—10/29 evy K2500 pickup. Extended ort bed, 3/4 ton, 4x4, diesel niles - 4,000 miles on new en verado package, excellent con reat fuel mileage, has neve th wheel or gooseneck. Day 5-462-3799, evening 785-462 h for dead color TV's. We repair Use the Classifieds! -10/11-10/29awning and hardware, 25'x8' O.B.O. 2 mag wheels, 14x12 785-475-3297. -----10/18---10/22-----Public Notices Apartments for Rent -250 XLT, super duty, 4x4, cre box, V-10, auto, 40,900 mil 28' PJ gooseneck, 7k axies a, like new, \$3,800. Honda hauled, good, \$1,100. 785 -10/14-10/27

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Public Notice	Pub	olic Notice	Published in the Colby Fi	ree Press on October
	CITY TRE	ASURERS QUARTER		
	FOR THE	PERIOD FROM APRI	L 1, 2004 TO JUNE 30	0, 2004
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		REPORT	RECEIPTS	DISBURSMENT
GENERAL		\$901,815.89	\$506,646.31	\$464,679.
LIGHT		\$2,479,902.03	\$940,038.86	\$967,238.
ELECTRIC UTILITY RESERVE	FOR DEPR	\$329,953.34	\$0.00	\$0.
WATER		\$1,840,925.93	\$150,537.62	\$428,166.
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SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL		\$183,458,72	\$120.038.66	\$128.303.
LIBRARY		\$52,766.46	\$59.837.52	\$59,840.
RECREATION		\$0.86	\$35,983.68	\$35,980.
NOXIOUS WEED		\$12,110.22	\$842.49	\$1,454.
BOND & INTEREST		\$150,821.26	\$91,408.31	\$5,640.
TOURISM / CONVENTION		\$3.72	\$24,745.38	\$24,745.
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMEN	-	\$393,759.91	\$163,433.44	\$131,145.
SPECIAL FIRE / POLICE		\$2,158,550.36 \$87,167.29	\$24,982.13	\$22,749.
SPECIAL LIABILITY		\$5,206.68	\$10,726.03 \$5,821.63	\$4,243. \$0.
SPECIAL PARKS & RECREAT	ION	\$23,426.65	\$5,362,59	\$2,629.
SPECIAL STREETS		\$567,632.75	\$582,007.80	\$624,752.
WATER TREATMENT (ACE)		(\$21,589.85)	\$0.00	\$124,098.
MEDICAL INSURANCE		\$2,845.67	\$9.44	50.
RISK MANAGEMENT		\$308,710.11	\$1,691.09	\$0.
PAYROLL METER DEPOSITS		\$3,538.16	\$0.00	\$4,658.
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & RE	EDEDV/C	\$182,228.36 \$781,133.98	\$0.00 \$48,275.04	(\$5,317.
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MEALS FOR YOUTH		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		\$17,378.56	\$17,756.37	\$12,500.
TOTALS		\$12,178,298.08	\$3,098,549.80	\$3,166,296.
AVAILABLE CASH				
First National Bank		\$6,835,551.27		
Commercial Federal		\$0.00		
Sunflower Bank		\$0.00		
Farmers & Merchants Bank	ι.	\$5,275,000.00		
Bankwest Gold Bank		\$0.00 \$0.00		Cash Drawer
				Petty Cash Fund
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To Give Away

#### PATTY DECKER/Colby Free Press

Two Colby Community College wrestlers, Tony Lombardi (left) and Tucker Olsen (middle) along with Dave Starkey, attorney for the college trustees, looked over the refurbished bus that the board will consider leasing during the wrestling season.

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# **Trojan wrestlers might** be getting comfortable ride

### By PATTY DECKER

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Free Press Editor lege board of trustees looked at liability and costs.

motor home. He also said the col- trips. Ary explained to the board The Colby Community Col- lege would have to find out about that the wrestling program does

arefurbished activity bus during Steve Lampe, wrestling coach, pete around the country. their meeting earlier this week. said the vehicle was at one time an Cleona Flipse, one of the trust-

gas and minimal charge for the would be a good thing on long take long trips in order to com-

# **Principals report** good start to the year

### **By TISHA COX**

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Colby Free Press The Colby School Board got an update on how things are going at district schools at its Monday meeting.

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The principals, curriculum director and activities director provided the information.

Middle school principal Rob Ross said many students made it into honor band, and basketball practice started this week.

Ross added the staff is starting to see results from the extra math and reading work students are doing.

At the high school, principal Brian Kraus said students in the art class are doing a new mural by the library and the C-Club is doing a victory wall between the two cafeteria doors.

Any wins by an athletic team and other student honors will be noted there.

Grade school principal Terrel Harrison said students received a visit from the Colby Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week. They brought the department's fire safety trailer and the kindergartners took a tour of the fire department.

"The kids loved it," Harrison know who is responsible for getting said. "It was very educational for them."

Board member Tracy Rogers asked if there was good turnout for parent-teacher conferences.

The principals said there was very good parent participation with 97 percent at the grade school, 93 percent at the middle school and 73 percent at Colby High School.

Board member Joel Powell asked if access to PowerSchool will affect future conference attendance.

Ross said he didn't know but Kraus said it helped speed up conferences.

Activities Director Jeff Quenzer said the fall sports season is winding down. He said girls tennis is over and Colby had two players attend state, Crystal Mannebach and Katie Lang, who tied for fourth in doubles.

Quenzer also addressed Powell's concern over game scores and information getting into area newspapers.

Powell said he has seen the scores for Colby football away games in the Salina Journal but hasn't seen any home games, and wanted to

stats to the newspapers.

Quenzer said it's the responsibility of each coach and some do a better job of it than others.

Curriculum Director Diana Wieland also gave her report and said she is busy working on state reports and the school improvement plan. In other business, the board ap-

proved: • The second reading of board

policies and handbook language. Discussed the high school wres-

tling team's trip to Dallas.

The board also went into executive three times to discuss attorneyclient privilege and twice to discuss personnel issues. Not action was taken when the board returned to open session.

Nielsen also mentioned he is putting together budget information for the board to look at during its November meeting.

The board will next meet on Monday, Nov. 15. Items on the agenda include the fiscal audit report, budget discussion, a curriculum presentation, an early graduation request and contract extension considerations.

# Family wants apology over search of farm in southwest

thorities saying no human remains were none to find." were found during a search of a farm in the southwest corner of Kansas, the family that owns the land wants an apology from state officials.

5,000-acre farm about 25 miles an apology." north of the Morton County community of Elkhart began Oct. 8, a Youngers said Tuesday that no huday after a judge in Topeka issued a search warrant. Officials have not disclosed the reasons for their search, but Clinton Peterson, an attorney from Liberal who represents members of the Bitner family, said in a statement Tuesday the warrant specified a search for items associated with the occult, religious artifacts, clothing and human or animal biological material. "No religious cult artifacts were

He added: "The Bitners continue to hope the government agencies responsible for this episode will issue a public statement explaining The search of two sites on the how all this got started, along with

Morton County Sheriff Loren no details. man remains were found. He said Kline issued another statement urgthe search stemmed in part from ing people to "refrain from spreadstatements made in June during a ingrumors based on speculation so court hearing in Texas. Peterson said comments made by the "estranged" niece of Larry Joe Bitner, who farms on the property that was searched, were unreliable. The woman testified her father or uncle had killed an unspecified number of transients and disposed of their bodies. Youngers said the search also had located because there were none to to do with the unsolved slaying of a standing that no public comment find," Peterson said. "No human teenage girl from Elkhart in 1971. would be made.

ELKHART (AP) — With au- remains were located because there The body of Suzanne Johnson, 14. was found in a field a mile northwest of Elkhart in March 1971, two weeks after she disappeared. The girl had been strangled.

Attorney General Phill Kline held a media briefing on Oct. 13 confirming a search, but provided

When the search ended Monday.

Dr. Mikel Ary, president, said activity bus at TMP. the activity bus has been converted into a motor home set up, complete with kitchen, living area, television and sleeping areas.

The owners, Kirk and Holly Young, owners of Truck Town, have offered the wrestling team the use of the vehicle throughout trips." their season as a way to support college activities.

"Kirk and Holly shelled it and interior is conducive to a wresstarted from scratch," Lampe said. tling squad in many ways to in-"It took them more than three years to fix the activity bus in their spare time

vehicle the colors of the college singlets and have used it for personal

Lampe also said that Kirk, who at the next board meeting so that came from Oberlin, was a member the trustees can decide on It is Ary's understanding that of the wrestling squad 26 years ago whether or not to approve use of the Youngs are only looking at and thought something like this the converted motor home.

ees, said this particular vehicle's clude the arrangement of beds, video player and kitchen.

Another trustee added that he "They painted the exterior of the liked the "ruggedness" of the interior as well.

> Ary said he would have some more specific numbers available

as not to harm innocent individuals.'

His office also said other aspects of the investigation were continuing.

However, in a statement from his office Wednesday, Kline said agencies involved with the search, as well as the governor's office, were briefed in advance with the under-

# Colby City Council moves ahead by approving Truck Town facility

Colby Free Press Industrial revenue bonds for a new Colby business are one step closer to reality after Tuesday's city council meeting.

No. 907, which was for determin-

for the proposed Truck Town facility to be owned by Kirk and Holly Young

John Haas, a fiscal agent with The council approved Resolution is helping put together the bond package, was at the meeting to dis-

ing the advisability of issuing bonds cuss the matter. He said they're asking for tax abatements on 70 percent of the project, and the bonds won't exceed \$1.4 million, and he will be at the first December council meet-Ranson Financial of Wichita, who ing with the bond purchase agreement.

The Youngs also requested a committee be formed so they can finalize their plans on what they will actually be putting in.

Also on the agenda was a discus- Center, which the council apsion of street improvement estimates for Horton Avenue.

Mayor Warren Hixson said he thinks it's important and they need to move on the matter because other infrastructure is also going in, such as sewer and power lines.

The council also discussed a request for in-town water rates from

Armstrong said the city decided it would take such requests on a caseby-case basis and said it would be worth switching the center to intown rates.

proved. City Manager Carolyn

"They really are an attractor to our community," she said.

In other business, the council apthe Northwest Research-Extension proved:

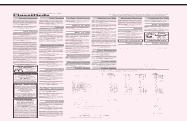
• Plans and specifications for a well and water line project and authorized advertisement for bids.

• A lease with S&T Telephone.

 Ordinance No. 1369 to rezone Block 1 of Rodenbeck Industrial Park from R-1 single family dwelling district to I-1.

• A security agreement and pledge and custodial agreement with First National Bank.

### Colby Atwood **Jennings**



### Sun, clouds, rain, wind, warm

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds 15 to 20 mph. Friday. Early sun then becoming partly cloudy and then cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Windy. Highs in the lower 70s. Southwest winds 20 to 30 mph. Friday night ... Partly cloudy. Breezy ... Cooler. Lows in the upper 30s. North winds 15 to 25 mph becoming northwest 5 to 15 mph.

### The numbers

Wednesday's high, 52 Low this morning, 47 Records for Oct. 21, 97 in 1986 and 23 in 1983 Year ago today, 89 and 41 Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.02 October total, 1.25 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**

### Area Citizens for Healthcare meet tonight

The Area Citizens for Health Care will meet at 7:30 p.m. today at the Little Theater of the Colby Community Building. This is an important meeting. All are invited and urged to attend.

### Wheelchairs and more available at VFW

Officials with the Colby VFW are urging anyone who has borrowed crutches, wheelchairs or other medical equipment and no longer are using these items to return them to the facility, 220 N. Lake Ave. Dale Deaver, one of the VFW members in charge of the equipment, said borrowing medical equipment is free and available to anyone in need of these items for as long as necessary. The VFW is also looking for crutches, wheelchairs, and other medical equipment as donations. For those needing equipment, have donations or need assistance in returning items, can call Deaver at (785) 443-1113.

### Colby Music Booster cards on sale

Colby Middle School and high school students are selling Music Booster cards with many businesses offering discounted items. Each year, said Jill Zerr, music teacher, the proceeds from the sale of these cards go toward helping the program. For questions or to buy cards, either talk with students selling them or call the high school, 460-5300, or middle school,

make a notation that Ronda Tibbles' telephone number has changed to 460-2611.

### Sacred Heart plans Thanksgiving dinner

The community is invited to the annual Thanksgiving dinner at Colby Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Sunday, Nov. 7. The meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church basement. Meals-on-wheels is available by calling 462-7167. A free-will donation will be accepted.

### Genesis to giver out holiday baskets

Genesis-Thomas County is again planning to give out food baskets to help needy families during the Christmas season. If you or a family you know can use a basket please pick up a request form at the Genesis-Thomas County office at 350 S. Range on Wednesdays or call (785) 462-7930. Baskets will be available for pick-up on Dec. 11, 2004.

### Foster parents wanted

A free parenting class begins Tuesday, Oct. 26, in Colby and is being sponsored by the Saint Francis Academy. The location has not been announced; however, this course is specifically for parents interested in becoming foster parents. The classes, Permanency and Safety - Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting, meet once a week for ten weeks. 460-5200. The Boosters also wanted to remind everyone with cards to For questions or to sign up, call toll-free (866) 999-1599.

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