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# But kept it quiet Coach's resignation known by activities director since June 6

#### <u>By Tisha Cox</u>

Colby Free Press Tom Beckman is no longer the girls' head basketball coach at Colby High School. The Colby resignation at its meeting this morn-

Board member Joel Powell said they found out that high school activities director Jeff Quenzer had

Beckman's letter of resignation, tant issues to be involved with. which was dated June 6, yet didn't tell anyone.

and didn't notify anybody," Powell School Board accepted his written said, adding he thought the coach-through a lot of unnecessary turmoil.

Board member Tracy Rogers said he thinks the board has more impor- attention were the members of the state were a testament to that.

"I think we should take admin-

istrator's recommendations be-"I'm surprised Quenzer had it cause they work with and evaluate these people," he said. Rogers said there are four issues

budget, long-range planning, policy and superintendent evaluations.

high school girls' basketball team and others who spoke in support of Beckman at the meeting. today.

Zanae Baird was one of the players who said she supported Beckman.

She said any rumors people heard around the community weren't true and players worked hard at practice Proof that the issue did capture and the four years the team went to

appreciative" of Beckman if they didn't support him. She added even if players don't like the coach, they will still go out because they want to play.

'We need a good reason to fire him and I don't think we have one," Baird said.

seventh grade basketball coach ing.

Baird said anyone would be "un- Marybeth Flanagin and Susan McLemore also lent their support for Beckman.

Stevens said the issue of letting Beckman go wasn't a new matter and said the opposition hadn't even bothered to show up at a board meeting.

He said if they were so passion-Pete Stevens, district resident, ate, they should have been at a meet-

## evant woman charged with possession of drugs, stolen property.

#### By Patty Decker

Free Press Editor Paperwork was filed Monday in the Thomas County District Court alleging that a Melanie Wright of Levant woman, on two separate occasions, was in possession of illegal narcotic drugs that were also considered stolen property. Kimberly Anne Boardman, 33, will appear in court on Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 10 Boardman with "perma-

a.m. regarding the four charges stemming nently depriving the back from March and June of 2005.

In the first incident, Boardman is alleged (Carisoprodol).

schedule II substance on Friday, June 3, from Colby. In the complaint, **Thomas County District** Attorney Andrea Wyrick is charging

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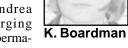
Audrey Hoyt of Brewster brought a country flair to Picnic in the

Park today at Fike Park. Hoyt sang a selection of well-known

country songs for the large crowd. The picnics will continue each

Thursday through July at noon at the park.

to have illegally taken Carisoprodol, a



owner of the narcotic prescription drug

property." The stolen property alleged to have been taken is Butalbital, an unscheduled prescription drug (medication not prescribed to an individual) from the owner, Lindsay Garrett.

In addition, Boardman could be facing revocation of her probation with respect to similar-type charges in February of 2004.

In the second incident, on or about Sun- with burglary charges to include the theft day, March 26, Boardman is accused of "in- of morphine, sulfate pills, oxycodone, tentionally obtaining control over stolen phenteramine (stimulant), hydrocodone and endocet from three separate homes.

As part of the plea negotiations in September of 2004, the court agreed to grant a diversion on 7 of the 11 charges dealing with burglary and removing prescription drugs from homes without permission.

She also, at that time, agreed to waive a preliminary hearing, entering a guilty plea Boardman was arrested on Feb. 13, 2004 on one count of theft and one count of pos-

sessing a depressant — both being misdemeanor charges.

Magistrate Judge Rick Ress, who will again be presiding in August, agreed to Boardman paying court costs and suspension of one year jail time with supervised probation.

The court said probation was conditional in that Boardman would agree to no violations in the law within that year, compliance for repaying the costs and successful completion of the felony diversion.



### Country singin' By Tom (TD) Dreiling

Free Press Publisher Let's play "Jeopardy!" "She was born in Colby, Kansas and was educated in the schools there through 8th grade." "Who is Jennifer Weiner?"

Correct!

Colby people will want to watch the television show "Jeopardy!" on Monday, July 4th to see how Jennifer Weiner fares.

Jennifer who?

During her school days in Colby, she was Jennifer Windholz, whose father, Brian, was the last administrator of St. Thomas Hospital, and then controller at Citizens Medical Center.

From here, the family moved to Russell where Mr. Windholz was director of finance at Russell City



J. Weiner

Hospital, now Russell Regional

Jennifer qualified for the show during tryouts in Minneapolis,

The show will air at 3:30 p.m. on Monday on the Kansas State Network, NBC affiliate, and is hosted by Alex Trebek. Weiner will represent the Twin Cities area.

Weiner is a medical underwriting University of Kansas. manager for UnitedHealthcare. She, her husband Barry, and two children. David and Cameron, 5 and 2, respectively, live in Chanhassen, Minn. She graduated from Kansas State University.

Jennifer attended Sacred Heart Grade School and Colby Public Schools through 8th grade. Her brother, Chad Windholz, also attended Sacred Heart and the public years, was also director of finance school system through 5th grade. He eventually graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1996 and is currently a navigator with Russell before retiring in Feburary rank of captain at Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Neb.

holz children, was pre-school age technology from Fort Hays State when the family moved to Russell University and teaches at Rupin 1985. She is a graduate of the penthal Middle School, Russell.

All three of the Windholz children grauated from Russell High School.

Viewers can visit the Website, Jeopardy.com and click on "This week on Jeopardy!" to view a picture and brief video of the week's contestants.

Mr. Windholz, in addition to serving the hospital at Russell for nine at Clara Barton Hospital at Hoisington for four years, and served later as treasurer for the City of of 2003.

Shirley (Mrs. Windholz) holds a Kim, the youngest of the Wind- master's degree in instructional

## Helicopter crash in Kabul may have been costly

Rescuers have reached the wreckage of a U.S. special forces helicopter that crashed in a rugged mountain ravine in eastern Afghanistan, but there was no immediate word on the fate of the 17 troops on board, a U.S. military spokesman said today.

"We are at the wreckage as we speak," Lt. Col. Jerry O'Hara told The Associated Press. "We are conducting search and recovery operations. But we are more into the recovery stage."

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — forts to find survivors or the bodies later Thursday. of the 17, who were believed to have died in Tuesday's crash.

> The British Broadcasting Corp. reported on its Web site that U.S. officials at the main American base near the crash site said 13 bodies had been recovered. Seven other soldiers, including some that were fighting on the ground, were missing, the BBC reported.

U.S. spokeswomen Lt. Cindy Moore declined to comment on the report, saying the military would He declined to elaborate on ef- release a new statement on the crash

A military statement said U.S.led coalition forces were "currently assessing the cause of the crash and the status of the 17 servicemembers who were on board the MH-47 helicopter."

O'Hara said "there are still bad guys in the area" around the crash site and that troops were having to "do a recovery and a tactical operation at the same time.'

Militants are believed to have shot down the MH-47 helicopter as it was bringing in reinforcements

for a battle with suspected al-Qaida fighters.

A storm that hampered rescuers from reaching the wreckage Wednesday had passed by Thursday. Recovery operations also have been made difficult by the rugged terrain of the remote crash site, reachable only by foot, and continued fighting with militants.

Officials in the United States said they knew of no communications from the crash site near Asadabad, in eastern Kunar province

Hospital. Minn. last June.

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