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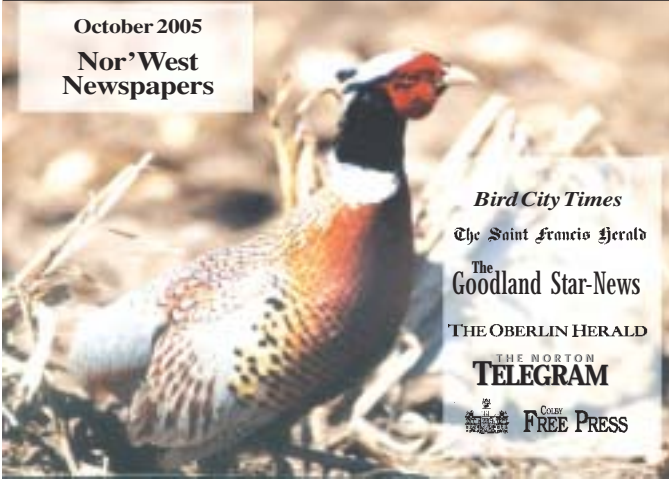
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No tricks!

Colby police department prepares for Halloween

By Tisha Cox

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Halloween on Monday means law enforcement will be extra vigilant. However, that doesn't mean Halloween can't be celebrated safely.

Colby Police Chief Randy Jones said there will be a "zero tolerance" policy this year for any activities that lead to property damage. That means egging, or similar acts of vandalism, are out. Extra officers will be on patrol Monday night and anyone caught in the middle of mischief will be dealt with.

"They will be cited if necessary," Jones said. He said Halloween is for young people, and meant to be enjoyed. Jones offered some safety tips to make sure the evening goes without incident. He recommended for the safety of children they're accompanied by an adult while trick-or-treating.



R. Jones

While walking down the sidewalks, children should carry a flashlight and make sure costumes and trick-or-treat bags have reflective tape to make sure they can be seen.

Jones said masks and costumes shouldn't impair vision or movement.

He said children should only go to houses they know where people live to trick-or-treat.

The past two years have been quiet on Halloween.

Jones said officers used to allow some activities, but once people took it too far and property damage

started to happen, they put their zero tolerance policy in effect.

"It takes only a few to ruin it for everybody," he said.

Officers will be looking for anyone driving recklessly or speeding.

He said officers sometimes get cases of kids chasing others with their cars and that is another thing that won't be tolerated.

He added Halloween is one of the busiest nights of the year for the department.

"On Halloween everybody gets signed up," Jones said, and they will be out as long as needed.

Woman wants Oakley Sunday liquor vote

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

Oakley residents could vote in December to determine the fate of an ordinance allowing Sunday alcohol sales.

After city officials in September passed an ordinance allowing Sunday sales of alcohol, Oakley resident Delma Dible decided to circulate a petition opposing the action.

"I feel very strongly that the way for wrong to prevail is for good people to do nothing," Dible said Thursday afternoon.

"I feel it is wrong for two or three people to make an ordinance that will become the law within 60 days unless there is a petition for a vote on it.

"The time was running and since no one seemed to be doing anything, I felt I had to."

City council members Steve Gadger, James McGuire, and Larry Eberle passed an ordinance allowing Sunday sale of alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages in its original package within the city of Oakley. Council member Charles Beamer voted against the ordinance, and Kevin Uhrich was absent from the Sept. 6 meeting.

A debate about Sunday alcohol sales started over three years ago when the city of Wyandotte passed a charter ordinance allowing Sunday sales.

That ordinance was challenged at the Kansas Supreme Court, and it wasn't until the 2005 Legislature changed the law and allowed alcohol to be sold in Kansas on Sunday.

In order to bring the issue to a vote, Dible needed to get signatures of 5 percent of Oakley's voters who voted in the last presidential election. As of Thursday, Dible had collected 908 signatures, only 46 being needed to force an election.

"People offered to sign and some (others) helped carry the petition," Dible said.

Logan County Clerk Pat Schip-

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Delma Dible,
Oakley resident

pers on Thursday said the election will be by mail ballot.

"There are 1,220 (voters) in the City of Oakley in Logan County; however the City of Oakley lies in Thomas and Gove Counties too, so we probably will send out approximately 1,250 ballots," she said.

"The question only applies to the voters of the City of Oakley because it is a City of Oakley ordinance."

According to Schippers' if the proposed plan is approved, her staff will mail the ballots Nov. 17.

Schippers said she had to submit a plan for the election with the Kansas Secretary of State's office and if approved, the first publication about the election will be on Nov. 16.

If the state approves the proposed voting plan, the mail ballot election will move forward. Should the plan for a mail vote not be approved, Schippers said she'll conduct the election at regular policy places.

"The way it is worded on the ballot is "shall the City of Oakley allow the sale of liquor on Sundays," she said, "So we will soon find out how people feel.

"The City of Hays was voted down and I'm not sure just how strongly against or for this our citizens are. I guess we'll wait and see on Dec. 7."



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Brady Holzmeister, Colby, carved out the guts of his pumpkin while Molly Langerak, a member of the Colby Community Col-

lege softball team, held the gourd for him during a pumpkin carving party at the Colby Community Building Thursday.

Bush abandons Miers Supreme Court bid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under withering attack from conservatives, President Bush abandoned his push to put loyalist Harriet Miers on the Supreme Court and promised a quick replacement Thursday. Democrats accused him of bowing to the "radical right wing of the Republican Party."

The White House said Miers had withdrawn because of senators'

demands to see internal documents related to her role as counsel to the president. But politics played a larger role: Bush's conservative backers had doubts about her ideological purity, and Democrats had little incentive to help the nominee or the embattled GOP president.

"Let's move on," said Republican Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi. "In a month, who will remember the

name Harriet Miers?"

The withdrawal stunned Washington on a day when the capital was awaiting potential bad news for the administration on another front — the possible indictments of senior White House aides in the CIA leak case. Earlier in the week, the U.S. military death toll in Iraq hit 2,000.

Bush, who said he reluctantly accepted Miers' decision to with-

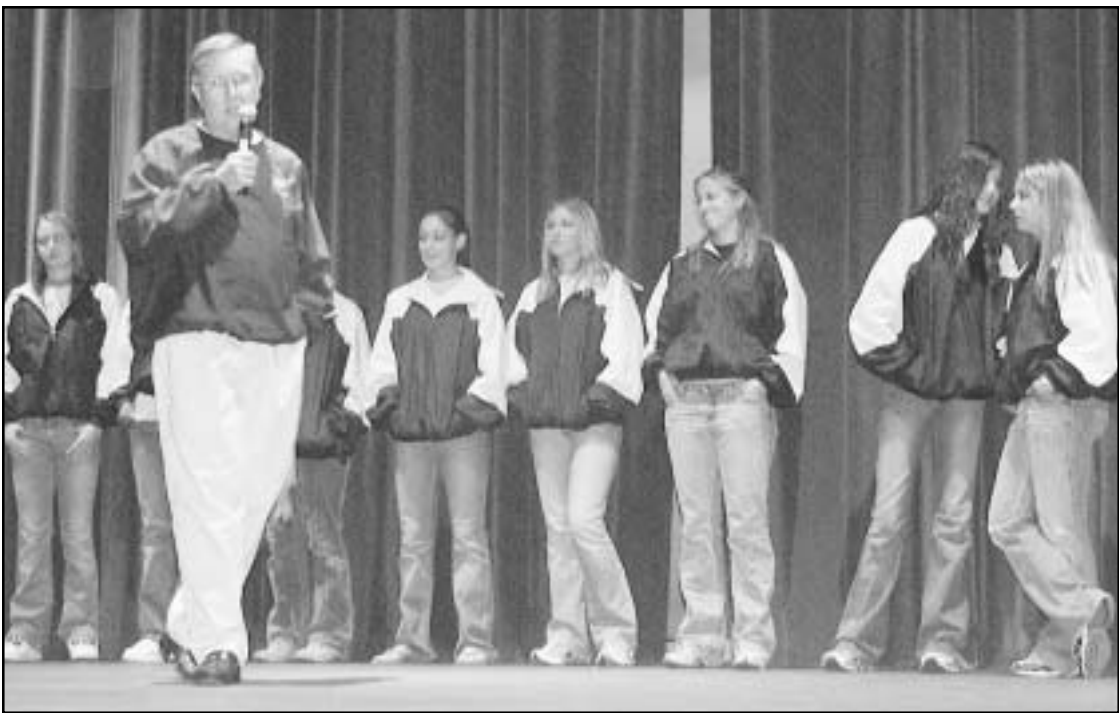
draw, must now go through the agonizing nomination process for a third time this fall.

He could turn first to the list of candidates passed over in favor of Miers, including Samuel Alito, an appeals court judge supported by many conservatives, administration officials said.

Democrats urged Bush to nominate a moderate.

Center state

Colby High School cross country head coach Bob Mannebach spoke during a send-off ceremony this morning for the state-bound Lady Eagles cross country and volleyball teams. Mannebach said his team worked hard to get to the state meet and he also wished the volleyball team good luck. Volleyball will be in Salina today and the cross country meet is in Wamego on Saturday.



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Harvest Hoedown is tonight!

A "Harvest Hoedown" featuring lots of bluegrass and western entertainment is planned tonight from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at City Limits Convention Center.



Daylight Saving Time Ends at 2 a.m. Oct. 30

Turn your clock back one hour

