

Your turn

Build on the past and provide

**Lyle Saddler
Colby**
I would like to encourage everyone to vote to support the proposed project at Colby Community College.

For the last 40 plus years the college has been the center of economic growth in this community. Most of us have attended the college

or have a child or grandchild that has. If not, the opportunity was there had you chosen to take advantage.

When the decision was made to build the college I remember the same concern, that it was too expensive and we could not afford to do it. I think that point of view has proven to be wrong. I am very

thankful that it was started and it is now up to us to do the responsible thing and build on the past and provide the best possible for those to follow us.

A favorite quote I have read is “We have all drunk from wells we did not dig.” It is now time for us to improve the well that was dug for us.

Thank you to all physicians

**Sandy Kuhlman.
Executive Director Hospice Services, Inc.
Phillipsburg**
Hospice Services Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers would like to commend our area physicians and other physicians for their service of others, making the most difficult decisions everyday with respect for the dignity of those in their care.

A recent survey shows that most physicians are very much appreciated by their patients. An underlying reason for high level of patient satisfaction may be the quality of the doctor-patient relationship. Most doctors and patients describe the ideal patient-physician relation-

ship as a mutual partnership.

All medical decision making involves uncertainty and it is the physician's role to help patients manage it. Most patients wish to receive as much information as possible and to participate in decision making, guided by the physician's advice about recommended options.

For those individuals nearing the end of life, recommendations from the physicians are often welcomed, especially when based on the patient's goals and values. The physicians' discussions about end-of-life treatment choices do not necessarily rob patients of hope.

If the physician focuses the patient's goal toward realistic hopes

and being present with compassion, then that serves as powerful acts in helping patients make decisions while maintaining a hopeful outlook.

In recognition of National Doctor's Day, our Hospice Team wishes all of the physicians who, through their referrals, have made it possible for us to care for countless individuals and their families through the end-of-life transition.

Our team of nurses, social workers, chaplains, and volunteers proudly accept the responsibilities physicians give to us when they make the difficult determination that pain management and comfort care are the optimum course of treatment.

Thank you to all the physicians and other care providers who remain committed to serve others. And for others, take advantage of this designated day to express thanks and appreciation for the care they provide.

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Running to the taxpayers

**Bert Stramel
Colby**
I am writing to express my concerns about the new wellness center for Colby Community College.

I understand that as property owners we assume responsibility for funding some community and governmental programs, programs that cannot be self-funded like law enforcement or fire and rescue. Colleges are different. They provide a service that people require for an education. Colby should be more determined to provide a quality education rather than an elaborate building for relatively few athletes.

Schools seem to always run to the taxpayer when a problem arises of if they wish to build. They should run more like a business. If any of us were to expand our business, we would have to use money that we had saved or money we plan to receive from increased sales or efficiency. This building would need to sell out 2,400 seats at \$5 a seat 84 times a year for 20 years just to pay for the building.

I wish that education were more of a priority. I understand that there is a waiting list for some of the programs on campus. I would like to see money spent on expanding the vet-tech, dental, nursing and agriculture programs. I would bet that the science labs have never been updated. I remember waiting, for hours, to find a spot to do lab work for a class. I always hear people say,

“I wish more young people would come back to Colby.”

I think more would stay to take these programs rather than play in this new facility. A strong ag program would definitely help bring more farm kids back to the community. We are a farm community and why not embrace it?

I am also worried about taking 20 million dollars out of our community and placing them in a single project. That would be money that could be spent at a local business. They say that this 20 million building will nearly double that value in our local economy. If that is true lets build a 40 million dollar facility or ever better 60 million. Think about how that would effect our economy.

I feel that this will drive away new and current business. This will compete directly with several local businesses and will increase the cost of those who live here.

I have a degree from Colby Community College and I am proud to have received it there. I feel that the college is a great asset to the community and that it should be maintained and grown academically. I will continue to support the college and encourage all to attend, even though I don't always agree.

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