

Photo provided

Colby High School students judged livestock during a recent contest sponsored by the Norton County FFA.

Colby FFA Chapter plans banquet stock Invita-

Free Press Editor

Colby High School's FFA Chapter has scheduled it awards banquet for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 8, at the Colby Ag Shop, 240 N. Copeland.

Shawna Howell, advisor and teacher, said the banquet is open to anyone interested and visitors will have an opportunity to hear recaps of the year, enjoy a meal and take part in "great family fun.'

"This will be a potluck meal," she said, "so we ask that those coming bring a dish or dessert



Schmidt

along with table service."

FFA judging team has placed high in many recent events to include a trophy and second place as a team

Rundel

Schwarz

senior team saw Brady Rundel with a first place medal and John Schmidt, 10th

tional.

scores at the in-

vitation for the

place medal.

The Greenhand team placed fifth with Grant Among its accomplishments, the Jennings leading the team in points while Tanner Corder followed closely behind him, she said.

"I am very proud of these kids," during the Northwest District Live- Howell said, "because they have tion, call Howell at 460-5300.

worked hard to earn this."

In addition, the livestock judg-Individual ing team also brought home a second place plaque from the Norton County FFA contest.

"The competition was stiff," she said, "and we only fell short two points of winning the contest." As the team prepares for state competition set April 29-May 1 in Manhattan, Howell said she believes the team is prepared.

Individual results included Schmidt and Rundel getting fifth and sixth places, respectively.

For questions about the chapter, banquet, or state competi-

Military News

Damon M. Palmer

Army National Guard Pvt. Da-drill and ceremony, marching, rifle mon M. Palmer has graduated from marks manship, armed and unbasic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, Palmer studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet Franklin-Simpson High School, training. He also was involved in

Failing plan

raises concern

TOPEKA (AP) — A package for tackling long-delayed building re-

pair problems at state universities

failed Wednesday to clear a House

committee, raising questions about whether legislators will pass a plan

The House Appropriations Com-

mittee ended its discussions with-

out endorsing a bill, after members

raised the possibility of giving the

universities a one-year infusion of

cash and studying the issue further

Still, the Senate planned to debate

a plan Thursday fashioned by its

Ways and Mean Committee that

would provide \$525 million to the

The Board of Regents, which

oversees the higher education sys-

tem, estimates that the six state uni-

versities have a \$663 million back-

log of repair projects. The board

also contends the backlog will grow

unless lawmakers allocate an addi-

tional \$69 million annually, starting

with the budget year beginning July

The House committee consid-

ered a proposal to increase the uni-

versities' maintenance budgets by

\$30 million a year and to give them

\$200 million in low-interest loans

universities over five years.

this summer and fall.

on repairs

this year.

armed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises. He is the grandson of Robert Palmer of Atwood, and son of Robert Palmer of Franklin, Ken.

Palmer is a 2004 graduate of Franklin.

Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

THERESA L PERKINS, et al.

Case No. 07CV13 K.S.A. 60 Mortgage Fo Division 1

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

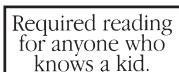
Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Thomas, State of Kansas, in a certain cause in said Court Numbered 07CV13, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at 10:00 AM, on 05/18/2007 at the Main Door of the Thomas County Courthouse, the following described real estate located in the County of Thomas, State of

> ALL OF LOT EIGHT (8), BLOCK SEVEN (7), PINE HILL ADDITION TO THE CITY OF COLBY, KAN-SAS, AS SHOWN BY THE RE-CORDED PLAT THEREOF

> > THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

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After warm March, cold April wipes out many fruit crops ST. LOUIS (AP) — One look at Johanns, who could make low-in- a foregone conclusion in southern fruit. Last year, growers in more million pounds.

Janet Sager's peach and apple trees would make anyone understand why her outlook for this year's crop is — in a word — rotten.

Two weeks after a cold snap savaged tender buds, blooms and early fruit in the southern Illinois orchard she tends with her husband, the apple trees "look like they've had a blowtorch to them," she said. The couple found just one live bloom on a lone peach tree, and their strawberry crop was obliter-

"This is the first time I can recall that we've ever had all of them wiped out at the same time," Sager, 65, said from her home near Kell, in Marion County, Ill.

"Sometimes, you might lose a peach crop, but you still might have apples or strawberries. Not this year." Fruit farmers across southern Illinois say they're seeing the worst damage in a half-century perhaps ever — after a warm March gave way to a prolonged April freeze. "No one remembers the landscape being blighted like this," said Elizabeth Wahle, a University of Illinois extension service horticulturist who has viewed the damage and talked to growers. "Hopefully, just like the flood of 1992, this is a once-in-a-lifetime thing.'

Early reports from states affected by the Easter weekend freeze show whopping losses.

U.S. Farm Service Agency offices in North Carolina, for example, said an estimated \$111.7 million in crops was lost across that state, with almost \$27 million of that in vegetables and fruits.

In Texas, grape grower Neal Newsome said he lost 80 percent of his grape crop from a cold snap he described as "too much, too long." The freeze also caused serious losses for crops of pecans, peaches, watermelons, cantaloupe and pumpkins, Texas Cooperative Extension agent Jed Elrod said.

In Arkansas, extension agent Blair Griffin said 300 acres devoted to peach production in Johnson County are "100 percent

The financial toll in Illinois won't become clear until after May 9, the cutoff for the state's counties to report damage figures to the U.S. Farm Service Agency, said Doug Bailey, the agency's chief program specialist in Springfield,

The numbers then will be sent to Gov. Rod Blagojevich and perhaps to U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike

terest emergency loans available to Illinois that the peach crop is eligible producers.

and Bailey said it is "pretty much peach growers can salvage any ninth last year, accounting for 22.7 port.

Illinois' peach orchards were among the hardest hit by the freeze, rare case" if any southern Illinois

gone."

Wahle said it would be "a really

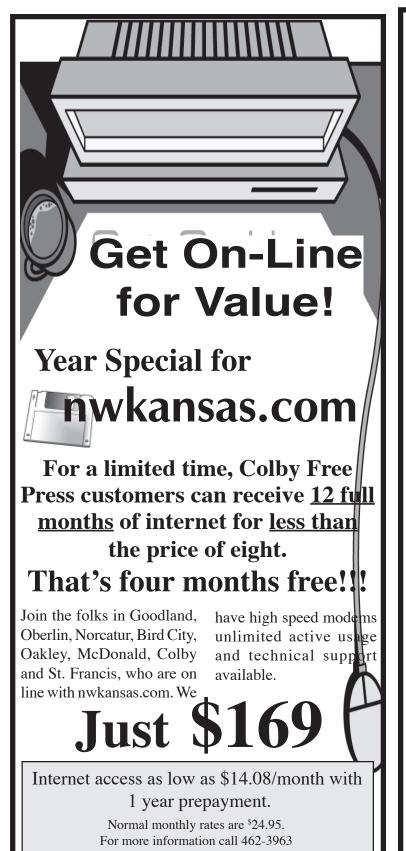
than 40 states produced 1.3 billion the Columbia, S.C.-based National

from the state.

Editor's note: Associated Press pounds of peaches, according to writers Betsy Blaney in Lubbock, Texas, and Margaret Lillard in Ra-Peach Council. Illinois ranked leigh, N.C., contributed to this re-

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Colby High School, Brewster High School, Golden



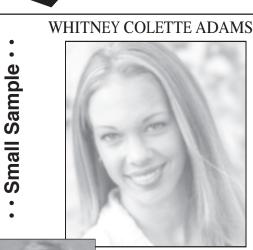


The Colby Free Press is now planning the Senior Graduation Tab and will be giving parents a chance to put a baby picture in along with a short message from the family for a small fee.

We will automatically feature your student's picture and information, but this will be your chance to put in a baby picture to show how much *your* senior has really changed over the years!

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Call Crystal, Emily or Kristi @ 462-3963 for more information or stop by the office at 155 W. 5th in Colby.





I plan to attend Colby Community College and play softball PARENTS: Richard & Peggy Adams

It's been a real hoot, Whit go get em girl, and Godspeed. Love, Mom & Dad

