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## Brewster rules still under review

By Jan Katz Ackerman  
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Brewster residents will have to wait another month to learn whether some of the city's ordinances change.

Brewster Mayor Mike Baughn said Ordinance No. 295 through No. 300 have been tabled until council member Stacey Edmundson has an opportunity to review them. Edmundson was elected in April and was sworn in May 8.

"The ordinances pertain to building codes, abandoned vehicles, dilapidated buildings and nuisances," Baughn said.

Baughn said the ordinance pertaining to animals penned within the city limits may be one the council members have to deal with in the near future. Council member Dwayne Randolph had been contacted by a Brewster resident about goats penned next to a residence. The goats are owned by the neighbor's children as part of a 4-H project. Baughn said unless a complaint is filed with City Marshall Mike Schultz, the council will not take action.

"The person complaining has to get two signatures about the situation and file a complaint with the city marshal," Baughn said. "If the complaint is confirmed, the party has 10 days to request a hearing with the city council."

Should a formal complaint against the goats be filed, Baughn said the owners would be required to move them outside the city limits.

Brewster residents are being updated about how city sirens work.



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"We have two sirens," Baughn said.

"One is electronic and the other is manual. For a tornado, we blow the sirens for three minutes steady. The all clear is one up and down wavering tone."

Baughn said the city also activates the sirens in case of a fire, which is a wavering tone, and sirens are used at times when the city's water system needs to be shut down.

"In case of a fire we want everybody to quit watering so we don't run our tank dry," Baughn said. "Or if we need to do maintenance work on the water system we want people to be aware, especially the beauty shops."

The city conducted its annual reorganization process and the following appointments were made: Judy Reid, city clerk; Sandi Bear, treasurer and deputy cemetery sexton; Mike Schultz, city superintendent and cemetery sexton; Richard Ress of Colby, municipal judge; Doug Murphy, city detective; Allen Marcum, deputy marshal; Willard Crumrine, fire chief; Rex Jamison, assistant fire chief; Lynn Fulwider, Ed Hutton, Dave Bowman, Edmundson, Tom Aschenbrenner, Terry Niblock, Jeff Rall, Schultz and Edmundson, firemen. Farmers Bank & Trust will serve as the official city depository and *The Colby Free Press* is the official city newspaper.

## Harvest begins



MICHELLE MYERS/Colby Free Press

For farmers in the southern part of Thomas County, wheat harvest started Friday and while it's slightly premature in predicting bushels per acre, many producers are reporting ideal test weights of 60. John Strecker, manager of Hi-Plains Coop, confirmed

hearing that test weight. "We have a nice wheat crop, but it's not a bumper harvest and we are seeing some insect problems (in the kernels)," he said. The northern part of the county has not started harvesting yet.

## 'Cointest' entry deadline July 3

Heads up!

People are turning in their entry forms for a chance to turn over a coin.

The *Colby Free Press* "Cointest" will be held July 4 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds in conjunction with other holiday activities at the fairgrounds.

Here's how Cointest works

People are asked to write their name and hometown on the entry form in the advertisement in the

June 20 Country Advocate.

The ad and entry form will also be in the Colby Free Press this week.

Entry forms can be returned to any of the sponsors or the *Colby Free Press*. Entry forms must be returned by the close of business, Tuesday, July 3. Photocopied entries will not be accepted. Please write legibly.

During Colby's July 4th festivities at the 4H building at the Thomas

County Fairgrounds, 43 of the entries will be randomly selected. People who submitted an entry form must be present to play and win.

(George W. Bush is the country's 43rd president, hence 43 entries.)

To avoid having trouble with multiple people with the same name from different towns people are asked to bring photo ID to the contest.

The 43 people will be divided

into five groups of eight and one group of three. Each group will have a coin-flip tournament. Those who call heads and it lands tails, is out of the contest. The winner from each group will then be in the final round and flip tournament for the grand prize of \$231.

(America is 231 years old this year.)

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## Two companies investing in downtown Colby locations

By Tisha Cox  
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Downtown Colby is seeing a few changes. One business has switched locations, and an out of town business is opening an office here.

The Yellow Brick Road Candle Company opened last fall at 112 E. Fifth St., and recently moved to 175 W. Third St. Miller and Associates of Kearney, Neb., is opening an office in Colby.

Candle company owner Melanie Hart said the move was prompted for several reasons.

"We wanted a better location, to be out in the open, and also a bigger building," she said. "We needed the room."

She also wanted to stay in downtown Colby because of its visibility



and accessibility.

Hart and her mother, Cherine Ward, make the candles they sell,

along with a line of soaps, shampoos and more. Since the move, the business is getting more traffic.



TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

**ABOVE:** The new Miller and Associates office on West Fourth Street is expected to be finished by mid-July. **LEFT:** The Yellow Brick Road Candle Company's new location on Third Street.

Hart has expanded beyond candles and personal care products, to include food and coffee. Bistro

tables now sit out front.

"People can eat outside during the morning when it's beautiful,"

she said.

The business is also expanding its storage space. A storage building for candles is under construction just to the west of the candle shop.

Miller and Associates of Kearney, Neb., is renovating office space at 320 W. Fourth St.

Jacque Haupt, with the Kearney office, said the re-model should be finished by mid-July or early August. The firm also has offices in McCook and Omaha, Neb.

"We were interested in being in the downtown area, as it was important for us to be a part of the business district," Haupt said. "Colby was chosen for an office due to its location in northwest Kansas, and its proximity to our clients. We are

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## Moral support

Lander Niblock spoke with his mother, Jenny, after competing in the 25-yard butterfly event for boys ages 8 and under Saturday at Colby's municipal swimming pool. Despite the hot temperatures, Colby Swim Club won its fourth meet of the season. Full results from the Colby meet will appear later this week.



PATTY DECKER/Colby Free Press

## Lawrence fire sets record for victim payout

LAWRENCE (AP) — A 2005 apartment fire that killed three people and left about a dozen others injured or homeless has set a state record for victim compensation.

The Crime Victims Compensation Board said it will pay out almost \$80,000 by the end of the month to the people affected by the Boardwalk Apartments fire.

Jason Allen Rose, who was convicted on May 11 of setting the fire, was sentenced last week to 10 years in prison.

Frank Henderson Jr., director of the Crime Victims Compensation Board in Topeka, said the incident

is unusual in that there are so many victims.

"Generally, (claims) involve one single crime where there is one person injured, possibly two and three at a maximum," Henderson said.

One problem is that many of the residents in the 78-unit building lacked health insurance at the time of the fire and generated expensive hospital bills as well as losing days or weeks of work.

Family members of the three who died — Jose Gonzalez, Nicole Bingham and Yolanda Riddle — also could receive reimbursement for funeral expenses.