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Dr. Jennifer Martin, DVM, program director for the Colby Community College veterinary technology program, watches while one of the Boy Scout listens to a dog's heart sounds with a stethoscope. Colby Community College hosted the 2nd annual High Plains Scout Powwow Friday-Sunday on the CCC campus. Approximately 100 Boy Scouts and 20 leaders attended the event. Scouts worked on merit badges, swam in the CCC indoor pool and attended a performance by the Three Clans Dance Team followed by a flag retirement ceremony. Scouts in attendance were from Salina, Hoxie, Larned, Washington, Norton, Andover, Linn, Atwood, Osborne, Stratton, Colo., Scott City, Beaver City, Neb., Plainville and Colby. Merit badge sessions included Astronomy taught by Jerry Hill, Aviation by Mark Ostmeyer, Canoeing, by Alan Sager, Chemistry by Dr. Max Pick-erill, Citizenship in the Nation and World by Tom Moorhous, Fly-Fishing by Kurt Moomau, Horsemanship by Shanda Draper, Indian Lore by Mike Baughn, Space Exploration by Keegan Peckham, Veterinary Medicine by Dr. Jennifer Martin, Dr. Cathy McMulkin and Esther Penner, Wilderness Survival by Matt Stuchik and Weather by Chris Foltz.

Goodland family goes global in bowling lane

By Sharon Corcoran
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A Goodland family had a once-in-a-lifetime trip, and the mother and son came away with third place in an international bowling tournament.

Rod and Suzie Butts and son Sheldon Nelson, 13, flew to Baton Rouge, La., where mother and son competed in the Bowling Propri-eter's Association of America's QubicaAMF International Family Tournament from July 31-Aug. 2. They finished third out of 33 teams, with Nelson receiving a \$2,500 scholarship and the pair winning a large trophy.

They met professional bowlers Norm Duke and Mike Machuga, got their pictures taken with them and got a banner autographed by them.

"It was fantastic," Suzie Butts said. "It's an experience I won't forget. It was an opportunity of a lifetime, something you don't get to do every day."

And the third-place finish was icing on the cake.

"We didn't expect that at all," she said. "We just thought getting to go would be a wonderful experience."

It wasn't, however, an overnight success story. Butts has bowled in two leagues the last eight years, and Nelson has bowled in the junior league since he was 5, and they competed at the regional and state levels several years before qualifying for the international competition.

To prepare for competition, they drove to the Colby Bowl and Fun Center to practice, since Bowla-dium Lanes has been closed. They competed in Colby and qualified for regional competition in Ness City and then for state competition in Salina. They were second at state, missing first by three pins.

Butts said they had finished second at state in 2004, but only the top team got to go to the interna-tional competition. This year, they were notified they qualified.

The first day of international competition, Butts said, they bowled six games, competing against 33 teams in the parent/youth division. The parent/teen division also had 33 teams, she said.

At the end of the day, the pair was in fifth place, among the top eight that would go to the semi-finals. They bowled eight games baker's style, she said, which means the youth would bowl the first frame, the parent the second, alternating through the games.

They were in second at the end of the semifinals and bowled against the third place team but lost. end-

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ing in third. Since the other team won, she said, they faced the team that was first in the semi-finals to determine the winner.

The pro bowlers did trick shots for the kids during lunch that day, Butts said, adding they also met a lot of nice people.

"I sure won't forget it," she said, "and I'm sure he won't either."

This is Sheldon's last year to compete as a youth, she said, since they can be no older than 12 by Aug. 1. They can compete in the parent/teen division next year. The international competition is in a different city each year, Butts said; last year it was in Detroit, and next year it is scheduled in Dallas.

They gave away \$70,000 in scholarships at the competition, she said; all who went got one, but most were smaller than what Shel-don got. Their trophy will arrive in the mail, since they couldn't bring it home on the plane. Butts said they took their bowling balls on the plane but checked their bags when traveling to the com-petition.

"We needed the balls," she said. "We had clothes on."

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Norton concerned over recycling

By BRANDY LEROUX
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Recycling was one of the topics discussed at Wednesday night's Norton City Council meeting, prompting councilman Ron Briery to comment that he'd been getting questions about what colors of bags need to be used, or if solid containers can be used.

It was noted that if the citizens don't start recycling, solid waste rates will have to be raised again in the future. Any clear or blue bag can be used for recyclables, and even trash bins can be used, as long as they're on the curbs on Fridays only.

It was also noted that recyclables don't need to be separated by type to be accepted. Any recyclables that are at the curb on days other than Friday will be left there and not picked up until Friday.

In other business:

- The city's tax collections were reviewed. The city had collected \$20,360.58 in June, and the county had collected \$13,288. Year-to-date collections for the city are \$263,381.12 vs. \$239,580.66 in 2007, and \$221,304.27 in 2006. Council members noted that the much higher gas prices were possibly causing people to limit out-of-town shopping trips, thereby raising tax collections.
- The official second reading of

ordinance 1577 — regarding solid waste collection charges — was waived. The final reading will be at the next city council meeting.

- During the budget hearing, Councilman Briery said there had been a lot of cutting to the budget, but they were able to keep the mill levy the same, and that the money coming in from the mill levy had increased. The rising costs of fuel and utilities were cited as reasons for the increase in mill levies. It was noted that just because the money is in the budget, that doesn't necessarily mean it will all be spent. The budget was accepted as published with no more discussion.

- City Administrator Rob Lawson invited all council members to the utility meeting on Aug. 20 to discuss the water plant issues with Chris Miller, the engineer with Miller & Associates.

- Mr. Lawson said he'd been contacted by the conservation district for permission to apply for a grant for several recycling stations. These stations would be used at public functions, and there would be 30 for each recyclable — paper, plastic and aluminum. Mr. Lawson said he gave his consent to apply for the grants.

- The Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance premiums increase was approved. Mr. Lawson, on behalf of all city employees.

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