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Parade set to honor all veterans

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Colby veterans, their friends and families will kick off Veterans Day on Tuesday with a parade starting at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Fike Park.

The Colby Community College bus will be available at 3:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1850 W. Fourth, for all vets who would like to ride in the parade.

The parade will travel south down Franklin Avenue to Second Street, the east toward the Law Enforcement Center. From there, it will go north to the veteran's memorial at the Thomas County courthouse.

After the veterans reach the courtwill be played by the Colby Middle School and Colby High School bands. This will be followed by a 15 minute address by Mike Quinzer, who's back from a tour as a command sergeant for an Army brigade in Iraq. He is still enlisted in the National Guard.

Then Dale Deaver, a World War Colby Free Press II veteran, will lead everyone in singing God Bless America.

> 'My favorite part of the parade is when (he) leads in everyone in singing God Bless America by the veterans memorial at the courthouse," said Korean War veteran Phil Fin-

Finley said he also likes it when the bands play the national anthem and Taps at the courthouse.

Like so many, Finley said, has reasons to celebrate Veterans Day.

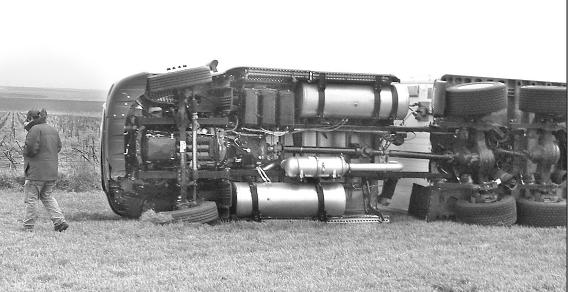
"It goes back to my father and uncle being in World War 1," he said, addint that he lost some cousins in World War II.

The college bus will return to the Legion Hall after the songs. There house, the Star Spangled Banner will be refreshments available, and everybody is encouraged to attend.

"The parade seems to get a little better each year," Deaver said, adding that the biggest thing about Veterans Day is the way it makes him

"I'm proud to be an American,"





"We whipped around and went

to the first truck accident, but the

driver was out and there was no fuel

leaking," Jamison said. "We started

to head back to Brewster when we

saw the second truck go over right

and saw the diesel fuel was spilling

all over. We got out an axe and got

the driver and passenger out of the

The National Weather Service in

cab where they were trapped."

We followed it until it stopped

in front of us.

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blocking the eastbound lanes.

Wind blows trucks over

Brewster fireman Tom Aschenbrenner (above) sprayed foam on a leaking diesel tank from a 2007 Freightliner that was blown over on top of the eastbound overpass on I-70 at the Brewster exit about 2 p.m. (Central time) Thursday. Assisting on the truck was fireman Mike Schultz. Earlier, a U.S. Express Leasing truck from Oklahoma (right) was blown off the road about a quarter of a mile west of the interchange. The driver, Christina L. Shirley of Duncanville, Ala., surveyed the damage to her brand-new rig.

Decorations part • of three-part plan for Christmas

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Driving down Range Avenue, people can see Colby's new Christmas banners and iron snowflakes hung from the light poles, just waiting for the holiday season.

The Colby Chamber of Commerce unveiled the decorations with a reception last week, but getting the decorations took a lot of work.

Chamber Executive Director Holly Stephens said decision over what to buy was made in discussions among the Chamber, the Diplomats (a women's group affiliated with the Chamber) and the city.

"We bounced around different ideas, we looked through magazines and catalogues, and in the end it all kind of worked out," she said.

Stephens said all of the snowflakes were designed by Lana Johnson of Colby. Some of the designs Johnson worked on came from Colby Middle School students.

The banners were bought through Colby Canvas Co., Stephens said, adding that co-owner Steve Molstad really helped with the project.

"He helped us pick up the right fabric, materials and bracketing for

the banner," she said. City Public Works Director Chris

Beiker and his crew played a big part, Stephens said. "He was instrumental in making sure

the weight of the banners was compact

with the light poles," she said.

Street and Franklin Avenue. The third phase will be decorations on Country Club Drive.

project possible," Stephens said.

"I want to thank the people of Colby who helped make the phase one

ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press An iron snowflake sculpture was hung on Range Avenue to

show off Colby's 2008 Christmas decorations.

The unveiling of the decorations was one of three phases of a project the Chamber will be conducting over the next couple of years. This year's decorations are part of the Chambers Decorate '08 campaign. Phase 2, the "Shine in '09" campaign, and will include new decorations on Fourth

DETROIT, Mich. (AP) — Genfreezing across the globe. The loss exceeded Wall Street esti-

Auto giant hurting

eral Motors Corp. said today it lost \$2.5 billion in the third quarter and warned that it could run out of cash next year. GM also said it has suspended

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Brewster fire chiefs checking on

a semi-trailer rig which had been

blown into the ditch along I-70

south of town Thursday got to watch

another rig blow over and skid to a

stop, then rescue the driver and a

Assistant Chief Rex Jamison said

Friday he and Chief Willard Crum-

rine were coming back from a field

fire north of Levant when they got a

passenger from the cab.

talks to acquire Chrysler. The automaker also said its cash

burn for the quarter accelerated to \$6.9 billion due to a U.S. sales slump.

The company reported a net loss of \$4.45 per share during the quarter, compared with a record-setting loss of \$39 billion, or \$68.85 per share, a vear ago.

\$43.7 billion, due largely to credit

mates. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters predicted a loss of \$3.70 per share on sales of \$39.4 billion.

The company announced it would improve liquidity by \$5 billion by the end of next year by cutting capital spending, reducing sales promotions, and further cutting production in the first quarter. It also suspended the company match for its stock savings (401k) plan in the U.S.

GM shares fell 53 cents, or 11 per-Revenue fell to \$37.9 billion from cent, to \$4.27 in morning trading.

Firemen watch rig flip, call about a truck rolled over down Goodland reported wind gusts to 62 2 p.m. Thursday.

mph. Kansas Highway Patrol Troop-The first accident involved a U.S. er John McMahan, who worked the Express Leasing truck from Oklahosecond accident, said the wind was ma blown off the road about a quarthe major factor causing the truck to ter of a mile west of the Brewster inroll over. It landed on a guard rail, terchange. The truck was driven by Christina L. Shirley of Duncanville, The driver, Jimmie Lee Sellars

Jr., 46, of Aurora, Colo. was unin-Jamison said the driver was upset because it was a brand new truck jured, but his wife, Heidi, 32, was taken to Citizens Medical Center with about 3,000 miles on it. Trooper in Colby by ambulance. McMahan Joe Greene worked the first accident, which happened about 15 minutes said the 2007 Freightliner went over on top of the south overpass before the one on top of the overon I-70 at the Brewster exit about pass.

Official vote count doesn't change election

ers met Friday to canvas the vote their count made no difference in the outcome.

In the official tally from the Thomas County sheriff's race, Republican candidate Rod Taylor had 1,875 votes while incumbent Sheriff Mike Baughn got 1,689 as a write-in candidate. The final difference was 186 votes, in-

Thomas County commission- creasing Taylor's margin by two. County Clerk Shelly Harms from the general election, but said there were 3,703 votes, with nearly a third -1,145 - advance ballots cast at the courthouse. She said workers counted 426 mail ballots and 104 provisional ballots cast by voters with some irregularity in their registration. Seven provisional ballots were rejected by the commissioners, she said.

Briefly

Auction will benefit Hospice

The 13th annual Hospice Services "Dream, Act and Believe" Banquet and Auction will be be Saturday at City Limits Convention Center in Colby. The event starts with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the auction at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 each. For information, call 462-

Endowment Foundation to meet

The Colby Community College Endowment Foundation will hold its annual meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the Student Union, including scholarship dinner and

reception for students and donors. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge. Call foundation Director Nick Wells at (785) 460-4684 for information.

Flu shots available on Monday

The Thomas County Health Department will be offering flu shots at the office on Range from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday. The cost is \$25. No reservations are needed. For information, call the department at (785) 460-4596.

High school play next week

The annual Colby High all-school play, "Iphigenia," will be performed at 7 p.m. Thursday and next Friday at high school auditorium. A Greek pasta dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. before the Friday performance. Tickets for the play only are \$5 for adults and

\$4 for Colby School District students and children. Tickets for the dinner theater are \$10 and \$8. For information, call Nancy Rundel at (785) 460-5300.

Club plans dance Saturday The Golden Buckle Square Dance Club will be

twirling from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday at the Community Building.

FFA members selling fruit, meat

The Colby FFA is conducting its annual Rivestar fund raiser, selling fruit and smoked meats through Monday. Delivery will be Wednesday, Dec. 10. To order, contact an FFA member or advisor Shawna Howell at (785) 460-5320 or showell@colbyeagles.org.

After Five at F&M Bank

Farmer and Merchants Bank plans a fall fiesta for Colby Chamber of Commerce's monthly Business after Five next week. Chamber members are invited to enjoy Mexican food and beverages from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the bank in Colby.

Author to speak at school

Christian author Sean McDowell will speak at the Heartland Christian School's "Partners for the Future" Endowment Banquet at 6 p.m. next Friday at the school. Tickets, \$15 each, may be purchased until Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the school or by calling (785) 460-6419.

City looking for referees

The city Recreation Department needs officials for Mens Basketball League, which run on Sunday afternoons through February. Call (785) 460-4440 to sign up.

Kids plan musical at grade school

The Colby Grade School second graders will present "Circus, Circus", a musical, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, in the grade school auditorium. The program is free and everyone is welcome.

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