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One district to have primary

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Filing deadline for school boards and city council closed at noon on Tuesday, and the Golden Plains School District is the only board that will have a Primary Election to reduce the number of candidates.

A primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 3, to select nine candidates for school board member at-large positions at the Golden Plains School District.

The people who will be running for the positions include Terry Brantley and Don Koerperich, Selden; David E. Gould, Terry L. Moss, Todd M. Schwarz, Matt Vogler, Brandi Wark, Desiree Wark, Ben L. Hoeting, of Rexford and Kim Moss of Menlo. Nine out of the 10 candidates will be selected to compete for three open positions at the general elections.

People will cast their vote in the Primary Election for candidates at the Thomas County Courthouse. Thomas County Clerk Shelly Helms said polls will open at 7 a.m. and will close at 7 p.m.

The general elections for all school boards and city councils will be on Tuesday, April 7.

Six people have filed to run for Board of Education spots at the Colby Community College. Their names are as follows: Cindy Black, Kenton K. Krehbiel, Shad Metcalf, Robert M. Renner, Bill Shields and Vernon L. Wranosky.

Five people have filed for board positions at the Colby Public School District. Their names are as follows: J.C. Carter, Gerald Curtis Fulwider, Susan McLemore, Tracy Rogers and Dale Vap.

So far three people have filed for positions on the city council positions. The candidates who have

Lunch-time visitor

Hawks are common in northwest Kansas, unless one happens to be eating dinner in your backyard. That was the sight that greeted Mrs. Hankie Beckman on Brookside Drive Tuesday morning. Beckman said she looked out her kitchen window to see a “very large bird with something under its feet.”

The bird turned out to be a hawk, busy devouring a smaller bird it had caught. Hankie was concerned for one of her cats that was outside. “The bird is a lot bigger than he is,” she said.

Matt Bain, district wildlife biologist with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, identified the bird as a Cooper’s Hawk, which can weigh almost two pounds, with wingspans of nearly three feet. While hawks are not endangered in Kansas, they are a federally protected species.

After a visit of more than an hour, the hawk departed. “You don’t see that every day,” said Beckman of her backyard visitor.

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Awards presented at Orange and Black

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The Colby High basketball teams both represented the school with pride at the 24th Annual Paul Wintz/Tom Bowen Orange and Black Basketball Classic. The Lady Eagles took first place and the boy’s team finished second.

A few members of each team received individual accolades at the tournament.

Seniors Levi Schlick and Stephen Dinkel were selected for the All-tournament team. The other players selected for the team were Kevin Livingston and Alex Gilmore, Liberal; Greg Garris, Goodland; Levi Kuntzsch and Ron Baker, Scott City; Dexter Pfeifer and Zach Danner; Hays; and Seth Schaeffer of McCook.

Senior Corey Sager made the Academic All-tournament team. The remaining players who made the team were Derrious Dixon, Flint Hills; Adam Duell, Goodland; Taylor Betts, Hays; Landon Harp, Liberal; Ryan Hardin,

McCook and Levi Kuntzsch of Scott City.

Schlick was named the Most Valuable Player in the boys tournament and senior Brent Arnerberger received the Most Inspirational Player Award.

For the girls senior Taylor Young and sophomore Katherine Kaus were selected for the All-Tournament Team. The remaining players who made the team included Justine Woofter, Scott City; Ashley Archer, Goodland; Joanna Bryant and Tara Powell, McCook and Brandi Farley and Shannon Rousseau of Pine Creek.

Young was chosen for the All-Tournament Academic team. The other girls who were chosen for the team were Sharlita Carter, Flint Hills; Courtney Sheldon, Goodland; Powell, McCook; Carly Serratore, Pine Creek and Amber Kuckelman of Scott City.

The Coaches award for the girls’ tournament was given to Parker McKee. The Lady Eagles were selected for the Team/Community Sportsmanship Award.

Colby cheerleaders won the Marvin Stark Award. Lady Eagle Cheerleader Emily Terrell

made the Academic All-Tournament Team. The other girls who were chosen for the team were Katie Davidson, Flint Hills; Taylor McLemore, Goodland; Gretchen Dietz, Hays; Jasmine Mitchell, Liberal; Natalie Sis, McCook; Ericka Wright, Scott City and Dana Pauda of Ulysses.

The Goodland Boys School won the Team/Community Sportsmanship award. Kyle Zerr of Ulysses won the super shot competition. McCook Coach Tim Garcia received the Coaches Award for the boy’s team.

Pine Creek’s Brandi Farley was named the Most Valuable Player of the girls’ tournament and Nikki Glass of Pine Creek was chosen for the off the bench award. Ashley Archer of Goodland won the Super Shot Contest.

The Founders Award was given to Kenton and Sheila Krehbiel of Colby. The Contributors Award went to past secretaries of the orange and black classic. Their names are as follows: Marilyn Daise, Tonya Winger, Tiffany Wolf, Leisa Hansen, Laura Cook, Kathy Owen and Tanya Staats.

Kansas Today ...

Governor promises veto of GOP budget

TOPEKA (AP) — Gov. Kathleen Sebelius promised Tuesday to veto a plan drafted by Senate Republicans for eliminating a deficit in the current state budget after calling their proposed cuts “draconian.”

Asked about a veto of the GOP deficit plan during a Statehouse news conference, the Democratic governor responded: “If it comes to me in this fashion, absolutely.”

The Senate was scheduled to debate the plan at 10:30 a.m. today. It makes \$302 million worth of adjustments, mostly by cutting spending, and public schools would lose about \$100 million of the state aid they had been promised for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30.

Legislative researchers project the deficit at \$186 million, but Republican leaders expect tax revenues to continue to fall short of expectations in the next few months, causing the shortfall to grow.

GOP leaders weren’t impressed by Sebelius’ veto threat. Senate Majority Leader Derek Schmidt, an Independence Republican, said the debate would go ahead as scheduled.

Senate Ways and Means Committee Chairman Jay Emler, who

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Briefly

Lions to Serve at Orschelns

The High Plains Lions will serve ham and beans Saturday at Orscheln’s Farm and Home Store where the public is invited to eat while shopping at Orscheln’s Free Weekend Bag Sale. The Lions will be serving from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a free will donation. The proceeds will be used to send two high school band students to the State Band performance in May at the Kansas State Lions Convention, and if there is enough money and the students want to attend the Lion’s International Convention in Minneapolis, Minn.

Girls out hawking cookies

If you’re on a diet, you may not want to answer the door. But who can resist Girl Scout cookies? Sales run through Sunday said Scout leader Penny Cline. If



you miss the knock on the door, call Mint Culver at 460-6005 or Cline (after 6 p.m. only) at 460-2929 to order.

Colby board cancels meeting

The special Colby school board meeting scheduled for Monday has been canceled. The meeting was to address budget issues, but due to the uncertain nature of the Kansas Legislature on school funding the board intends to reschedule the special meeting in April to discuss the budget issues.

Students plan soup supper

The Colby High School and Middle School chapters of the Technology Students Association plan a soup supper starting at 4:30 p.m. on

Thursday, during the Colby-Hays Thomas Moore Prep basketball games. The supper is to raise money for the student’s trip to the national competition in Denver. Homemade chili and chicken noodle soup, desserts and drinks will be available for a donation. For information call Lamoreaux Fulwider at 460-5300.

Conservation reservations due

The Thomas County Conservation District will hold its annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, at the Colby United Methodist Church. Deadline for reservations is Friday. Call district manager Debbie Potter at (785) 462-7482, extension 303.

Museum offers kids program

To mark Kansas Day, the anniversary of statehood on Thursday, the Prairie Museum of Art and History

plans a free art workshop for kids in grades three to five from 2-4 p.m. Saturday. Participants will make colorful oil pastel sunflower designs in honor of the Kansas state flower. Registration is limited to 20 participants; deadline is Thursday. Call Rosanne Dougherty at the museum (785) 460-4590.

Cemetery decorations need to go

Beulah Cemetery caretakers ask that all Christmas grave decorations be picked up by 5 p.m. on Friday. For questions, call 462-3188.

Genesis annual meeting Monday

The annual meeting of Genesis-Thomas County Inc., which operates the Colby food bank, will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, in the Pioneer Memorial Library meeting room, 375 W. Fourth St. All Thomas County residents are invited to attend.