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Scrapbooking fun

A scrapbooking fund raiser at Heartland Christian School, drew about 26 people Saturday to preserve their memories. Tonya Winger, one of the sponsors, said money raised in the past has been used to buy 50 tables for the school, with chairs possibly next. Computer scrapbooking is growing in popularity, as Creative Memories consultant Julie Maurath (above, center) demonstrated to Brianna Bottom (standing, left), Katrina Tyner and Ronda Myers. Abby Reed (left photo) was scrapbooking photos from the recent Heartland Christian School junior and senior trip to Washington. Rylinda Barnett (below) was placing photos of her granddaughter.

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Board cuts teaching jobs to save cash

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The Colby School Board, faced with more possible cuts in state aid, agreed Monday to cut a teaching job by combining the positions for the Special Education Extended Learning Program for advanced students and an instructor job for the Thomas County Academy.

Each position has a full-time teacher, said Jo DeYoung, district financial officer, but next year both will be half-time positions, 20 hours a week instead of 40, and probably taught by the same person.

Superintendent Terrel Harrison told the board that state revenue estimates are down from what was predicted, and that may mean deeper cuts to the school budget.

"The state must make adjustments totaling \$29 million for this year and \$328 million for 2010,"

Harrison said. Many legislators are saying K-12 education will see more cuts, she said.

In other news, the school board:

- Heard Harrison say a retirement reception will be held for Nancy Baker, Sue Nielsen, Rich Koel and Betty Unruh from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 18, in the Administration Building board room.

- Heard Colby High Principal Don Krebs report that 18 students won awards at Northwest Kansas League Art Show. He said junior Samantha Schmidt's watercolor painting of the Kaus farm was named Best of Show. It also won a silver medal from the National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Her painting was among 1,000 out of 140,000 to receive national honors, Krebs said.

- Heard Diana Wieland, academy principal, say that the Acad-

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Benefit trap shoot to help daughters

The Colby Trap Club plans a benefit shoot at 10 a.m. Sunday at the club range, five miles west and a mile south of Colby at County Roads R and 14. There is a \$25 entry fee.

The event will raise money for Shelby and Jenna Crampton, daughters of Terry and the late Marty Crampton. Crampton, a widely known farmer, who was killed in an road crash last year.

"We're expecting at least 75 shooters from a wide area to be here to honor one of their former members," said organizer Jim Deibert, "and we will shoot rain or shine."

Crampton was an avid hobby shooter, well known in northwest Kansas and southwest Nebraska shooting circles, he said.

"There will be prizes for high gun in three events," Deibert said, "and a raffle for a Remington 870, a Reuger 10-22 rifle, and a barbecue grill."

There will be a lunch stand on the grounds, and all proceeds will go to the girls, he added.

The club encourages all hobby shooters to attend, and those who don't shoot to come for the lunch. Donations will be taken.

For information, call Deibert at 443-3752.

Athlete to wrestle for Indiana

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Senior Tanner Kriss says he probably would not be heading to the University of Indiana next year on a wrestling scholarship if it weren't for his parents.

Burned out on the sport after spending long hours at national tournaments as a fourth grader, he almost quit the next year. But his parents, Kevin and Cindy, convinced him to continue wrestling and the rest is history. Kriss said his dad had been the most influential person in his wrestling career.

"He has been to all of my meets and he never yelled at me after I lost," Kriss said.

He talked about the parents he would see yelling at their sons at wrestling meets and said he was glad his dad wasn't like that.

Kriss had positive things to say after his visit to Indiana.

"They treated me very well there and the

community was beautiful," said Kriss. "The wrestlers are a close knit group, serious about winning and being student athletes."

Kriss, the Kansas state Class 4A champion at 215 pounds this year, said they fed him steak every night during his recruiting trip. He expects to be wrestling at 197 or 184 pounds.

The University of Nebraska, Kearney, an NCAA Division 2 school, and the University of Northern Colorado were other choices he considered for wrestling. He said he decided to go to Indiana, a member of the fabled Big 10 conference, because it is a larger Division 1 school.

Indiana offers a lot of opportunities, he said. As an extra bonus, he said, he is excited about the great deer and turkey hunting available in Indiana. He said he likes it here in Colby and he wouldn't be leaving for school until the end of August.

Kriss had a picture-perfect ending to his high-school wrestling career, winning the state championship and posting a perfect 38-0 re-

cord. His Colby High Eagles' wrestling team won the Class 4A state championship, and he finished his career with a school record 75 pins over four years.

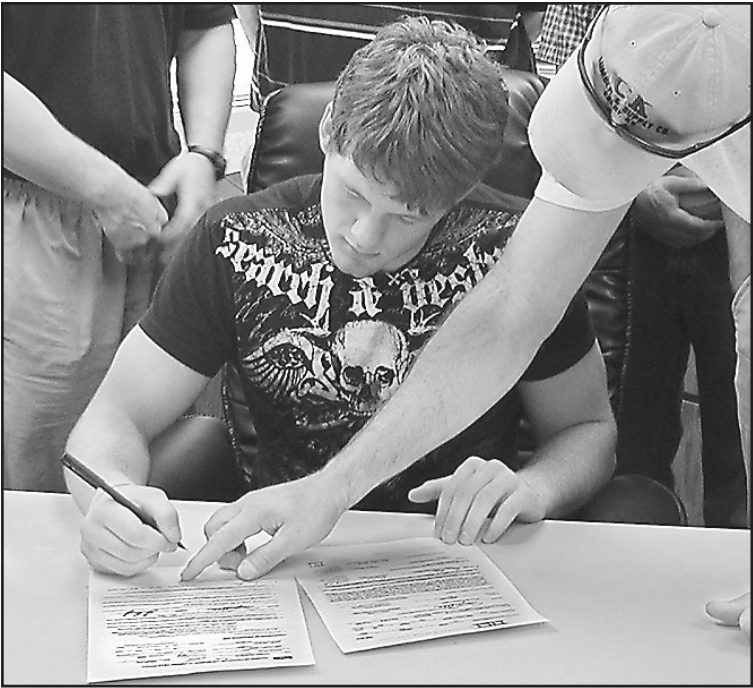
While Kriss had a tremendous senior year, he said he improved the most from his sophomore to his junior year. He attributes that to growing into his body and spending time in the weight room.

Kriss said his strengths as a wrestler are his quickness for a big man, and his technique. He added that he is a good at shooting in on his opponents.

"Not many wrestlers in the 215 weight class shoot in on their opponents," he said.

Kriss said he learned some of his wrestling style by watching his younger brother, Konnor, a freshman at Colby High.

"Konnor is quick on his feet and did misdirection shots," Tanner said, adding that a misdirection shot is when a wrestler fakes like he is going to shoot for one leg, but instead goes for the other.



ANDY HEINTZ / Colby Free Press

Kevin Kriss helped his son, senior Tanner Kriss, on Wednesday as he signed a letter of intent to wrestle at the University of Indiana in Colby High Activities Director Larry Gabel's office.

Briefly

Sale will benefit mental health

A benefit garage sale for High Plains Mental Health of Colby is set for 4 to 9 p.m. today and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday at the 4-H Building on West Cedar Street. Religious books and choir robes, furniture and household items will be on sale. Sloppy joes will be served Friday and donuts on Saturday. For information, call Rebekah Peterson at (785) 846-7834.

Soils to tell story Saturday

Rob Aiken and Nancy Arendt will talk about what our soils can tell us about past climate and human activity at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Prairie Museum of Art and History. The talk is based on a workshop they attended at the Kansas Archeology Training Program. It's sponsored by the High Plains Chapter of the Kansas Anthropological Association. Refreshments will be served, and a short business meeting will fol-

low. For information, call Ann Miner at 462-6399.

Flags at half staff on Saturday

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius has directed flags to be flown at half staff Saturday to honor Pfc. Richard A. DeWater of Topeka, who was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division of Fort Hood, Texas. He was killed in Afghanistan on Wednesday, April 15.

Tree planting marks Arbor Day

The Colby Tree board will mark Arbor Day at 10 a.m. Saturday by planting seven trees at the soccer fields at the Colby Recreation Complex. Everyone is invited. For information, call Marvin Bickner, 460-6293.

College offers self-defense

Colby Community College is offering a self-de-

fense class from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and on Saturday, May 2. The class, taught by Christine Zejda, will be held in the Student Union, room 108. A self-defense mini baton is included in the \$50 fee. Call the admissions office at 460-4690 to enroll.

Food distribution Saturday

Prairie Land food orders may be picked up at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Sacred Heart School gym. For information, call Margene Griffin at 460-3579.

String recital Sunday at church

Players from Colby, Atwood, Goodland, Oakley, Weskan and Burlington will give a string recital at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Fellowship Hall of the Colby United Methodist Church. They will offer solos, duets, trios and quartets for violin and cello. For information, call Jan Wolf, 460-3535.

Piano students offer program

Piano students of Pat Ziegelmeier will perform in a recital at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Colby United Methodist Church. The program will include solos and ensembles. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Ziegelmeier at 460-5518.

Club plans racing on Sunday

The Racing for Christ radio-controlled car club will race at 2 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church, 615 W. Webster. They will be giving away a remote-control car this week. There will be no races during May. For information, call Kent Higerd, 462-3440.

