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High schoolers learn how to march

Members of the Colby High School band (above) spent all last week learning to march forward, backward and to the side at band camp. The students were out on the field in the morning practicing their marching skills before moving indoors (left) to practice the music they'll perform at parades and football games throughout the year.

Reward up in cemetery vandalism

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One week after vandals knocked over headstones at Beulah Cemetery, police say they haven't made any arrests, but donations have pushed the reward fund up to \$1,750.

Police Chief Randy Jones said there are a lot of leads to follow, and each piece of information the department gets has to be checked out.

"It'd be nice to verify some information instead of eliminate it," he added.

A lot of the interviews lead to more names to interview, he said. With the department's investigator out of town for training, Jones said, he is doing a lot of interviews himself.

The reward offered for information leading to an arrest has increased to \$1,750 with a donation of \$200 from the Gem Lions Club and an anonymous individual gift of \$50 to the cemetery district.

On Monday, a contractor and volunteers spent six hours setting the headstones upright. Bell Memorials out of Beloit brought a hoist to lift the stones. The volunteers cleaned putty off the undersides and put new putty on to glue them down.

Cemetery district secretary Relda Galli said more than 250 people showed up throughout the day,

including Boy Scouts, students, school sports teams and business people. With all the manpower, she said, what the cemetery board thought would take days took just six hours.

Galli said some of the headstones have been taken to shops to repair damage to the stone, polish or engraving. The cemetery office is keeping a record of all the damaged stones in case people from out of town have questions, she said. The office can be reached at 462-3188.

The Colby High football team voted to help out at the cemetery after their practice Monday morning. Principal Larry Gabel praised the team, coach Chris Gardener and other students who volunteered at a school board meeting Monday night.

"I think that says a lot about our kids and coaches," Gabel said. "Nobody told them or suggested that they do it; they just went and did it."

Superintendent Terrel Harrison said she was stopped by two people Monday who thanked her for the students' efforts. She asked Gabel to pass that on to the football team.

"I hope they realize what an impression they've made," she said, "and that people realize what good kids we have."

The Colby Community College

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Colby Relay for Life plans cancer walk for next week

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You can walk in honor of someone who died or are living with cancer starting at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, when the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life kicks off at Fike Park.

Relay for Life is the society's signature

overnight fund raiser, said Kim Peach, community director in northwest Kansas for the society. The event features teams of eight to 15 members walking around the park all night to raise money for cancer research and to help cancer victims.

Each team has a captain. The Relay for Life website says captains represent their teams at monthly meetings and act as liaisons with the event committee. They or-

ganize their team's money-raising efforts throughout the year and during the night's events.

Denise Stupka, chairman of the Colby Relay for Life Committee, said four teams are signed up so far: the Colby Community College cheerleaders and dance team, a team from Farmers and Merchants Bank and the Northwest Research-Extension Center, a group of high school kids, and

members of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Jacque Golemboski, a mortgage loan officer and assistant vice president of Farmers and Merchants, said her team is concentrating on selling luminaries for the event. Kelly Gates, cheerleader and dance coach at the college, said her team will meet today to discuss fund-raising strategies. She said her team will be selling luminaries and getting sponsorships. Teams

will celebrate and conclude their fund-raising efforts at the event.

Stupka said the society could use some volunteers to help set everything up in the park from 8 a.m. to noon on the day of the event. Peach said the society has raised \$3,000 so far and the goal is to raise \$10,000.

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Judge says nonresidents can handle petitions here

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WICHITA — A federal judge struck down as unconstitutional on Friday a part of a Kansas law that prohibits nonresidents from circulating petitions within the state.

U.S. District Judge Sam Crow ruled that the law violates the First Amendment and issued a permanent injunction prohibiting Secretary of State Chris Biggs from enforcing it.

The order comes after a lawsuit filed in April by the Constitution Party of Kansas. Also named as plaintiffs are Curt Engelbrecht, a Wichita member, and Mark Pick-

ens, an Arizona man who works as a paid political petition circulator.

The Kansas attorney general's office had joined with the plaintiffs in asking that the statute be ruled unconstitutional — something Daniel Treuden, a Milwaukee attorney who represents the Constitution Party, called "the responsible thing to do."

The group has challenged similar statutes elsewhere, he said, but there are still many states with laws banning nonresidents from circulating election-related petitions.

"I am not sure every legislator who passed this law was thinking

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Colby youth spends week at Naval Academy

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Of all the things Colby High senior Sam Kendrick thought he would be doing after high school, the military was near the bottom of the list, especially the Navy.

Now, after having spent a week at a summer seminar at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., Kendrick says he's so hooked on a career in the Navy, he's determined to get an appointment to the Academy.

"My dad just pushed and pushed," Kendrick said. "He told me he thought there would be endless possibilities at the Academy and a great life experience somewhere else outside of Kansas, and he thought I should pursue it."

"Both of my grandfathers were in the military, and one may have even been the Navy, but I didn't think I was interested."

Kendrick, son of Mark and Aime Kendrick of Colby, said as time went on, he looked at the materials about the seminar his dad had for him, and learned that the Naval Academy is tough to get into. He says he has a competitive nature, so he decided to try out for the program. If you haven't gone through the summer seminar, he said, it's practically impossible to get into the school.

About five thousand students apply for the seminars each year, he said, and the academy takes 2,250, so he felt really honored to make the cut.

"Now I'm actually trying for a congressional appointment," he said, "and after working on it for eight months, and being at the



Sam Kendrick

Academy for one week this summer, I know that's what I want to do."

Information about the seminar says it is a fast-paced experience for high achievers have completed their junior year in high school and are considering the academy after high school.

Kendrick said acceptance into the seminar is based on athletics, academics and volunteer community service, plus being a member of the National Honor Society. That puts all the students on the same level, he said.

The seminar application emphasizes that academics, athletics and professional training play an important role in developing leaders. Students participate in academic and leadership workshops and get lots of daily physical training.

"The whole week was a lot of fun," he

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Claim prizes from county fair

Prize checks for 4-H and Open Class exhibit winners from the 2010 Thomas County Fair are ready to be picked up at the county Extension office, in the county office complex, 350 S. Range Ave., from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information, call the office at 460-4582.

Vets may form chapter here

The Hays Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America will sponsor a meeting for Vietnam-era veterans at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, 220 N. Lake Ave, to discuss forming a Colby chapter. For information, call Jack Duncan at (785) 846-7678.

Church plans carnival, picnic

The Colby Wesleyan Church will hold a free Kids'

Carnival and Family Picnic with games, prizes and free supper from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the church, 320 W. Pine. Everyone is invited. Free school supplies will be available for elementary and middle-school students of families in financial need. Registration will begin at 5:45 p.m. For information, call the church office at 462-8391.

Catholic youth ordering fruit

The Sacred Heart Catholic Youth Organization is taking orders for peaches, pears and apples until Monday. Pickup will be Wednesday, Sept. 1, at the 4-H Building. To order, call Megan Augustine at the rectory, 462-2179.

Outdoor skills day next month

The Kansas Wildlife and Parks Department and Colby Community College will hold the Northwest

Kansas Youth Outdoor Skills Day and Outdoor Expo from 9 to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 10 and 11, at the Colby Trap Club to accompany a new online hunter education course. Registration is required. Online instruction and quizzes are available now, with classroom instruction and the test from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at Colby Community College. For information or to register, call Wildlife Specialist Matt Bain at 462-3367.

Wildlife Dept. offering hunter ed

The Kansas Wildlife and Parks Department will hold a field day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Colby Trap Club to accompany a new online hunter education course. Registration is required. Online instruction and quizzes are available now, with classroom instruction and the test from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at Colby Community College. For information or to register, call Wildlife Specialist Matt Bain at 462-7993 or 462-3367.

Food delivery coming Aug. 28

Prairie Land Food delivery will be 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Scared Heart School gym, 1150 W. Sixth. For information, call Gene Griffin at (785) 460-3579.

Museum plans '125' quilt show

A special quilt show celebrating Thomas County's 125th Birthday will be held at the Prairie Museum of History and Art from Oct. 7 to 31. Quilts of any size, pattern or age with a Thomas County connection should be entered at the museum from Sept. 1 to 24. Call (785) 460-4590 for information.

