



Council split on waiving lawyer's fees

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The Colby City council approved waiving the lawyers fees they were planning to charge the stockholders who run Meadowlake Golf Course in a 4-3 vote at their meeting Tuesday at the city hall building.

Councilmen Fred Taylor, Beverly Eicher and Omar Weber were the three dissenting votes. Councilmen Tim Huffles, Mark Beringer, Jim Brown and Pat Mallory voted to waive the fees.

Weber said he was 100 percent against having the fees waived. City manager Carolyn Armstrong said the city has paid City Attorney John Gatz \$2,120 to do tasks related to getting the stockholders to sign a lease for the golf course. She said the money paid to Gatz

went towards time spent contacting stockholders about the lease, reviewing the lease and rewriting the lease, among other things.

Armstrong said the stockholders were ready to sign the lease. She said they were still worried about a stipulation in the lease that allowed the city to unilaterally take water from the course to ensure public welfare and safety. The wording was changed to say the city would only take the golf course's water in an emergency, which the stockholders approved.

The city had approved Gatz taking action to evict the Meadow Lake Golf Course and Lounge from the 88 acres of city-owned land at a meeting on Aug. 17, after finding out the stockholders of the golf course had changed a lease given to them by the city before

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College wrestlers may face old coach

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The Colby Community College board discussed a possible dual between the Trojan's wrestling team and the new Northwest Kansas Technical College wrestling team coached by former Colby wrestling coach Steve Lampe at a meeting Monday.

Lampe coached the Trojans' wrestling team for 35 years before retiring this year. He is both the wrestling coach and the athletic director for Northwest Kansas Technical College. During his career at Colby the wrestling squad won the National Junior College Athletic Association Championship in 1999 and 2003.

Ryan Sturdy, athletic director and women's softball coach at the college, said he and Lampe had

agreed there would not be a dual between the team's this year on two occasions.

Board member Arlen Leiker asked Sturdy why a dual between the two teams couldn't take place this year. Sturdy said he was trying to comply with Lampe's wishes.

Sturdy said renting a facility and paying for officials would be costly if the dual was held in Colby. He said renting a facility would cost about \$200 and the cost per official ranged between \$100 and \$150 depending on where the official is traveling from.

Colby wrestling coach David Nordhues said Lampe had not contacted him by phone or e-mail.

Debbie Schwanke, public information director at the college, said Lampe had changed his mind and wanted to have a dual with the

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The Colby Community College student team prepared ingredients for their entry in the college's Master Chef competition Wednesday in the student union cafeteria. The students faced off against a faculty team.

Faculty victorious in chef contest

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Colby Community College faculty members scored a slim victory over a group of students in the Master Chef contest Wednesday night at the student union cafeteria.

Both groups had one hour to make entrees, appetizers and dessert. The three types of food all had to have bacon in them. Four judges picked the winners. They graded the meals based on three categories: presentation, taste and originality.

Each category was worth five points. For example, appetizers represented 15 of the 45 points available because the appetizers were judged based on the three categories.

The faculty ended up winning the contest with a score of 41.25, while the students received 40.5 points. The members of the winning team were wrestling coach



Judge Eli Wise (right) sampled one of the dishes during the competition. Wise is a student at Colby Community College. Other judges were Annie Bohr (left to right), Vera Sloan and Keegan Nichols.

David Nordhues, women's cross country coach Crystal Berndt, Director of Admissions Nikol Nolan, Beef Cattle Program Director Dr. Marcy Ward and custodian Jaquelyn Shandi. The

student team included Courtney Bloski, Jared Shroyer, Alexandria Torres, Matthew Vickery and Nick Harlo. The four judges were Keegan Nichols, vice president of student

affairs at the college, Vera Sloan, society editor for the Colby Free Press and college students Annie Bohr and Eli Wise.

The faculty and the four judges got meal passes to the cafeteria and the students got a \$20 gift certificate from the bookstore.

Third-year students Cody Mead and Robert Borneman provided humorous commentary during the contest. The duo stationed themselves in kitchen and gave their interpretations of the action taking place.

The two chef groups had an hour to finish their meals. The students entree was a chicken cordon bleu, their appetizer was tilapia and chicken rolled in barbecue sauce and panko crumbs and their dessert was a custard cup filled with cream cheese, whipped cream, bacon, blueberries and raspberries. The faculty's entree was chicken wrapped in bacon, their appetizer was potato boats and they made chocolate-covered bacon for dessert.

Citizens share memories of Colby philanthropist, nature lover

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An old television show, "The Wonder Years," had a definition for memories. It was that a memory is a way of holding onto the things you love, the things you are, and the things you never want to lose.

Jack Kriss, who died in February, was one of those people that fit into all the categories.

Kriss' family is planning a memorial service for him at 4 p.m. Saturday in the nature park he created north of town.

A long time friends and admirer, Greg Gordon, said he will always remember sitting around a campfire in the Colorado mountains, as a young boy scout, listening in awe to Jack recite word for word

from memory "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner."

Like the mariner who began his life journey with initial good fortune, but encountered storms along his way, Kriss also encountered and endured his share of storms. It was his nature to persevere and he never lost his sense of direction or hope.

Gordon said he remembered Kriss as being an amazing man, a really cool guy, and extremely well read. He noted that Jack was a man who could tie any kind of knot known to the human race, and that he was interesting, intense and deep—deeper than most people would ever imagine.

Gordon said he also remembers Kriss' love of nature. He recalled the times Kriss took wild animals to the school for the little kids to see; the time when he encountered a badger in the Gordon garage

and not knowing what to do, called Kriss. He soon came to the rescue with pole and strangle noose in hand; caught the badger and returned it to its natural habitat. He remembers a man who could turn his hand at any task, one with a college degree in chemistry and one who had a lust for preserving the natural.

Kriss planted many trees throughout Colby, especially north of the Rock Island railroad track—a place he named Tenderfoot Park—which became something of a nature preserve. More than 60 wild turkeys nest there along with many other wild species of wildlife like snakes and red foxes.

Bill Moriarity, former Colby resident recalled a time soon after he took over the Boy Scout troop from Kriss, that they took the troop to a scout camp at Wellfleet, Neb.

"On the final day of the camp," Moriarity said, "there was a competition among the attending troops on the various scout skills. At the end of the competition, Troop 140 walked away with all the awards. It was due to the fact that Jack had trained the scouts so well."

He also remembers when Jack developed Tenderfoot Park for scouting, by planting various grasses, plants and trees so young boys coming into scouting could learn to identify the various species. He also laid out a compass course, Moriarity said, so that scouts could learn the use of the map and compass. He said that in 1972, they took the troop to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico for 13 days and while they were there, it was up to the scouts to follow the map and compass.

"Not once did we get lost or confused as to where we were," he said, "and it was

all due to Jack's training in the use of the map and compass."

Moriarity said he will always remember Jack for his dedication and patience in working with the boys and developing them into the fine young men they are today.

Another admirer, Todd Woerpel, who grew up under Jack's scouting leadership, said he remembers Easter Sunrise Services at Tenderfoot Park. He said he recalls walking down the railroad tracks to venture into what he liked to believe is the "wilderness"—even if its only a few feet away from highways and houses and civilization.

"Jack made it a place where young minds could escape to experience nature and to just watch-and imagine," he

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Briefly

Gymnasts to wash cars

The Tumbleweed Tumblers gymnastics team will be washing cars to raise money for activities and a gymnastics camp from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the corner of Pine Street and Franklin Avenue. For information Jennifer Thompson at 443-0946.

Church plans mission auction

The Colby United Methodist Church will hold a dinner and auction to raise money for missions at noon Sunday at the church. The church is looking for items to auction. These can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the church, 950 S. Franklin Ave. For information, call the office at 460-2761.

Students plan massage clinics

Students from the Physical Therapy Assistant program at Colby Community College will hold massage clinics from 4 to 8 p.m. every Monday through

Oct. 4 in room 804 of the Health Science Building. The cost is \$12 for one half hour—\$10 with college identification—or \$22 for one hour. The students are raising money for a trip to the spring physical therapy conference. For information or to make an appointment, call Trudy Wildeman at 460-4797.

Milling work to begin Monday

APAC Construction will begin a milling project on South Range Avenue on Monday. The work will start near College Drive and stop just north of I-70. The public should be aware of construction equipment, slow-moving vehicles and use caution driving during this project. The work is expected to take about two weeks. For information, call Public Works at 460-4420.

Picnic for families at the park

Experts say the more often kids eat dinner with

their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs, so the Thomas County Coalition plans a Family Day picnic from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday at Fike Park. The celebration will include the Jazz Band from Colby Community College. Cake, popcorn, drinks and child car safety seat checks will be provided. Bring a picnic supper and a blanket for you and your family. For information, call 460-8177.

Center offers dad program

The Northwest Kansas Regional Prevention Center is offering "24-7 Dad," a fatherhood program, starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, at Redeeming Love Ministries, 345 N. Franklin in Colby. To participate or for more information, call Paige Campbell at 460-8177 or e-mail paigec@st-tel.net.

Food distribution in October

U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will

be distributed from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4, at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center. Anyone who's eligible may come and get commodities first-come, first-served. Items will include salmon, northern beans, cheese soup, and rotini. For information, call the volunteer program office at 462-6744.

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 by Friday, Sept. 24. Call (785) 460-4590 for information.

