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Walking Trail Committee members examined plans at a meeting Monday. Pictured are (from left) Lynn Eisenbart, Jeanene Brown, Gary Adrian, Mike Woofter, Mitchell Gatz, Melinda Olson and Sue Evans.

Walking trail gets \$31,000 in donations

By Kevin Bottrell

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Colby donors rose to the challenge this month, giving more than \$31,000 to the walking trail in three weeks.

Farm operator Lon Frahm gave \$25,000 to the walking trail in late April and issued a challenge to the community. If Colby raised \$25,000 by June 1, he would match it with another \$25,000 for a total of \$75,000.

The Walking Trail Committee

announced this morning that donations have already hit \$31,000, with more than a week to go until the deadline – and more donations are coming in.

These donations will go toward Phase I of the trail, which is a pair of 8-foot wide concrete loops at the new Colby Aquatic Center. The Thomas County Wellness Committee has already earmarked \$20,000 for the trail and the coalition got a \$24,145 grant from the Kansas Health Founda-

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Selden car show coming in June

By Judy Rogers

The Selden Community Foundation will hold the 18th annual Antique Tractor and Classic Car Show on Sunday, June 5, in Selden.

The event gives enthusiasts an opportunity to display their antique tractors, classic cars, and small engines while enjoying a fun-filled day of family activities.

The day starts off at 9 a.m. with registration at the north end of

Main Street. Exhibitors will line up their vehicles for spectators to enjoy throughout the day while a variety of activities take place in and around the city park.

The horseshoe pitching contest will begin at 10 a.m. on the south side of the tennis courts and a basketball free throw contest will begin at 11:30 a.m. for students in grades three through eight. Other activities for the kids include rides

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Tornado kills one in eastern Kansas

READING (AP) – A tornado swept through a small eastern Kansas town, killing one person and destroying at least 20 homes, as severe thunderstorms pelted the region with hail that some residents described as the size of baseballs, authorities said Sunday.

Kansas Division of Emergency Management spokeswoman Sharon Watson identified the victim as Don Chesmore, 53, of Reading. He was in a mobile home that flipped

over Saturday night. He was taken to a hospital in Emporia, where he was pronounced dead.

Five others were injured but none of those injuries were considered life-threatening, Watson said. She did not have details on their injuries or know whether they all were hospitalized.

About 200 homes were damaged in and around the town of about

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Fishing derby draws hundreds to Villa High Park

More than 250 kids participated in the 3rd Annual Fishing Derby sponsored by Colby Community College and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks at Villa High Park on Saturday. The department stocked Villa High Pond with 250 channel catfish Friday afternoon (above) tagging about 30 of the fish before they went in. Each kid who caught one of the tagged fish received \$20 and a certificate, but the kids were excited to catch any of the fish, even the small fry (right). C-M Gun and Pawn gave away 25 fishing poles and two tackle boxes. The weather cooperated for the most part, except for a brief shower in the afternoon that caught some of the stragglers.



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Briefly

Awards banquet in Tuesday

The Colby High School softball awards potluck dinner will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the school. Bring a dish and table setting. For information, call the school at 460-5300.

Concert planned in Mingo

The Mingo Bible Church will have a concert by Evidence 2011, a spring music team from Calvary Bible College in Kansas City, Mo., at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church. The group is on a spring tour. Their performance includes a variety of music and testimonials. Donations will be accepted for the group. For information, call Pastor Tom Peyton at 462-2992.

Red Cross wants your blood

The American Red Cross will have blood drives from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday and from 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Colby Community

Building. Go to redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767, to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome. Donors will be entered to win one of 12 sets of tickets to the Country Stampede on Sunday, June 26, and will be entered in the national drawing to win two passes and backstage tours to the Grand Ole Opry. For questions or to volunteer as a helper, call (785) 462-3861.

Trash collectors off for holiday

The City of Colby Public Works Department will be closed next Monday for Memorial Day. The Monday residential sanitation route will be picked up on Tuesday, May 31. Have your grass and trash to the curb by 8 a.m. For information, call Public Works at (785) 460 4420.

Lutherans plan Bible school

Trinity Lutheran Church will hold a Vacation Bi-

ble School from 9:15 a.m. to noon June 7 to 10 at the church. The school is open to kids age 3 to fifth grade. This year's theme is “Big Jungle Adventure: a Faith Journey With Jesus.” For information, call the church at 462-3497.

Swedish Singers to perform here

The Young Swedish Singers will hold a free concert at 7 p.m. Monday, June 20, at the Frahm Theatre at Colby Community College. The 34-member gospel singing group from Sweden performs gospel, hymns and Swedish folk music, though most of their program is in English. For information, contact the Trinity Lutheran Church at 462-3497.

Chickenpox shots available

The Thomas County Health Department has chickenpox vaccinations for \$14 until the end of June for kids 1 to 18. The department says children who did

have not had chickenpox after age 1 should get two doses. For information or to make an appointment, call 460-4596.

Head Start looking for kids

Head Start, a tuition-free preschool, is accepting applications for its 2011-2012 school year. The school accepts applications all year long for kids 3 and 4. For information, or to get an application, call 460-6067.



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