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## Yogurt shop set to open next week

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A new self-serve yogurt and sorbet parlor is open for business in Colby, and they are serving up a full menu of low-fat, low-cal selections with excellent flavors. Udderly Delicious Yogurt held a private soft opening on Thursday at their new location, 2080 S. Franklin, near Walmart in Colby, where many area residents and supporters of the business were able to try out various flavors of sorbet and yogurt like Sea Salted Caramel, Birthday Cake and Italian Tart. Then, to top it all off, guests got to taste an assortment of toppings from chocolate rice puff cereal to marshmallows and Oreo cookie crumbs, to fresh strawberries and pineapple to bursting strawberry Boba. "We'll keep most of this selection of toppings all the time and

we'll rotate other new fun things in from time to time, too," said one of the co-owners Marilee Gundlach of Colby. "We'll also be getting in syrups." The strawberry Boba balls are one of the most unique toppings at the yogurt shop. Gundlach passed around samples so people could taste the "sweet, strawberry liquid-filled balls that burst in your mouth." Gundlach's husband, Mark, explained that the unique parlor isn't like anything else in the area, and is especially a treat for people who are lactose intolerant or on a low-fat diet. He said the sorbet is lactose-free and the vanilla doesn't have any sugar added, with yogurt in particular being a healthy alternative to ice cream. He explained that the desserts are self-serve and people can load as many or as few toppings on as they like. Then customers pay by

Thomas County Economic Development Alliance director Christy Rocca (left), Northwest Kansas Regional Business Development director Dan Steffen of Hays and Convention and Visitors

Bureau Director Leilani Thomas discussed their favorite flavors at the soft opening of Udderly Delicious Yogurt on Thursday.

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## Graduations begin Saturday

Graduation is here once again and the ceremonies begin for Thomas County schools this weekend. The first graduation will be at 2 p.m. Saturday for Colby Community College at the Community Building. Even before that, the college will have a pinning ceremony at the Community Building for graduates of the practical nursing program and those receiving associate nursing degrees. In all, the college will graduate about 336 students, including those with associate degrees and certificates in various programs. The commencement exercises for the college will be streamed live, and the broadcast will be available at [www.openspacesports.com](http://www.openspacesports.com). Call Open Spaces Sports at 443-1994 for information. The next graduation will be at 4 p.m. Saturday for Brewster

High School in the high school gym, with baccalaureate beginning at 2 p.m. Brewster is graduating four seniors. Golden Plains High School will hold its graduation at 2 p.m. Sunday in the high school gym. Golden Plains is graduating 14 seniors. Colby High School will hold its graduation at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Community Building, with baccalaureate beginning at 1:30 p.m. Colby is graduating 65 seniors. The final graduation ceremony will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, for Heartland Christian School at the school's gym. Heartland Christian is graduating five seniors. Christian Family Educators of Northwest Kansas, the homeschooling network here, had three students graduate this year.

## Stamp out hunger this summer

Letter carriers in Colby are asking residents to help them Stamp Out Hunger, during a nationwide effort that provides food to local food banks that would otherwise be faced with depleted stocks during the summer months. People who would like to donate food to Genesis-Thomas County can do so by simply placing a bag of non-perishable food items next to the mailbox on Saturday for pickup by your local mail carrier. Examples of non-perishable foods items include canned soup, canned meats and fish, canned vegetables, fruits and juices, and boxed goods like cereal, pasta and rice. This is the 20th year for the food drive, which has collected more than one billion pounds of food since its inception. Last year, Americans donated

more than 70 million pounds of food. According to the most recent United States Department of Agriculture Food Security Report, nearly 49 million Americans live in food-insecure households - including 16 million children. "This is a great opportunity to help those in our community who are struggling to put food on the table," said Alan Focke, food drive coordinator for the Postal Service in Colby. The food drive is part of a nationwide drive designed to fill food bank pantries through the summer months, when levels are traditionally low. The effort by members of the National Association of Letter Carriers, Rural Letter Carriers and other volunteers is the largest one-day food drive in the nation.

## Lower flags in honor of officers' memorial

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Sgt. Kent Dible of the Colby Police Department is asking residents and businesses to lower their flags to half-mast on Tuesday in recognition of Peace Officers Memorial Day, during National Police Week that will run from Sunday to Saturday, May 19. "Officers sacrifice themselves in the line of duty and it's important to honor and recognize the service-men and -women," said Dible. "Being in law enforcement for almost 37 years, it's very important to me and I like to see it honored." Dible said police officers will wear their mourning bands for the 24-hour period of the memorial day and will fly blue ribbons

on their car antennas during police week to show their support of law enforcement. Dible encourages others to take part in Project Blue Ribbon, as well. The proclamation of the memorial day and police week was signed into public law on Oct. 1, 1962, said Dible, and in 1994 it was amended by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act directing that the United States' flag be displayed at half-staff on all government buildings. Dible said it has been a long time since they've had to wear their mourning bands, but it's good to pull them out and dust them off once a year in honor and memorial of officers who have served in Thomas County. He said the first law enforcement officer to die in the line of duty in Thomas County was on Aug. 24, 1925, when Sam Pratt

## Celebrating 30 years



Citizens Medical Center Administrator Kevan Trenkle (center) spoke about the hospital Thursday at the hospital's Business After 5 event, celebrating its 30th anniversary. Larry Barrett

(left), Kenneth Crampton and Ken Frahm listened to Trenkle intently. Citizens Medical Center held a reception in each of its three buildings for the event.

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