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## Youth organization delivers fruit orders

Emma Johnson (above) watched Wednesday afternoon as a volunteer weighed out the peaches that her mother Melissa bought Wednesday afternoon at the 4-H Building in Colby. About 20 volunteers from the Sacred Hearth Catholic Youth Organization sold and weighed out fruit (below) people had ordered. Other helped carry it to customers' cars during the sale, which lasted from 4 to 8 p.m. Pallets covered with fruit (left) were stacked around the edges of the room.

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## Businesses to close for Labor Day

The first Monday of September marks the end of summer and the beginning of fall. Labor Day also pays tribute to American workers as a national holiday, giving many the day off – including schools, banks and city, county, state and federal offices.

The *Colby Free Press* will not be open, either, and there will be no paper Monday.

Thomas County and Colby city offices will be closed, as well as the Thomas County Office Complex.

Students and faculty of Colby Community College can enjoy a three-day weekend, since the

campus will be closed and there will be no classes.

The Pioneer Memorial Library in Colby will be closed on Sunday and Monday. This Labor Day also marks the beginning of the library's fall hours, which will be in effect on Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 5 p.m. on Friday and 4 p.m. on Saturday, and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The Thomas County Landfill will close at noon Saturday and reopen at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Colby sanitation trucks will not run Monday. These routes will be picked up Tuesday. Tipper cans should be at the curb by 8 a.m.

## Colby hospital to offer classes

Citizens Medical Center will offer a workshop on chronic disease self-management from 5:30 to 8 p.m. every Monday for six weeks, starting next week, in the conference room at the hospital in Colby.

A light meal will be served each week. The workshop, described as interactive and motivational, was developed by Stanford University, said Jeanene Brown, the hospital's education director.

"If you live with a chronic health condition, or are close to someone

who lives with a chronic health condition, you don't want to miss this opportunity," said Brown.

"Throughout the workshop, you will learn ways to improve healthy behaviors, such as exercise, pain management and communication. Participants will also learn to improve their health status, things like fatigue, disability, social activities and health distress."

The workshop is limited to the first 20 people who register, she said. For information or to register, call Brown at (785) 460-4850.

## General Motors plans expansion

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) – General Motors plans to ask for \$120 million in industrial revenue bonds to fund a vast expansion of its Fairfax plant in Kansas City, Kan., government officials said.

GM's planned 400,000-square-foot expansion, including a new paint shop, should ensure the future of the plant and its 3,700 workers, Unified Government officials said Wednesday.

The Unified Government Board of Commissioners was to be briefed on the request today and will officially consider at a meet-

ing next week, *The Kansas City Star* reported (bit.ly/Nz6N0F).

"From what we know, it would be the largest physical expansion of the plant since it was built," Mayor Joe Reardon said.

Under a proposed schedule, the project would be completed in 2014.

GM spokeswoman Lauren Indiveri confirmed the company is asking for \$120 million in bonds for upgrades and an addition to the plant, where the Buick LaCrosse

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## Norton campus building open

After years of planning and months of renovations, the new Norton campus building for Colby Community College was dedicated Saturday by President Steve Vacik, nursing students and school, city, county economic development and hospital officials.

The newly-renovated 9,000-square-foot facility at 711 N. Norton Ave. houses the college's nursing program, outreach and adult basic education classes.

The nursing program began in 1969 on the Colby campus. In 1975, it was expanded to Norton in a 2,400 square foot space on the second floor of the Norton County Hospital.

The move into the new facility allowed for expansion of the program from 18 practical nursing students to 30 each year. In addition, an associate degree nursing program started this fall with 10 daytime students. Evening programs were added to accommodate 10 practical nursing and 10 associate degree students, bringing the total number in Norton to 60 per semester.

The college will offer adult education, GED preparation and pre-health care "bridge" classes every

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## Studio clashes with 'Godfather' heirs

NEW YORK (AP) – Paramount Pictures and heirs of the author go to the mattresses today in a hearing over the future of "The Godfather" franchise in federal court.

The son of "The Godfather" creator Mario Puzo wants a judge to reject Paramount's claim to rights to make any future "Godfather"

films.

Lawyers for Anthony Puzo said in court papers that the company breached its contract when it tried in December to stop publication of "The Family Corleone," a "Godfather" sequel that was published this May.

Paramount, owned by Viacom Inc., sued the late author's estate in March, seeking a declaration that it owned publishing rights

in any book that was a sequel to "The Godfather."

Paramount said in court papers that in 1969, it purchased from Puzo all rights and copyright interests in "The Godfather," including all "literary" rights and rights to use any characters created for the story in "other works." Mario Puzo died in 1999.

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Norton nursing students Andrea Day and Nancy Ferguson showed Bev Anderson, executive assistant to the Colby Community College president, one of the classrooms in the college's new Norton building Saturday. The building was dedicated that day.

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