## Area/State

The Once-a-Month Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the basement of the Colby Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. No reservation is needed, and the free meal, held the second Saturday of each month, is open to everyone. For questions, call the church office, 462-6342.

### Church women are

at Colby Canvas, 285 E. Third St. Genesis will fill food baskets on Friday Genesis-Thomas County food bank needs volunteers to help fill containers for its annual Christmas Basket project

### Santa City soon to be

Santa City, in the Scout Hut at Fike Park, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. every

### Seniors plan potluck at Presbyterian Church

The group More Fun Together plans a

### Gem Lions to offer

The Gem Lions Club plans to hold its

## soup, chili and gumbo

For a \$5 donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County at their second annual soup supper, you can enjoy chili; chicken-noodle, ham- and beanor cream-can soup; or gumbo. Come to the Colby High basketball game from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at the Community Building. For information, call Orvella Romine at 460-9125.

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# Weather Emergency director leaves county

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cess, but they've only just begun to move forward with about new director will have to have knowledge of first-response processes for law enforcement, the

medical services."

Interest in the vacant position has been submitted since the latter part of October. Arasmith six weeks of advance notice, said at the reception that she is and there are a lot of qualifica- confident in her ability to run the tions that are required, plus the office as interim director and has expressed interest in the permanent position as well.

fire department and emergency and I have become great friends, some of their requirements.

and I'm sad to see her move," Arasmith said. "She'll be leaving some big shoes to fill, and I hope I can make her proud."

In October, Arasmith was well on her way to obtaining all of the mandatory certifications needed to become an emergency management director, she said, but "Since working here, Susan in November, the state changed

Unfortunately, the classes she needs for the new requirements aren't available, so she is in limbo waiting for the opportunity to get certified. "I've called as many people as

I can to try and get classes started," she said, "but haven't been able to yet. I've even tried getting grandfathered in, but that

## Congressman loses two big committees

### From "CONGRESSMAN," Page 1

told it is a done deal, he is still working behind the scenes to reverse the decision, but even with the help of Sen. Pat Roberts, that may not be possible.

"To change it," he said, "I'd have to do something I'd never do, turn over my voting card to people in Washington."

He said he did not believe the decision House leadership concerning the Farm Bill. was a personal one against him and that he has good relationships with the chairmen of each of the committees.

Jenkins – who sits on the Republican Steering Committee – did not have a role in the

Huelskamp had some harsh words for the committee meets all the time.

"They're closing down shop at noon on Wednesday," he said. "They say there's not enough time to do a farm bill before the end He also said fellow Kansas Rep. Lynn of the year. There's plenty of time.'

> The Agriculture subcommittees have not been working on the bill and rarely even meet, he said, while his Veterans Affairs

## City Council tables contract on lines

From "CITY," Page 1

vote on it," he said.

National Weather Service

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows

in the mid 20s. Northeast winds

around 10 mph shifting to the

Friday: Partly sunny in the

morning then becoming mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s.

Southwest winds around 10

Friday Night: Partly cloudy

in the evening then becoming

mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid

20s. Northeast winds around 10

mph shifting to the southeast af-

Highs in the upper 40s. South

Saturday Night: Mostly

cloudy. A chance of light rain

and snow in the evening, then

a chance of light snow after

midnight. Lows in the mid 20s.

Chance of precipitation 40 per-

Sunday: Colder. Partly sunny

Sunday Night And Monday:

Monday Night Through

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy.

Lows around 20. Highs in the

Wednesday: Sunny. Highs in

None

11.74 inches

20.65 inches

7:51 a.m. 5:21 p.m.

Wednesday: High, 63; Low 32

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Moon: waning, 38 percent

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Precip: Wednesday None

Month:

Normal:

Year:

Friday

Partly cloudy. Lows around 13.

with a 20 percent chance of light

snow. Highs in the lower 30s.

Highs in the upper 30s.

the upper 40s.

Partly

sunny.

ter midnight.

Saturday:

winds 10 to 15 mph.

southeast after midnight.

There was a brief discussion Beringer asked why the contract

should be placed underground.

Friesen said that he is not to do that yet. sure if his company will want to

city, but does not have approval work on that one line.

about the contract before it was place lines on utility poles inside lor said there is only one line commercial customers such as

shouldn't say that all utility lines Midwest Energy poles in the said his company only wants to

He said after the first meet-Council member Fred Tay- ing that the firm intends to serve

### of Midwest utility poles going cell-phone towers, not residentabled. Council Member Mark He wants to put the lines on through the city, and Friesen tial users. Safety, need compete in typhoon-hit Philippines

The Associated Press

NEW BATAAN, Philippines - The government's geological hazard maps show why this farming community was largely washed away by a powerful typhoon: "highly susceptible to flooding and landslides." That didn't stop some villagers from rebuilding today, even with bodies still lying under the

Most of the more than 370 people confirmed dead from Typhoon Bopha were killed in the steep mountain valley that includes New Bataan, a town crisscrossed by rivers and cleared from lush hillsides by banana, coconut, cocoa and mango farmers in 1968. Flooding was so widespread here that places people thought were safe, including two emergency shelters, became among the

In the impoverished Philippines, where the jobless risk life and limb to feed their families, there is little the government can do once such danger zones spring up.

"It's not only an environmental issue, it's also a poverty issue," said Environment Secretary Ramon Paje. "The people would say, 'We are better off here. At least we have

today after the typhoon struck the southern

Philippines this week. After a night of pounding rain, floodwaters started rising around 4 a.m. Tuesday, trapping farmer Joseph Requinto, his wife and two young children in their house near a creek.

"After that I saw some people being swept away," he told The Associated Press. rocks carried people to their deaths.

He climbed up a hill, carrying his children, ders that shielded them from coconut trees rolling down the hill.

Interior Secretary Mar Roxas, who visited New Bataan on Wednesday, saw the town covered in 15 centimeters (6 inches) of mud. He was told by townspeople that a pond or a small lake atop the mountain collapsed, causing torrents of water to rampage like a waterfall.

New Bataan residents led reporters from Manila's GMA Television to a mound of felled trees that were swept down from the hills. At least five bodies were jammed beneath the rubble, with no sign that anyone had attempted to retrieve them. It was uncertain if there were more bodies at the

Dozens of people stared blankly at their devastated town as they waited at a government information center, hoping for word of missing relative.

Authorities planned to display about 80 newly washed bodies in coffins at a Roman Catholic church Friday, hoping relatives will identify them.

The military said today that 214 people died in Compostela Valley and 151 in near- the places where the doomed emergency food to eat or money to buy food, even if it by Davao Oriental province, with 31 others centers had been set up: the village hall, a killed in other central and southern provinc- health center, a covered court. More than 400 people remained missing es. The typhoon, which hit the region with South China Sea today and was expected to

dissipate by the weekend. Deadly floods are common on resourcerich Mindanao Island. Last December at the island's opposite end, 1,200 people died as a powerful storm overflowed rivers. Then and now, raging flash floods, logs and large

and the family found shelter behind boul- had issued warnings before the typhoon to people living in flood-prone areas, but in the Compostela Valley, nearly every area is flood-prone. Bureau Director Leo Jasareno said about

The Bureau of Mines and Geosciences

80 percent of the valley is a danger zone due to a combination of factors, including the mountains and rivers, as well as logging that has stripped hills of trees that minimize landslides and absorb rainwater. Logging has been banned since last year's fatal flooding, but it continues illegally. Nearly 80 villagers and soldiers died in

the New Bataan village of Andap when a flash flood swamped the two emergency shelters and a military camp. Jasareno said Andap had been an especially dangerous place to be.

People stay because the land is rich in natural resources, including timber and gold, which is dug by small-scale miners.

Compostela Valley Gov. Arturo Uy rejected criticism by scientists and central government officials that his flood-ravaged communities should relocate.

Uy said previous floods had been far less damaging, and had never threatened

The deaths came despite efforts by Presiwinds of 175 kph (109 mph), was over the dent Benigno Aquino III's government to force residents out of high-risk communities as the typhoon approached. Vice President Jejomar Binay today directed local executives, police and military officials not to allow those displaced to return to their homes in areas classified as danger zones. However, it wasn't clear how quickly and where substitute homes would be built.

**Once-a-Month Lunch** coming up on Saturday

selling holiday nuts

The Colby Episcopal Churchwomen are selling fresh-crop pecans, walnuts and cashews for the holiday season. Almonds, pralines, chocolate covered pecans and mixed nuts are also available. Call Martha Hullett at 462-2505 for delivery or you can make a purchase

at 7 p.m. Friday at the Thomas County 4-H Building on West Olive Street. Anyone interested in helping is welcome. Baskets will be distributed from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday.

### open weeknights

weekend. Starting Monday, the winter wonderland also will be open weeknights from 6 to 8 p.m. On Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24, it will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

potluck for people 50 or older who are alone, widowed, divorced, separated or who have partners in nursing homes at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverage will be provided. For information, call 462-6342.

### pancakes, eggs and pie

annual pancake feed from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Gem Community Building. Come and enjoy lots of pancakes, sausage, eggs, pie and Lions Candy Day mints – and some visiting. Donations will be used for community projects, sight programs and education. Bring eyeglasses and hearing aids to recycle. For information, call Ken Poland at 462-7809.

### Big Brothers cookin' up

### Saturday Evening December 8, 2012 KBSL/CBS Frosty 48 Hours \_ocal KSNK/NBC Giving Awards Law & Order: SVU Saturday Night Live ocal KSAS/FOX UFC: Henderson vs. D Local MasterChef 30S Local Cable Channels Storage Miracle Too Cute America's Cutest Pe Γοο Cute BRAVO Accepted Accepted House Party Starsky & Hutch CMT Artists of the Year 2012 CNN Heroes CNN Heroes CNN Newsroom Jeff Dunham: Spark of Insanity Hot Tub Time Machine Gary Gulman Iglesias Last Frontier Outlaw Empires Outlaw Empires Dutlaw Empires Good Luck Star New Year ANT Farm Jessie Good Luck Shake It ANT Farm DISN Austin The Women Fashion Police Love You The Soup The Worr Trophy Presentation 30 for 30 **ESPN** SportsCenter **SportsCenter** College Basketball College Basketball 30 for 30 Despicable Me Despicable Me Santa Baby ron Chef America Diners, Drive Guy's Disney Holiday Diners, Drive Diners, Drive Step Brothers Love It or List It Hunt Intl Hunters Hunt Intl We Celebrate Hometown Life Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper Mankind The Story Mankind The Stor Pawn LIFE Holly's Holiday Dear Santa Holly's Holiday Scary Movie 2 Catfish: The TV Show Jersey Shore Jersey Shore Victoriou Marvin Rock The Nanny The Nanny Friends Friends Friends Friends

Wedding Band

Autumn Leaves

Ghost Adventures

Raymond Raymond

Cleveland

Fam. Guy

Wanderlus

Doomsday Prophecy

Boondocks Bleach

Marry

Hunted

Old School

King

Bones

If Winter Comes

**Ghost Adventures** 

Menace II Society

Tenchi

Journey 2

Homeland

Wedding Band

Ghost Adventures

Raymond King

Couples Retreat

Marry

Contagion

The Three Musketeers

Mario Lopez

12 Disasters

Walking Tall

Venture

T.I.-Tiny

Hunted

Big Bang Big Bang

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Ghost Adventures

Raymond Raymond

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Behind the Music

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Channels

Bridesmaids

War Horse

Big Bang

Cosby

How Do You Know

Big Bang

TLC

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Summertime

Mario Lopez

The Town

Cosby



Girls

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Very Harold & Kumar 3D

T.I.-Tiny

30 Rock

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Homeland

Enlighten Contraband

Sweet Prudence & Erotic

Marry

Rules

Menace II Society

Dexter

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