

New Year starts with new brochures

Happy New Year! Here we are, almost in the year 2013? I'm having a difficult time trying to figure out where 2012 went; it certainly seemed to fly by.

We have new rack cards advertising Colby to replace our former brochures which were in short supply. They are also a companion piece for our new retractable banner which we use for shows.

The new Kansas Travel Guide for 2013 is now at the Visitor Center; this is being published annually once again. The new quarterly calendar of events for January through March is out. It is available at all motels, the city hall and courthouse, several banks, the *Colby Free Press* and the Chamber office. We hope you will use it to plan your activities.

We are in the application process for the 2013 Youth Leadership Thomas County



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• On the Road Again!

program. We have four sophomores from Golden Plains, one from Heartland and are looking for eight from Colby High School. The names of the students will be in the next article.

Classes are set for Wednesdays, Jan. 9, at Sunflower Bank, Jan. 16, at T&T Auction Plaza, Jan. 30, at Prairie Museum of Art and History and Feb. 20 at the Colby Fire Department. Celebration for the 2012 adult class will be Wednesday, Jan. 30, at

City Limits Convention Center.

Many activities are scheduled for January. The centerpiece will once again be the Orange and Black Classic, which will be Thursday through Saturday, the 17th through the 19th. Fourteen visiting teams will be playing, both at the Community Building and at Colby High School.

Colby will also be the site of the Western Kansas Liberty League Basketball Tournament Friday and Saturday, Jan. 11 and 12, at the Community Building.

The Prairie Museum of Art and History is featuring the exhibit "Free Land Was The Cry" which will run from Wednesday through Thursday, Feb. 21. The local exhibit of "The Way We Work" featuring local photographs of businesses and their owners and in some cases their employees

is scheduled to open Tuesday, Jan. 15.

The museum will be the site for the Annual Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Wednesday, Jan. 23. City Manager Tyson McGreer will present the State of the City address. Chamber members and guests are welcome.

Food for Thought will be at noon Thursday, Jan. 17, at the museum, with Rex Buchanan from the Kansas Geologic Survey discussing "Water and Kansas History."

The Pioneer Memorial Library is holding *Booked for Lunch* at noon Wednesday, Jan. 9. Nancy LaPell will be reviewing the book "Outliers."

There are a couple of musical presentations. The fifth grade musical will be presented at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the Grade School Auditorium.

Thursday, Jan. 31, the Western Plains

Arts Association is presenting "Church Basement Ladies 2: a Second Helping" by Troupe America. This musical comedy will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Oakley High School.

Winter sports events abound with basketball games by the high school and college men and women, wrestling and seventh- and eighth-grade boys basketball. Colby Youth Wrestling is scheduled for Saturday at the Community Building.

Let us not forget Scholar's Bowl and Forensics. Check the school calendar for times and locations.

Leilani Thomas is director of the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau, a long-time civic volunteer and a passionate observer of the tourism industry.

Gardner family thankful for toddler

By Matt Erickson

Lawrence Journal-World

GARDNER (AP) — Christian Hernandez, 18 months old, is walking briskly around his family's living room, clutching his favorite blanket with both hands as it trails behind him like a cape.

At this age, he's constantly moving around, his parents say.

About a month ago, as Thanksgiving approached in the Hernandez home in Gardner, the family was waiting for a call. After months of wondering what was wrong with the toddler's eye, they'd discovered that when they'd found him months before screaming, holding a metal meat thermometer in his hand, it hadn't been just a scratch.

And now they waited to hear if an unlikely accident could be met with a just-as-unlikely fix.

It was September when Francine noticed that Christian's left eye seemed unusually pink.

She took him to the doctor, who said the boy had pinkeye and prescribed eyedrops.

After that didn't clear things up, they got more eyedrops.

That didn't work, either. So they headed to an ophthalmologist at Children's Mercy Hospital.

She was stumped, too. But after three different scans of Christian's eye and brain, she had a name for the problem: a "fistula."

It was something rarely seen in children, and a problem no one at Children's Mercy would be able to fix, maybe no one anywhere near Kansas City.

But a few days later, they found out there was just the person for the job nearby: Koji Ebersole, an endovascular neurosurgeon at the University of Kansas Hospital. By now it was November.

Ebersole heard from Children's Mercy that the suspected problem was something called a carotid cavernous fistula. He was skeptical — until, with a stethoscope to the boy's neck, he could hear blood rushing through a vessel.

The problem is almost never seen in children, the doctor says. And the wiggly, smiling toddler he saw gave no indication something could be seriously wrong with the blood vessels in his brain.

"He's the happiest little guy," Ebersole said. "That's why nobody could suspect that he was harboring something so insidious and dangerous."

That sound in his neck was enough to make him order an angiogram to examine blood vessels from the inside with a catheter.

The test confirmed the suspicions he'd heard.

"I asked, 'Did this young child have something sharp go into his eye?'" Ebersole said.

After it happened back in July, doctors at the emergency room had said it was just a scratch.

On that day, Christian's 15-year-old sister saw him running with something in his hand when he tripped and shrieked.

When Francine ran to find him, he was standing, crying, with a couple drops of blood on his toes. She saw a scratch under his eye. In his hand was a metal meat thermometer.

His eye began to swell quickly, so they headed to the emergency room. The ruling from a doctor there: a scratch, and a black eye.

"That is what everybody would have thought," Ebersole said.

But as Francine told him about that day, he began to piece together what had actually happened.

When Christian fell, his head had slammed down on the up-turned thermometer. It did more than leave a scratch: it pierced the skin underneath his left eye and penetrated into the skull by about 2.5 inches.

It poked a hole in the carotid artery behind his eye, which had caused it to bleed inside his skull.

But what's more remarkable, Ebersole says, is what it didn't do. It missed his eye, nerves, other blood vessels, the brain itself.

And if had struck the artery in any other spot, Christian likely would have died that day. But the spot where it struck was in a compartment in the brain called the cavernous sinus. That meant that when it bled, the blood simply flowed into another vessel and ran down his neck — the cause of the rushing sound Ebersole could hear through his stethoscope.

"I thought it was one in a million," Ebersole said.

But still, the situation was serious: if the hole was not patched, then within a few weeks or months the blood could no longer be contained. Christian would likely collapse suddenly into a coma.

Finally, the Hernandez family knew what the problem was, and that it could be fixed. But they waited for more than a week to see what would happen. During that time, they gathered for Thanksgiving at home in Gardner: Francine, her husband (also named Christian), the younger Christian and his four sisters, ages 8 to 15.

"We just kind of tried not to think about that part yet," Francine said.

But by the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, the family was at the University of Kansas Hospital at 6 a.m., ready for Christian to undergo surgery.

Ebersole would use a catheter, entering through a blood vessel in Christian's leg, to leave tiny metal coils inside the carotid artery that would patch up the hole there.

It took until mid-afternoon, but they got word: he was OK.

Ebersole says he'll require some regular checkups, but he expects Christian to live a totally normal life with no problems.

Property Transfers

Real Estate recorded Nov. 1 to Dec. 16

• Nov. 1, quit claim deed, Joel C. and Anita K. Powell to Jay L. and Luetta M. Flanagan; Lots 1-5 and S/2 vacated Sheridan St. by Lot 1, Block 11, Original Gem.

• Nov. 1, Jacob James Crockett to David and Theresa A. Keck; W/2 of Lots 16-20, Block 65, Colby West Addition.

• Nov. 1, Jason Stevens to Miles J. Wilson; Lots 1 and 4, Block 30, Original Colby.

• Nov. 1, Richard Lynn and Carla Shoemaker to Donal C. Shoemaker; south 128.5' of Lot 4, Block 48, Colby South View Addition.

• Nov. 1, Patricia Yvonne and Randy Gulley to Donal C. Shoemaker; south 128.5' of Lot 4, Block 48, Colby South View Addition.

• Nov. 2, Clinton T. and Sarah E. Horinek to Tony M. Horinek Trust and Anita M. Horinek Trust; W/2 of SW/4 of Sec. 29, T7, R34, less .5-acre tract.

• Nov. 2, Colby Community College to Colby Estates LLC, 3.63-acre tract, Colby Davis Family Legacy Subdivision Block 1.

• Nov. 2, Robert Beitz and Dawn Hopper, formerly know as Dawn Beitz to Norman L. and Betty J. Behring; south 14' of Lot 8 and Lots 9-10, Block 43, Colby South Park Annex.

• Nov. 5, Bankwest of Kansas to Michael R. and Nicole R. Weigel; Lots 1 and 4-9, Block 27, Original Colby.

• Nov. 5, Larita K. and Clair L. Schrock to Nathan Call and Kristian K. Mehl; Lot 11, Block 3, Colby Pine Hill Addition.

• Nov. 6, Christopher R. and Laura Danielle Silsbee to Cody Lee and Tawny Nicole Shaw; Lots 1-3, Block 18, Colby Gilmore and Larson Subdivision.

• Nov. 8, Leland and Roxy Wilson Trust to Nathan J. and Diane M. Harter; tract of SW/4 of Sec. 17, T9, R33.

• Nov. 9, Mildred B. Lippelmann, Dan H. and Vickie J. Lippelmann, Jon and Marilyn S. Lippelmann and Terry Lippelmann to Lippelmann Family LP; NW/4 of Sec. 14, T10, R33.

• Nov. 9, quit claim deed, Justin G. and Dorothy M. Ladenburger to Justin G. and Dorothy M. Ladenburger; SE/4 of Sec. 13, T9, R32; NW/4 of Sec. 3, T10, R31; NE/4 of Sec. 7, T9, R31; Sec. 18, T9, R31.

• Nov. 13, E. Dale Mustoe Jr. Trust to Barbara M. Stetler, Dalene Morgan-Strieff and Martha A. Shank Trust; Sec. 5, T7, R32.

• Nov. 13, Virginia G. Mustoe Trust to Barbara M. Stetler, Glen L. Shank and Lisa A. Holt; Sec. 5, T7, R32.

• Nov. 13, quit claim deed, Glen L. Shank to Lisa A. Holt; Sec. 5,

T7, R32.

• Nov. 13, quit claim deed, Barbara M. Stetler to Mustoe Family Land LLC; Sec. 5, T7, R32.

• Nov. 13, quit claim deed, Glen L. Shank to Mustoe Family Land LLC; Sec. 5, T7, R32.

• Nov. 13, quit claim deed, Lisa A. Holt to Mustoe Family Land LLC; Sec. 5, T7, R32.

• Nov. 13, quit claim deed, Dalene Morgan-Strieff to Mustoe Family Land LLC; Sec. 5, T7, R32.

• Nov. 13, Dan S. and Janet K. Schroeder to Mike J. and Kathryn M. Schroeder; N/2 of Sec. 1, T8, R35 north of Kyle railroad right of way.

• Nov. 13, Big B Little B LLC to Beverly Biel; west 155' of Lot 8, Block 2, Colby Golden Plains Addition.

• Nov. 14, Donal C. and Karen Shoemaker to Sharon E. Friedlander; south 128.5' of Lot 6, Block 49, and south 128.5' of Lot 4, Block 48, Colby South View Addition.

• Nov. 14, Eaton Associates GP to Jennifer E. Higerd; SE/4 of Sec. 30, T7, R32.

• Nov. 14, Loyall N. and Barbara E. Nichols to Kenneth Dale and Melissa Jean Berggren; Lots 4-5, Block 2, Colby Pioneer Subdivision 2.

• Nov. 19, John H. and Leanene Sue Lee to Jade Inlow; Lot 7, Block 5, Colby East Annex.

• Nov. 20, conservator deed, Robert Robben to Leroy and Delores Heinrich; Lot 8, Block 2, Oakley Schwaller Subdivision.

• Nov. 21, quit claim deed, Karla Sullivan to John Sullivan; Lots 16-20 and E/2 of adjacent vacated N. Oakley Ave., Block 57, Colby East Addition.

• Nov. 26, Ross and Tawny Stover to Ross and Tawny Stover; SW/4 of Sec. 27, T10, R35.

• Nov. 27, Terri R. Dainty to JWT Properties, LLC; Lots 8-10, Block 11, Colby Gilmore and Larson Subdivision.

• Nov. 28, Joan and Patrick Kania to C-5 LP; NE/4 of Sec. 6, T6, R32.

• Nov. 28, Jane M. and Conrad L. McCain, Shirley and Dale E. Vap and Donald J. Nelson to C-5 LP; NE/4 of Sec. 6, T6, R32.

• Nov. 28, Edwin and Deann Guy to Edwin and Deann Guy Joint Revocable Living Trust; Lot 5, Block 3, Colby Metzler Subdivision.

• Nov. 28, Howard J. Baalman Trust No. 1 to Howard J. and Carol S. Baalman; NW/4 less tract of Sec. 3, T7, R31; tract south of railroad right of way of S/2 of SE/4 of Sec. 8, T7, R31; NW/4 less tract of Sec. 2, T6, R31; NW/4 of Sec. 13, T6, R31; SE/4 of Sec. 35, T6, R31; NW/4 of Sec. 2, T7, R31.

• Nov. 28, Carol S. Baalman Trust No. 1 to Carol S. and How-

ard J. Baalman; Sec. 17, T7, R31; NE/4 of Sec. 12, T8, R31.

• Nov. 28, Howard J. Baalman and Carol S. Baalman to MRB Land LP; NW/4 less tract of Sec. 3, T7, R31; tract south of railroad right of way of S/2 of SE/4 of Sec. 8, T7, R31; NW/4 less tract of Sec. 2, T6, R31; NW/4 of Sec. 13, T6, R31; SE/4 of Sec. 35, T6, R31; NW/4 of Sec. 2, T7, R31.

• Nov. 28, Howard J. and Carol S. Baalman to KSDD Land L.P.; Sec. 17, T7, R31.

• Nov. 29, Scott T. and Deena J. Bandy to John J. and Regina M. Johnson; Lot 2, Block 4, Colby Harvest Ridge Subdivision No. 2.

• Nov. 29, Kenneth L. and Carolyn A. Call to Scott T. and Deena J. Bandy; Lots 11-12, Block 1, Colby Country Acres Subdivision.

• Nov. 30, Allen S. Rogers and Angela A. Dijanic-Rogers to Louie W. and Linda Kay Taylor; Lot 3, Block 10, Colby Metzler Subdivision.

• Nov. 30, Ronald G. and Wanda B. Hicks to Mylinda S. Downing Trust; Lot 3, Block 2, Colby Westwood Subdivision.

• Dec. 3, Delores M. and Alvin Depe to Dawn Janene Woodall; Lots 11-12, Block 11, Original Brewster.

• Dec. 3, Randy L. and Shelley M. Barton to Charles A. and Julie K. Barnes; west 16' of Lot 27 and Lot 28, Block 10, Colby Metzler Subdivision.

• Dec. 3, Norman D. and Madeline B. Holm Trust to Robert B. and Virginia M. Holm; SE/4 of Sec. 33, T8, R31.

• Dec. 4, Colby Majic Spray Inc. to Kansas Quick Lube Inc.; Lots A and 16-17 and west 10' and north 61' of east 15' of Lot 18, Block 17, Original Colby.

• Dec. 5, Thomas L. Hillery Estate to Jeffrey A. Finley Trust; Lots 21-30, Block 7, Levant.

• Dec. 5, First National Bank to The Bank; south 150' of Lot 20, Colby Terrace Heights Addition.

• Dec. 5, Roland L. and Jennifer T. Meyer to Tubbs Farms Inc.; N/2 of Sec. 14, T10, R36.

• Dec. 5, Dustin and Amber Pfeifer to Travis Michael and Tamara Gale Spears; E/2 of Lot 9 and Lot 10, Block 4, Colby Swartwood First Addition.

• Dec. 6, Clinton T. and Sarah E. Horinek to Aaron M. and Ellisa J. Horinek; tract of SW/4 of Sec. 29, T7, R34.

• Dec. 6, Flatland Holding Trust to Francis S. Luecke Trust; SW/4 of SW/4 of NW/4 and NW/4 of NW/4 of SW/4 of Sec. 20, T6, R31.

• Dec. 10, Gloria R. Mattix to Cade Joseph and Tisha Noelle Carter; Lot 2, Block 3, Colby Swartwood First Addition.

• Dec. 11, Michael Mosley to Minnie Belle Imhof Trust and Irving Imhof Revocable Trust, Trust

A; 2-acre tract of SE/4 of Sec. 11, T7, R36.

• Dec. 11, quit claim deed; Georgina Wegele to Kathleen Rader; SE/4 of Sec. 28, T10, R33.

• Dec. 11, Key Investments L.P. to Jeff Torluemke Trust No. 1 and Karen S. Torluemke Trust No. 1; tract of NE/4 of Sec. 13, T6, R31.

• Dec. 11, Pioneer Inc. to James L. Keller Trust; tract of Lot 7, Block 1, Colby Copeland and Van Petten Subdivision.

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• Dec. 11, Jeanne Crawford to Shree Ganesh Management LLC; Lots 1-2, Block 123, Lots 1-10, Block 122, E/2 of vacated alley between Blocks 122 and 123 and south 7 1/2' of vacated alley between Block 121 and 122 adjacent to Lot 11, Colby North Addition.

• Dec. 11, Milton R. Masters to Jeanne Crawford; south 10' of Lot 3 and Lots 4-7, Block 64, Colby West Addition.

• Dec. 12, Rob Dice to Brent Johnston; Lot 16, Block 1, Havice Second Addition Rexford; Lots 17-19, Block 6, Havice Addition Rexford.

• Dec. 12, Roy Wayne and Julee Ann Beedy to Shannon Vanessa Harris; Lot 4, Block 1, Colby Pine Hill Addition.

• Dec. 12, T&D Stephens Trust Agreement to Roy W. and Julee A. Beedy; Lot 4, Block 7, Colby Pine Hill Addition.

• Dec. 13, James S. Jr. and Kimberley S. Bear to Randall L. and Melissa L. Regier; SE/4 of SE/4 of Sec. 19, T9, R33.

• Dec. 14, Doris E. Barnett Trust to Warren D. Barnett; NE/4 and NW/4 of Sec. 33, T7, R34.

• Dec. 14, Wilbur D. Barnett Trust to Warren D. Barnett; NE/4 and NW/4 of Sec. 33, T7, R34.

• Dec. 14, Barton Farms Inc. to Lon R. Frahm; NE/4 of Sec. 27, T8, R34.

• Dec. 14, Dell Circle Inc. to Lon Frahm; SW/4 of Sec. 27, T8, R34.

• Dec. 14, Marjorie Jean Shaffer Trust to Rebecca Gorjestani and Nancy E. Anderson; SW/4 of Sec. 25, T8, R32.

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$7.66
Corn (bushel)	\$6.94
Milo (hundredweight)	\$11.95
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.34

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