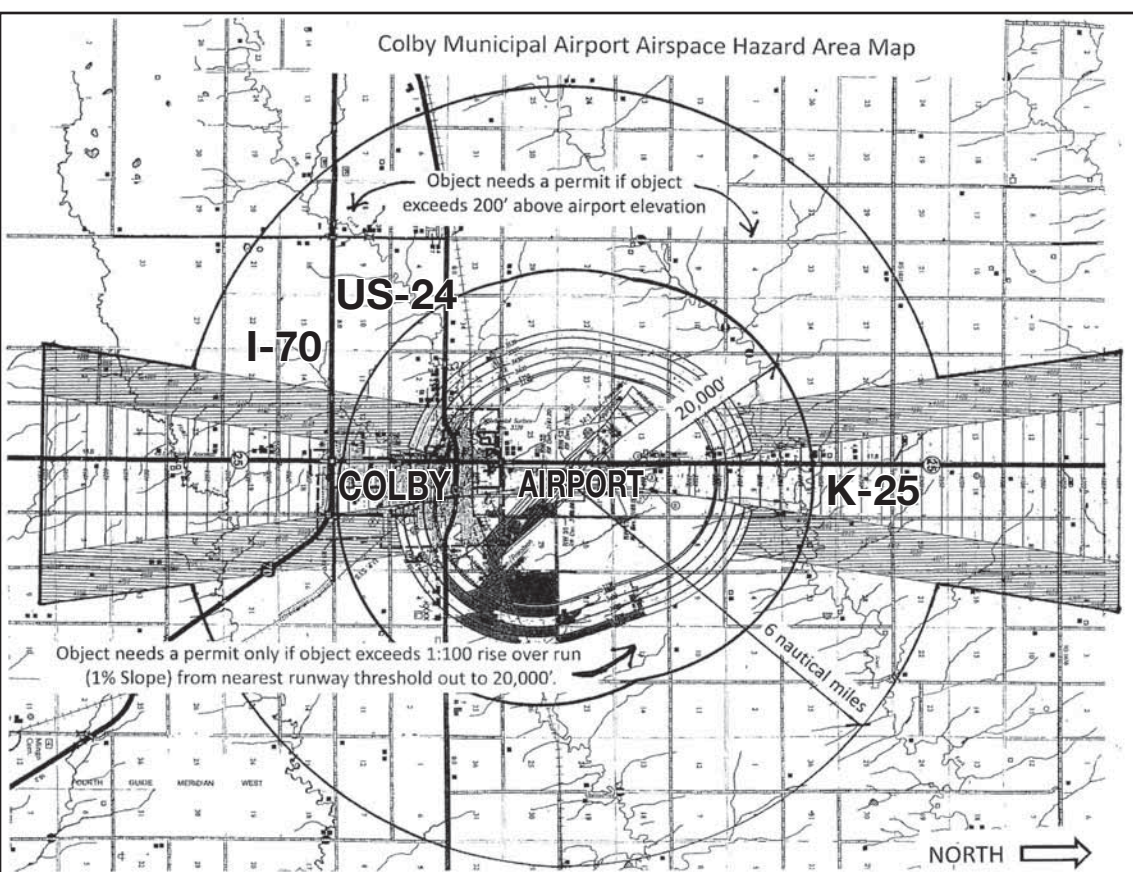




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This map shows the areas around the airport where builders might have to file for a permit with the city for towers or buildings under the Colby's new height and hazard ordinance.

## City approves plan to regulate heights

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The Colby City Council approved a much-discussed and often delayed ordinance Tuesday regulating the height of towers and other structures near approaches to the municipal airport.

Under the height-and-hazard ordinance, a builder will need a permit from the city for structures within 20,000 feet, or nearly four miles, of the airport; for any structure 200 feet or higher within six nautical miles, or 36,457 feet; or structures that penetrate a "terminal instrument procedure surface" for 50,000 feet, or about 10 miles, to the north and south of the main runway.

Airport Manager Mark Ostmeyer said last Thursday the city also could regulate towers outside of these spaces that threaten approaches to the airport. Ostmeyer said the Federal Aviation Administration works with each airport to decide on safe approaches a pilot can use when landing.

"He's got to get down to 300 feet somewhere pretty close to the runway," Ostmeyer said. "He's one mile from the runway and 250 feet above the ground; he could be going as fast as 120 to 150 mph."

The ordinance uses a space defined by the agency that starts at the center of the runway and rises at a rate of one foot for every 100 feet outward to a height of 200 feet and a distance of 20,000 feet. A builder already has to file a "form 7460" with the federal agency for any structure that would penetrate that airspace, that penetrates the 50,000-foot instrument approach or is 200 feet or higher, Ostmeyer said.

City Manager Tyson McGreer said the closest Colby could come to regulating towers around the airport previously is under the planning and zoning ordinance, which allows the city to regulate structures within three miles of the city limits. The airport itself is two miles from the city.

Discussion on the ordinance started about a year and a half ago, Ostmeyer said, and city records show

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## Victim details shot to his eye

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A ranch hand testified at a preliminary hearing Thursday morning in Oakley that a neighbor shot him in the eye when he arrived to visit the man's father in rural Logan County.

County Attorney Margaret Mahoney said William David Collins, 35, a rancher from near Winona, was charged March 6 with aggravated battery and criminal threat for allegedly shooting Desmond Bowles the day before near the tiny town of McAllaster, on U.S. 40 between Winona and Wallace.

Bowles and Dustin Shellito, the sheriff's deputy who arrested Collins, both testified at the hearing. About nine people sat near

Collins, whose attorney, William Rork said often goes by David, while two sat on Bowles's side.

District Magistrate Judge Mark J. Temaag agreed there was enough evidence to bind the defendant over to district court, and set the next appearance for June 6.

The shooting happened near the home of Collins's father, Phillip. Bowles testified that he had worked for Phillip Collins and was friends with him, and visited the house often. His recollection of what they said to each other right before he was shot differed markedly from what David Collins reportedly told Shellito.

Bowles said about noon on March 5, he was "messing around" and had two "Crown and

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## Orchestra to honor one of own Sunday

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will dedicate its "Blue Jeans and T-Shirts" concert Sunday to the memory of Sharon Steele, a longtime member who died Jan. 30.

This is the orchestra's way of honoring her as a fellow musician, said member Janet Hopson.

Steele was an original member of the orchestra and served on the board for several years, said Sharon Kriss, another original member who now lives in Manhattan.

"She played several oboe solos over the years and was a valuable member to the orchestra for decades," Kriss said. "She was a great addition and mentor for many ... over the years."

Mary Shoaf, president of the orchestra, said Steele played the oboe until about two years ago, when medical problems took away her stamina.

Steele also was active in promoting the orchestra, Shoaf said. "She promoted it herself," she added, "and because she was one of the original members, it just kind of gave that connection from the past to the present."

Steele's 78th birthday would have been April 30, Shoaf said, so the timing was perfect to honor her. The orchestra has invited



Sharon Steele played the oboe for the Pride of the Prairie Orchestra for many years.

many of Steele's family, she said. The concert will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the Frahm Theater at Colby Community College. The orchestra encourages casual attire.

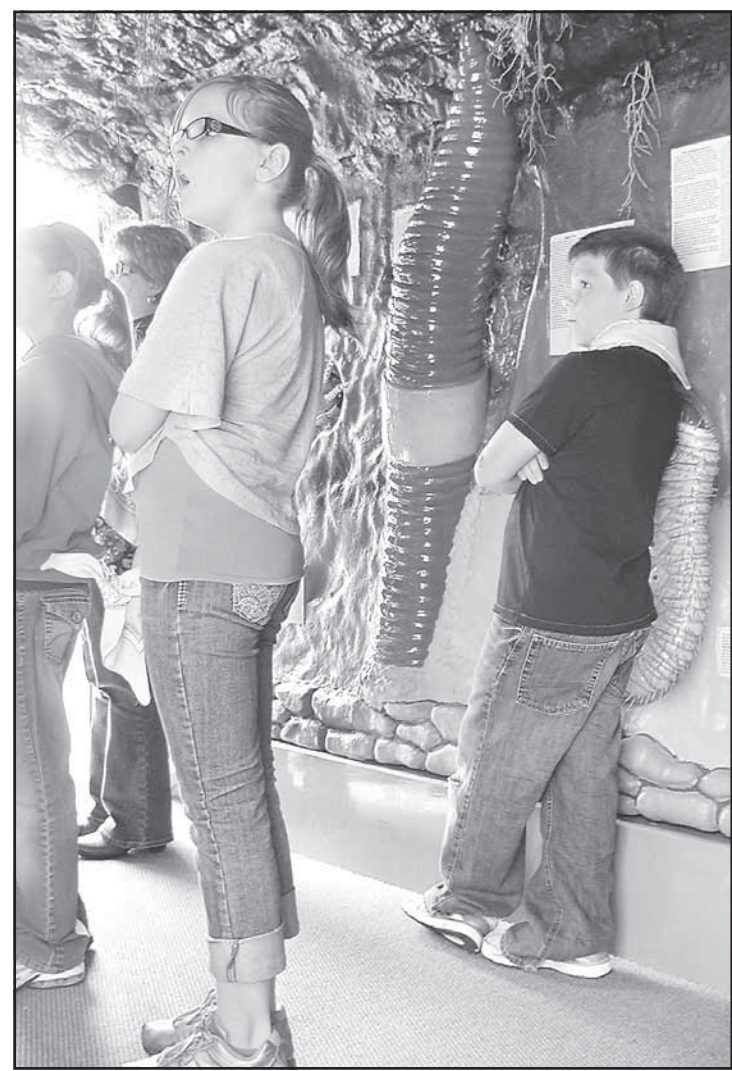
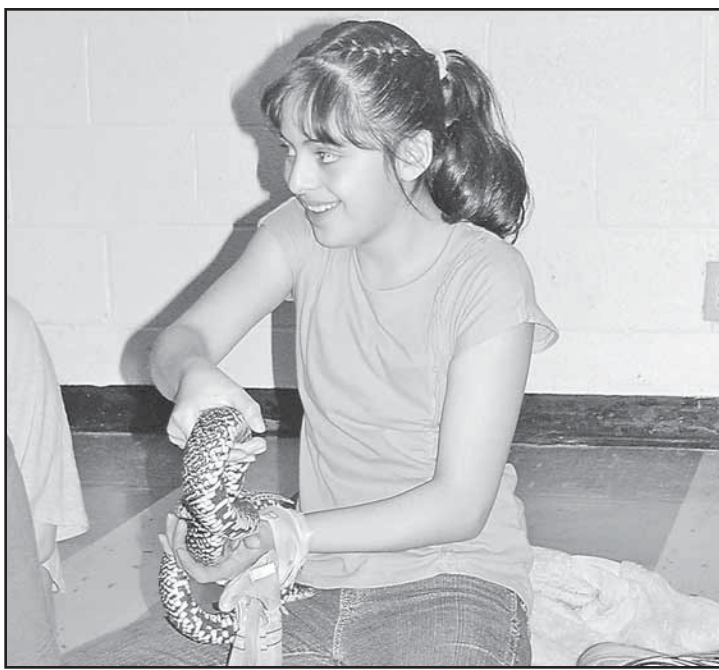
Admission is by patron ticket or at the door, adults \$10, seniors \$5 and students \$3. For questions, call Shoaff at 462-2159 or Hopson at 462-5102.



## Ew, gross, look at that!

Fourth graders from area schools walked into a trailer with fake plants "growing" out of it (above) during Conservation Day, organized by the Northwest Kansas Conservation and Environmental Alliance. Lacy Weigel (left in right photo), who goes to Sacred Heart School, and Ryan Fife, who goes to Central Elementary in Goodland, checked out the bugs living under the earth inside the trailer, which was parked outside the Community Building. Valeria Almanza (below), another Central student, picked up Cooper, a 13-year-old king snake.

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## School board hears about technical, career classes available at high school

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The Colby School Board learned about career and technical education classes available to high school students for col-

lege credit, and the possibility of adding more, from counselor and career director Joni Clark-Leiker at its monthly meeting.

Clark-Leiker said three high school students already go to Goodland part of the week to take drafting and design classes at the Northwest Kansas Techni-

cal College. The college recently bought them drafting tool kits.

She distributed a brochure at the meeting April 15 listing the classes from Northwest Tech and Colby Community College that she hopes to have available to juniors and seniors next year.

One of them, engine technology, will be taught entirely at the school here, she said, with small engines provided by the high school and tech college. Clark-Leiker said they will have at least three instructors teaching kids here.

In other college classes, she said, stu-

dents would spend part of their class time online, which would make it possible for

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