State legislature to begin dealing with bills

Monday may be the time that the Legislature finally begins to consider legislation in its committees rather than having a lot of informational meetings rather than working much legislation. This week should be a measure of the "pulse" of the legislature and foretell how contentious the session close will be.

I expect a VERY difficult "wrapup" session for the legislature starting in late April.

Senator Ralph Ostmeyer and I will be in Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan and Graham Counties for area "Town Hall" meetings this Saturday. Check this newspaper for an ad with the time and places for

ABORTION

Representative Lance Kinzer is the sponsor of House Bills 2615 and 2736. Among many changes to the state's abortion law, abortion providers must offer a woman the opportunity to view an ultrasound



ecution for violation of Kansas' late-term abortion law to be brought by the attorney general, or district or county attorney where the alleged violation occurred. Current estate brokers' and salespersons' Kansas law prohibits abortions of viable fetuses after the 22nd week of pregnancy unless "necessary to save ers, full licensure. the mother's life or prevent severe harm to the woman's physical or mental health."

POWER PLANTS

At the end of the day Monday the Kansas House will have completed debate on a House Substitute for Senate Bill 327 dealing with the coal-fired power plants to be built near Holcomb. I am certain the bill resulting in the final bill being created in a six member conference committee.

Within two weeks we should know what the Legislatures' posi-

eration including "green" power for the State.

BILLS THIS WEEK

HB 2746 — Amendments to real license act; advertising.

HB 2772 — Real estate apprais-

HB 2847 — Cities and municipalities, examinations for plumbers, electricians and heating, ventilation and air conditioning contractors and journeymen.

HB 2826 — Homeowners, apartment owners associations; elections and other procedures.

HB 2837 — Homeowners organization; mediation of disputes;

House will amend the attorney general duties.

HB 2445 — Homeowners associations; voting and other procedural

EDUCATION

HB 2842 — Alternative-route licensure for teachers.

HB 2874 — Nontraditional teacher licensure program.

ENERGY AND UTILITIES

HB 2698 — Consumer telephone calls; time limitations. HB 2892 — Rules and regula-

tions for underground crude oil

HB 2806 — Statewide uniform electricity rates. HB 2765 — Clean coal technol-

ogy, requests for proposal for future energy requirements of Kansas retail electric suppliers.

HB 2807 — Defining participating member of a rural water district; requirements on water districts. HB 2808 — Use of eminent domain by public wholesale water supply

FEDERAL AND STATE AF-**FAIRS**

HB2775 — Governmental ethics; reporting of lobbying expenses by local units of government.

HB 2615 — Abortion; late term abortion records; reporting.

HB2736 — Amendments to late-term abortion laws; reporting requirements; waiver of parental notice; civil remedies for violations

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supreme court justices, senate confirms; nominating commission membership amended; commission nominates three employees; governor appoints any qualified person.

HB 2003 — Exception allowing day care homes to have double the

amount of children licensed for during limited time periods before and after school.

HB 2053 — Licensure of child care facilities by cities, counties and

school Districts **GOVERNMENT EFFICIEN-CYAND TECHNOLOGY**

HB 2758 — cyber-bullying pro-

Please remember to attend and ask questions of myself and Senator Ostmeyer during our Saturday tour. I truly appreciate your confidence by electing me as your Representative and look forward to continuing in the future. I mailed a survey to all of you and would appreciate a quick reply so I may quantify your responses as soon as possible so they can help in my decisions for pending legislation.

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Navy band to play at Colby building

The U.S. Navy Band from Washington will present a concert at 6:30 (Mountain Time) Tuesday at the Colby Community Building, sponsored by the Western Plains

To receive a free ticket, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Pat Ziegelmeier, Colby Commu- Post March. "

nity College, 1255 S. Range, Colby, Kan. 67701.

The band will perform popular and classical favorites under the direction of Capt. George N. Thompson. Members of the college band will join the Navy Band as they play John Philip Sousa's "Washington

Bank announces promotions, changes

and has announced several promotions and title changes:

• Anita Henderson has been named deposit officer. She has been with the bank for 11 years.

• Jo Rogers has been named commercial real estate lending officer. She has been with the bank for 20

• Rita Billinger has been named consumer real estate lending of-

The First National Bank of Good-ficer. She has been with the bank for 33 years.

> • Alvera Bruggeman has been promoted to deposit officer. She has been with the Oberlin branch for seven years.

First National has branches in Bird City, Colby, Goodland, Kirk, Oberlin, Quinter, Sharon Springs and St. Francis and Colorado First National Bank of Bennett.

Stained glass class to be offered in April

Colby Community College will offer a stained-glass techniques class from 5 to 8 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Tuesday, April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, in the Ferguson Hall art room with most supplies provided.

Traditional stained-glass items are made from cut pieces of glass attached together by soldering edges and borders in a designed pattern. People often refer to colored church windows or Tiffany-style lamp shades as stained glass.

The cut glass method should not be confused with the more recently introduced hobby kits where lines forming borders are patterned on a piece of glass and colored plastic is poured within the bordered sections. In this class, students will use the cut glass method.

different types, colors and patterns of glass and learn how to use the tools and equipment used in making stained-glass items. They will learn how to shape glass through cutting, chipping and grinding to fit a pattern and use lead and copper-foil methods to attach the glass pieces.

The first two small projects, a square quilt-like piece and a sun catcher, will be using the copper foil method. Projects after that will be picked out by the student but need to be completed during

Students should come to class with safety glasses, casual clothes and a sturdy shirt with long sleeves or an apron.

The class is worth one college credit. For information, call (785)

Classifieds work! 899-2338

Olympiad team places fourth at regional

Goodland High School students placed fourth at the Regional Science Olympiad at Fort Havs State University on Thursday, Feb. 14, qualifying for the state competition Saturday, April 5, at Wichita State

Ten students made up the squad, with four two-member teams taking first in an event. Heidi Yonkey and Tehnee Rider placed first in astronomy, Yonkey and Day Waugh in ecology, Hazen Deeds and Kayler Reitcheck in electric vehicle and Jon McClung and T.J. Freeman in rocks and minerals. Second place winners were Deeds and Brock Wilkens in Fermi Question and McClung and and physics lab. Freeman in Robot Ramble.

Third place winners were Mc-Clung and Freeman in circuit lab, Steven Buller and Rietcheck in oceanography, Buller and Grant Wilkens in Sounds of Music and Ridder and Brock Wilkens in Wright Stuff. Ridd, Grant Wilkens and Deeds placed fifth in experimental design. Sixth-place winners were Yonkey and Waugh in disease detective, David Murray and Brock Wilkens in remote sensing and Yonkey and Waugh in write it, do it.

Other events that students participated in were boomilever, cell biology, chemistry lab, five-star science, health science, herpetology

Dancers to be in Oakley

The Western Plains Arts Association will host 940 Dance Company at 2 p.m. (Mountain Time) Sunday, Feb. 24 at the Oakley High School Auditorium. Admission will be by season ticket, or at the door, \$10 for adults, \$5 for children.

The group will offer a school program at 8 a.m. (Mountain Time) on Monday at the auditorium.

The six-member contemporary dance ensemble from the Lawrence Arts Center interprets a diverse selection of music and styles.

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