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## Farmers & Merchants Bank garage sale fundraiser to benefit TCCF

COLBY, Kan. (July 17, 2010) – The employees of Farmers and Merchants Bank of Colby will hold a “back yard sale” from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 17, on the southeast corner behind the bank.

Peg Tole, a cashier for the last 28 years, said the employees will donate 20 percent of their proceeds to the Summer Food for Kids endowment fund with the Thomas County Community Foundation. In addition, the bank will match that amount, she said.

Tole said the idea for the sale came one morning when employees were discussing the fact that they all had too much “stuff” but not enough for each to do a sale. They decided to go in together and have a bank “garage sale.”

Tole said the staff and the bank also had been talking about giving money to the summer food program, so when the idea came up to give a portion of their profit to the endowment fund, President Brent Wiedeman liked the idea and challenged the staff. However much they raise at the sale, the bank will match 100 percent, he said.

“All of our employees are very involved in Colby community events,” Tole said, “and enjoy the fact that our management and board of directors are willing to share in that commitment to Colby.”

If anyone wants to make a donation without buying an item, there will be a collection jar the day of the sale or they can leave it at the bank beforehand, she said.

Call Tole at 460-3321 for information.

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The Thomas County Community Foundation (TCCF) is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to endow permanent funds to improve the quality of life for all citizens of Thomas County. TCCF has several funds established and has granted more than \$281,000.00 since beginning its inception in February 2001. The Thomas County Community Foundation encourages all businesses or individuals interested making tax-deductible contributions to contact TCCF at 785-460-9152 or [tccf@st-tel.net](mailto:tccf@st-tel.net).

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