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## Moms gets a helping hand



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Patti Albers of Colby (right) tries on her cap and gown with assistance from her daughter Candace. Patti will be graduating from Colby Community College on Saturday, along with 376 other fellow students. The

ceremonies begin at 2 p.m. in the Community Building. Also on the program will be the presentation of the honorary associates degree to the Fergusons and is the college's 37th annual commencement.

# Letter carriers to collect food on Saturday

By **PATTY DECKER**

*Free Press Editor*

Colby letter carriers are joining their national counterparts on Saturday when they once again are participating in the annual food drive known as, *Stamp Out Hunger!*

For many years, Colby has been the only post office in northwest Kansas to take part in this effort, said Ike Donn, postal carrier and coordinator of the effort.

As in previous years, Colby residents are being asked to leave non-perishable food items near their mailbox on Saturday and before their regular mail delivery.

Those items will then be collected by the letter carriers throughout the city and taken to the Colby Post Office facility where they will then be transported to the Genesis Food Bank for later distribution to those in need.

"This is the largest one-day food drive in the world," Donn said about the national effort.

Items suggested for the food drive should be placed in a sturdy bag and can include soups, canned goods or boxed goods.

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Ike Donn,  
postal carrier

The idea behind the national food drive continues to be in helping feed those who face hunger every day.

Even in Colby, there are families who are making difficult choices between food, medicine, clothing and shelter, Donn said.

Along with the National Association of Letter Carriers sponsoring the drive, the Campbell Soup Company is also a sponsor and has committed to making a special donation of one million pounds of food to kick off this year's event.

"We hope that everyone will consider making a food donation on Saturday to help in this very worthy cause," he said.

# Remaining student honorees listed

By **PATTY DECKER**

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Colby High School students were honored for various academic accomplishments at a special ceremony held earlier this week in the school auditorium. Awards included scholarships, outstanding achievements in specific coursework, perfect attendance, year-long honor roll recipients and more. In Thursday's edition, students were named in alphabetical order with the remaining list appearing below. Those students are:

- Carla Sloan — Forensics letter and Junior Class President.
- Emily Sloan — Academic Achievement in English I.
- Adam Smith — Hays City Silver Award, Academic letter 2001-02, Kansas Honor Scholar, Pre-Calc Student of the Year, all A's English IV, Board of Regents Curriculum completer, and 2002 Kansas State Scholar.
- Liz Sothman — Academic letter 2001-02 and Academic Achievement in English I.
- Nick Stacey — Forensics letter.
- Jessica Stockton — Academic letter 2001-02 and Scholar's Bowl participation.
- Landon Stover — Boy's State Representative.
- Tucker Stover — Hays City Silver Award and Board of Regents

Curriculum completer.

- Brianne Swob — Academic letter 2001-02, Spanish I - all A's and English I - all A's.
- Kayla Swob — Spanish III Award of Excellence.
- Alisha Talsma — Forensics letter.
- Zeth Thompson — Outstanding Programming Student and Outstanding Applied Math II Student.
- Melissa Tittel — Hays City Silver Award, Kansas Honor Scholar, French III - all A's, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Board of Regents Curriculum completer, and Scholar's Bowl participation.
- Patrick Toth — Most Improved Technology Student
- Clarissa Unger — Academic letter 2001-02, Outstanding Future Careers Student, Spanish I Award for Excellence, Academic Achievement in English I, and Outstanding Biology Student.
- Stephanie Wade — Hays City Silver Award.
- Katie Wahlmeier — Spanish I Award of Excellence, Honors English II Excellent Student, Academic letter 2001-02.
- Ethan Walker — Academic letter 2001-02.
- Morgan Waterman — Gold Award, Dane G. Hansen Student, Board of Regents Curriculum completer, 2002

Kansas State Scholar, Scholar's Bowl letter.

- Shane Waterman — Academic letter 2001-02 and Academic Achievement in English I.
- Deni Wieland — Academic letter 2001-02 and Outstanding Achievement in English III.
- Jamie Williams — Academic letter 2001-02, Spanish II Award of Excellence, Academic Achievement in English II, and Outstanding Student in English II.
- Jeff Williams — Marvin B. Stark Memorial Award.
- Diane Wilson — Outstanding Achievement English III.
- Jenny Wilson — Academic letter 2001-02 and Outstanding Achievement English III.
- Layla Woodall — Spanish I Award of Excellence.
- Helena Yoon — Kansas Honor Scholar, Semifinalist in Coca-Cola Scholars Program, Who's Who Among American High School Students, and Scholar's Bowl Participation.
- Holly Younger — Academic Achievement in English I and French I - all A's.
- Lori Zeigelmeier — Outstanding Student in American Studies, Academic letter 2001-02, Statistics Student of the Year, and Outstanding Achievement in English III.

# House advances budget cleanup bill

TOPEKA (AP) — Republican leaders put increasing income taxes on the House's agenda after members tentatively approved a budget cleanup bill containing additional money for public schools.

The House debated the budget bill for more than 10 hours Thursday, advancing it on a voice vote. The measure would increase school aid by \$20 per pupil, to \$3,890, and final action was set for Friday.

GOP leaders also scheduled debate

on a Senate-passed bill making technical changes in state laws on how income taxes are withheld from Kansans' paychecks. The goal was to have members consider proposals for increasing income tax as amendments to the measure. Legislators must fill a \$290 million hole in a budget for the state's next fiscal year, a \$4.4 billion measure that went to Gov. Bill Graves last week even though it was not balanced. The House debate on income taxes was to occur on the 10th day of

the Legislature's wrap-up and the 100th day of its session overall. Only one session was longer: 1991's, which lasted 103 days.

"The real progress of the session is on revenue," said House Speaker Kent Glasscock, R-Manhattan. "Without revenue, there is no budget."

The Senate approved \$294 million in tax increases Wednesday night, adding them to a bill the House approved last year to make minor changes in property tax laws.



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Students from Sacred Heart School in Colby conducted research at the Prairie Museum of Art and History prior to their trip along the Sappa Creek Trail this weekend. Pictured left to right are Jordan Krzycki, Heath Stephens, Zach Webb and Tyson Miller.

## Sacred Heart students hit the trail

By **PATTY DECKER**

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Fifth grade students at Sacred Heart School left Thursday afternoon to begin a journey that will take them along the Sappa Creek trail as part of a learning experience, said Dave Evert, principal.

"Trails West is a study being conducted by these students and this project is inclusive of all the subjects the students have been studying during the year," he said.

"Originally the idea was to try and see what life was like on the Oregon Trail, but the project developed into much more," he said.

The itinerary for the class includes

spending three days on the trail, starting at Cumberland, and traveling six to seven miles each day.

"We will have a wagon, but a tractor will pull it and even though the students will get a chance to see actual oxen the tractor is the logical choice," he said.

Prior to this adventure, Evert said there have been many pre-trip activities with the last one at the Prairie Museum of Art and History just before they left.

"The class of 18 is divided into four small groups, called families and each family has planned a menu, developed a budget, and purchased the food for the trip," he said. As part of their pre-trip plans, provisions are non-perish-

able and the students have researched recipes used by the early pioneers, and have even practiced making biscuits in a Dutch Oven, he said.

Other activities prior to the trip, Evert said, included making trail mixes and beef jerky for snacks, along with keeping a detailed journal of every activity in preparation.

"During their art class they made the paper covers which will decorate their journal, which is very authentic looking," he said.

Other activities along the trail will include a demonstration of black powdered rifles, a lesson on using the stars to guide the way, and caring of an oxen team.



## Thumbs up!



✓Shirley Faver — on your retirement from the Colby School District and thanks for your years of service.

✓Chris Barnum — on receiving your Eagle Scout Award on May 5.

✓Citizens Medical Center Auxiliary Volunteers — for a job well done and on the recognition accorded.

✓Troy J. Bielser — on the Eagle Scout Award you will receive on Saturday.

✓All Graduates — of Colby Community College.

✓Brothers Michael, Lance, Kirk, Jory Friesen — on your Eagle Scout Awards to be presented on Monday.

✓Bob & Lindsey Gilbert, Randy Rose, Jim Saddler, Diana Bugbee, Edmund Scartozzi, Frank Brown — welcome to the Free Press family.

## Briefly

### Showers linger in forecast

Showers and thunderstorms remain each day in the Colby region forecast through Monday, the National Weather Service said today. Tonight, partly cloudy, a 40 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms, lows in the 40s and strong southeast winds 35-40, gusting to 45 mph, turning northeast late. Saturday, cloudy, a 30 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms, highs 65-70 and southeast winds 10-20 mph, turning northeast late. Saturday night, cloudy, a 30 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms, lows in the 30s. Sunday, partly cloudy, a 30 percent chance for showers or thunderstorms, highs in the upper 50s to around 60. Sunday night and Monday, clear, lows in the 40s

and highs in the 60s to around 70. Colby's high Thursday was 63 and the overnight low this morning was 39. The records for May 10: 92 in 1893 and 27 in 1981. *The temperatures and precipitation are provided by the Northwest Kansas Research-Extension Center, Colby.*

### Team in dire need of coaches

The Colby Girls Fast Pitch Association is in desperate need of a head coach and an assistant coach. The coaches are needed for the 14 & under team. Anyone interested in helping out or needing more information can call Tanya Staats at 462-6537.

The season gets underway the first weekend in June, so

the coaching positions need to be filled now.

### Commissioners meet Monday

The Thomas County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday in the commissioners room of the courthouse. Bids for no-fund warrants for the landfill will be opened at 9 a.m. No other appointments were on the calendar at press time.

### Walk Kansas finale noted

The final celebration for the Thomas County *Walk Kansas* program will be Wednesday from 12:10-12:50 p.m. in the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds. Call the Thomas County Extension Office, 462-4582.

