

# Youth gets worldwide attention

By **PATTY DECKER**

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A Colby High School graduate recently took first place in an international design contest for his hand-crafted quilted maple dresser. Bob Holloway, who is now a junior in wood technologies at Pittsburg State University, competed against some of the top design schools in the world, said Lindy Thomsen, instructor in technology studies.

Holloway invested about 560 hours of labor into the design and production of the solid wood unit, Thomsen said, adding that he was very proud of Holloway.

Nearly 400 students from around the world entered the first pre-screening round of the 2002 competition of the International Wood-working Machinery and Furniture Supply Fair held in Atlanta, Ga., during the latter part of August.

“Of those students, 65 finalists were chosen to display their works at the bi-annual fair,” Thomsen said.

“It’s a very high honor,” Holloway said about being awarded first place in the case goods category.

His project, a streamlined dresser, featured a number of unique details. “Memories,” which was the name he gave to the dresser pays homage to traditional design without traditional drawbacks like weight, bulk and size, he said. One of the unique features pointed out was the dovetailed joints. “Although dovetails are common in case goods,” he said, “dovetails on a curved drawer front are very difficult to do.”

One of his instructors said it took



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Wilburn and Harriett Holloway of Levant admire the dresser their son, Bob, designed and built. The dresser won first place and international recognition in late August at a competition held in Atlanta, Ga.

Holloway a lot of time using the computer assisted design tools and cutting a special jig for each of the 24 drawer ends.

“It grabbed a lot of people’s attention at the fair,” Holloway said, “they had very strong feelings for it.”

Along with gaining worldwide recognition, Holloway also received a cash prize and sculpture award designed by the renowned artist Robert Longhurst. By participating in this competition, Holloway has also caught the attention of judges who are furniture industry designers, manufacturing and retail executives, and member of the trade press who have design-oriented backgrounds.

Following the fair, the dresser was crated and shipped back to Levant and Holloway’s parents, Wilburn and Harriett Holloway, and will stay there at least until their son has a home of his own that is worthy of the project.

“We are very proud of Bob,” his parents said.

Both Wilburn and Harriett said they believe a lot of the credit for inspiring Bob in the area of furniture production and design should go to Dean Anderson, who was his middle school teacher and to Mike Nicolson, his 4-H leader. Mrs. Holloway also credited Bob’s grandparents, Franklin and Louise Nash of Canyon City, Colo., who gave him lots and lots of wood and tools.

“Bob is also responsible for designing and building the huge plaque that hangs near the south door of the Colby High School auditorium which lists all the donors of seats in the auditorium,” Mr. Holloway said. “He has made gun racks, lamps, tables, bird houses, jewelry, dressers, and much more.”

Thomsen estimated the worth of the dresser at \$15,000. Yet some have estimated the value at nearly \$42,000 since the dresser features a veneer of book-matched quilted maple, adding that the wood for that veneer came from a region in Washington state famous for the unusual designer veneer.

# Death, and two arrests are result of highway chase

By **MICHELLE L. HAWKINS**

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A high speed chase through Thomas County ended just inside Logan County Sunday night with the arrest of two people and the death of a third.

A man and a woman, both in their twenties, are in the Thomas County Jail awaiting positive identification. Gary Shull, Colby Police Department Investigator said today there is a possibility that the three were somehow connected to a homicide in Grand Junction, Colo. that happened earlier in the month.

Local authorities were tipped off by Sherman County Sunday night that a vehicle traveling on I-70 had been checked and came back positive as a stolen. Shull said that plans were made to stop the vehicle in between exits 53 and 54, but the car pulled off and headed south on K-25.

During the high speed chase, which started at 11:43 p.m., officers in pursuit were shot at numerous times, although no officers were hurt, said Shull.

Upon reaching the K-25 and Highway 40 junction, the car turned left and headed east on Highway 40. Authorities had notified both the Logan

County Sheriff’s Department and Oakley Police Department and they were waiting for the vehicle. A Logan County Deputy set spikes out and was able to bring the speeding car to a halt just inside Logan County near Monument.

Two of the vehicle’s tires were punctured by the spikes and sent the car off the road and into a field.

The man and woman fled into the field where they were caught within a half mile of their car. Shull said the woman was found to have had a gunshot wound to the foot which had apparently happened a day or two previous to her arrest.

The third man was found in the vehicle with what is being thought of as a self-inflicted gunshot wound. An autopsy will be performed for verification.

No names or further details are being released at this time.

The investigation continues and is being conducted by local investigators from the KBI, Logan and Thomas County Sheriff’s Departments, Oakley and Colby Police Departments, and assistance by the Kansas Highway Patrol.

## Hospice Auction moves to new time of year

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# Deadline nears to apply for grant funding involving children, projects

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The Thomas County Community Foundation is now accepting grant applications for the 2002 grant funds, but the deadline for submitting a request is fast approaching, said Becky Donelan, executive director.

Grant applications must be received in the foundation office, located at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range, Suite 14, by Wednesday, Sept. 18, she said. “Of the \$19,000 we

have to disburse,” Donelan said, “\$3,000 has been set aside for the *Kids Can Do Program*.”

The remaining \$16,000 is from bonus funds through the Kansas Health Foundation and the City of Colby Special Law Enforcement Fund.

The *Kids Can Do* is a program for every fourth and fifth grade class in Thomas County, she said. “The goal of the program is to encourage the students to look around their community to identify a need, discuss ways they

might impact that need, and create a specific plan to take action,” she said.

The students can then apply for up to \$200 to carry out their specific plans with no additional fund raising necessary. Those classes that apply for this specific grant, she said, will use the guidelines that the foundation has distributed to write their plan. Each class will then submit the plan to the Foundation by Wednesday, Sept 18, and do the project between Oct. 14 and Dec. 31, 2002.

“We want students to become aware of needs and realize that they are capable of making a difference in their community,” Donelan said. “We hope that every fourth and fifth grade class in the county will take advantage of this opportunity.”

The funding for the *Kids Can Do* program comes from the Kansas Health Foundation bonus we received for meeting our challenge grant match in 2001, she said.

The remaining Kansas Health Foun-

dation bonus funds and the City of Colby Special Law Enforcement Fund are being distributed through a grant application process. Organizations interested in applying for the Kansas Health Foundation bonus funds must focus on improving the health and well being of children in Thomas County, taking a broad view of well being, she said. The funds may not be used to provide traditional medical care, she said.

The Law Enforcement Funds are more general in their focus. For ex-

ample, Donelan said that two Colby Community College students received scholarships for the 2002-03 school year through the generosity of the City of Colby Special Law Enforcement Fund at the Thomas County Community Foundation. “The purpose of the scholarship fund is to provide assistance for second year criminal justice students,” she said, and each student will receive \$1,500 in scholarships.

For those wanting to know if they qualify, please call (785) 465-9152.

# Nor’West Newspapers adds the Norton Daily Telegram to its family

After 32 years as publishers, Dick and Mary Beth Boyd today announced the sale of the *Norton Daily Telegram* to Steve and Cynthia Haynes of Oberlin, co-owners of Nor’West Newspapers and Haynes Publishing Co.

The firm operates five northwest Kansas newspapers, *The Oberlin Herald*, *The Saint Francis Herald* and the *Bird City Times*, all weekly publications, and the daily *Colby Free Press* and *The Goodland Daily News*.

The sale was effective Sunday. “Mary Beth and I sincerely thank our employees, our advertisers, our subscribers, our many news sources and

everyone else in Norton and surrounding communities for assisting us in publishing the *Norton Daily Telegram* for the past 32 years,” said Dick Boyd. “The support of all you fine people has made it almost like one big family for us.

“We know that you will continue to support the *Telegram* and the new owners, Steve and Cynthia Haynes, who have a long, successful history of owning and operating newspapers in Kansas and Colorado.”

The Hayneses, both native Kansans and University of Kansas graduates, moved to Oberlin in 1993 to take over the Oberlin, St. Francis and Bird City

papers. They had been co-owners of a group of eight newspapers in Colorado, starting out as publishers in 1980. Before that, Mr. Haynes worked for *The Kansas City Times*, and Mrs. Haynes was a drug store manager in Kansas City.

The couple bought the Goodland and Colby papers in 1997, and Mr. Haynes has been acting publisher of *The Goodland Daily* the last three years. Mrs. Haynes is chief financial officer for the group, publisher of the Oberlin paper and also is a relief pharmacist for area stores. She filled in at the former Stapleton Drug store in Norton before it closed.

Mr. Haynes currently is a regional director for the National Newspaper Association, representing Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska on the board. He is a former president of the Kansas and Colorado press associations, and a licensed lay reader and chalice bearer in the Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Haynes has been a member of the contest committee for the state and national press associations and is a former director of the Colorado Pharmacists Society.

“We are proud to have the *Norton Telegram* as a member of the Nor’West Newspapers family,” said Mr. Haynes. “It has a long and illustrious history of

service to Norton and Norton County, and we plan to continue that.

“There will be changes in the paper’s operation, but they will be made with an unswerving dedication to giving Norton the best possible newspaper. I will be here personally to oversee the transition, though we expect to name a publisher when the time is right.”

Mr. Haynes said he began his newspaper career in 1968 as a circulation operator for *The Kansas City Star*, and served a reporting internship there the next year.

He became a reporter for *The Kansas City Times* in 1970, and served as a copy editor, makeup editor and sys-

tems editor in his 11 years at the paper.

Cynthia managed drug stores for the Revco chain in Kansas City and later was a pharmacy manager for City Market, owned by Dillons, in Colorado.

“My grandfather was Kansas editor of *The Kansas City Star* for many years, and my great-uncle, William Allen White, was editor of *The Emporia Gazette*,” Mr. Haynes said. “I guess newspapering runs in our family as it has in the Boyd family.

“Our only goal here will be to give Norton the best paper we can. We have always had a commitment to quality and community.”

## Briefly

### School board meets tonight

The Colby School Board will hold its regular meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in the board room of the Administration building. On the agenda: A curriculum presentation on the computer program ‘Blackboard’; validation of results-based staff development points; approval of emergency substitute certification requests; approval of out-of-district student requests; approval of out-of-district field trip requests; a building committee update; and discussion of fundraising activities for the 2002-2003 school year.

The public is encouraged to attend. The Administration Building is located at 210 S. Range Ave. in Colby.

### College board notes agenda

The Board of Trustees of Colby Community College will hold a regular meeting tonight at 5 p.m. in the board room of the Thomas Hall administration building.

Items on the agenda include discussion of a LSAT library grant, a report of the KACCT meeting of Sept. 6 and 7, and revisions to the Policies and Procedures manual. The public is invited to attend.

### City council meets Tuesday

The Colby City Council will consider approving changes in

zoning for downtown, commercial and industrial area at its regular meeting Tuesday, Sept. 17 in the council chambers of city hall, 585 N. Franklin Ave. One of the rezoning ordinances being considered for approval would involve Franklin Avenue and Fourth Street from a commercial district to a downtown business district, another would rezone a portion of Country Club Drive from light industrial to neighborhood commercial and the third ordinance would amend zoning regulations to include the addition of fence regulations in commercial, neighborhood commercial and light industrial. Other items on the agenda include approving a new daycare home occupation permit for Ronda’s Daycare, with Ronda Tibbles, 520 E. Hill, owner; approving change of control for America On Line Time Warner to America On Line Time Warner and AT&T Corporation and approving rights document with Union Pacific Railroad.

### Hospital/college plan program

Citizens Medical Center and Colby Community College Department of Nursing will co-sponsor a community education program on dementia and Alzheimer’s disease on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. in room 108 of the college student union. The speaker will be Cindy Miller, an Alzheimer’s Aging Specialist from the Kansas Department of Aging. For more information, contact Alva Horn at 462-8295 or Jeanene Brown at 462-4850.

### Editor in Denver hospital

Patty Decker, Colby Free Press editor, will be out of commission for most of the rest of September. She entered Presbyterian/St. Luke’s Hospital in Denver today for surgery on Tuesday. If all goes as expected, she will be back in Colby later in the week, and then confined to her home for the next couple of weeks recuperating. In her absence, Tom (TD) Dreiling, publisher, will direct the news staff. Calls can be directed to him, Michelle Hawkins or Darrel Patillo at 462-3963.

### Railroad crossing closed

Colby city officials announced today that the Kyle Railroad crossing at Tenth and Country Club Drive, will be closed for most of the week. The closure signals the start of detour preparation leading up to the removal of the viaduct on K-25.

### ‘Fly-In’ planned for October

The third annual Colby Fly-In will be Saturday, Oct. 5, from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Colby Municipal airport. An assortment of aircraft will be on hand. Plane rides will be available to the first 100 people that register. Breakfast will be served for \$3 per person. Two rides in a W.W.II fighter trainer will also be raffled off.

## WeatherWatch Colby-Oakley area

### The numbers

Sunday’s high, 81  
Low this morning, 48  
Year ago today, 72 and 52  
Temperature at 10:45 a.m. today, 71

Soil temp at the 4-inch depth, 69  
Records for Sept. 16, 98 in 1955 and 28 in 1903

### The forecast

Today’s high should reach the upper 80s. Tonight, clear, lows in the middle 50s, south winds up to 10 mph.

Tuesday, sunny, highs in the upper 80s, south winds 5-10 mph. Tuesday night, clear, lows in the upper 50s. No precipitation appears in the forecast.

### Colby Water Usage

•Sept. 13-14-15 = averaged 1.35 millions gallons per day

