Youth Outdoor Skills Day scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 28 The second annual Youth Outdoor spend a day in the great outdoors," he fun and all learned something to take tion. Elk is not available this year for be returned as soon as possible so that

Skills Day is planned for Sept. 28, 2002 wildlife biologist in Colby with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and

Last year's event saw 50 youth under the age of 16 participate in events designed to give them practical experience in certain outdoor skills.

"This is an opportunity for parents and youth, both sons and daughters, to

said. Skills that youth participated in home with them that day. near Colby, said Leonard Hopper, last year included shot gunning, archery, map and compass reading, and years event made us realize this is an muzzle loading, Hopper said.

All who participated said they had a good time and learned from those volunteers that enjoy their particular sport.

In addition to learning news, a lunch of Elk burgers was prepared and served be the same, except there will be a by Larry and Cheryl Cox, of Colby

"The enthusiasm seen during last event that will continue for several years," Hopper said.

This year's Youth Day will be at the same location, Sheriff Tom Jones farm, just like last year and all the events will game calling demonstration and per-"Adults and youth alike had a lot of haps a trapping and snaring demonstra-

the lunch meal but a buffalo burger lunch will be served.

"There is no charge for the youth day so just bring yourself and your parents and have a fun day," he said.

Hopper, along with Benny Young, also with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks in Colby, are encouraging those wanting to attend to call their office and get a registration/ liability release form, which needs to Frahm elected chair of Natural Resource Legacy Alliance

planning for the event can continue.

"We also require a hunter education card for participants and those who attended the recent class, which was held the week of Aug. 26 are now quali-

Any young person that is interested in participating or any adult that would like to volunteer to help can call Hopper at (785) 462-3367 or Young at (785) 462-7602 for information.

leave your name and address and the information will be sent to you," Hop-

The event is sponsored by the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks. Pheasants Forever, Thomas County Sheriff, Thomas County Attorney, Wal-Mart, Pirates Den, Colby Archery Club, Local Area Hunter Education instructors and other private individu-

Pet Adoption

The Colby Animal Clinic has three adult dogs ready for adoption.

One of the dogs is a four-year-old male, mixed breed, weighing approximately 30 lbs., white, intact, friendly and quiet.

There is also a four-year-old female terrier mix, weighing about 35 lbs., black and white, also friendly and quiet. The third dog is a five-year-old Border Collie.

If interested in adopting one or more of these animals, call the clinic at 462-8621 or stop by 810 E. 4th St., Colby. By PATTY DECKER

Free Press Editor Sheila Frahm of Colby was recently appointed as chairperson to head a 15member group which will be responsible for studying the state's natural resources with an eye toward maintaining a health environment, said an official with the Kansas Conservation Commission.

The Kansas Natural Resource the entire state. Legacy Alliance has been charged with

ment, natural resource education, fish and wildlife resources, along with all facets of air quality and soil and water conservation, said Tracy Streeter, with the conservation commission.

Frahm, who was appointed by Gov. Bill Graves as chairwoman of the alliance, said recently that this group's mission will be of great importance to

By May of 2003, the alliance will the task of considering outdoor recre- make a preliminary report on its activi-

new Kansas governor and the 2003 Legislature with a final report to follow in December of 2003.

During a meeting in August, each of the alliance's non-voting advisors, including seven state agencies, briefed the group on the natural resource issues affecting their constituencies, Streeter

Future meetings, which are scheduled at different locations around the state, will focus on educating the pub-

their input on natural resource issues.

It will be from these meeting and information to set and prioritize goals recreation, tourism, economic development and the other aforementioned

In offering some background information about Frahm, Streeter said that she and her husband, Ken, farm near Colby. In addition, Frahm served as Kansas' lieutenant governor from 1994-98 and is the former majority leader of the Kansas Senate, filling a Currently, Frahm is a member of the land in Montgomery County. agricultural task force on the Ogallala

Other members of the alliance are Wanda Adams of Plains, who along with her husband own a family ranching business in western Kansas; Dick Freeborn of Concordia.

ation, tourism, economic develop- ties and its recommendations to the lic about the alliance and gathering Weisser of Stilwell, who is the vice president of a public swimming pool sales and marketing company; Brant input that the alliance will then use that Peterson of Johnson, who is a fifth generation family farmer and rancher; and and identify funding needs of outdoor Lisa French of South Hutchinson, who owns a farm near Patridge.

Stephen Irsik of Ingalls is another member, who also operates a farm, ranch and agribusiness; Cindy Luxem of Topeka, who is chief of staff for Senate Majority Leader Anthony Hensley; Rep. Dan Johnson of Hays, who earned his seat on the alliance by being speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives; and J.D. Rector of Sedan U.S. Senate seat vacated by Bob Dole. manages 240 acres of crop and CRP

> Carolyn Wulfkuhle of Lecompton is also on the alliance, along with Rep. Dennis McKinney of Greenburg, Mary Fund of Goff, Sen Tim Huelskamp of Fowler and Rep. Joann

Student News

Emily J. Bailey

Emily J. Bailey of Colby was honored earlier this summer with the Community Stars Award for her volunteerism. She is a 2002 graduate of Colby High School and is currently attending Colby Community College.

Bailey's award was given on be-

half of Gary Sherrer, lieutenant governor, in an effort to recognize the outstanding volunteer contributions of Kansas high school students to their

Emily Bailey

"While I was in Washington, D.C. for a national Lt. Governor's meeting," Sherrer said, "I had the opportunity to attend an America's Promise presenta-

At that meeting, he said he realized that much more could be done to recognize the unselfish service given by high school students.

"Youth are important resources for their communities," Sherrer said, "and those who give back are more likely to do well in school and become productive citizens. They also are less likely to engage in destructive behavior such as drug and alcohol abuse."

Bailey, along with 135 other students across the state, received a congratulatory letter from Sherrer, a certificate of recognition from the State of Kansas and an engraved gold star for their efforts.

"These student have given thousands of hours of their time to activities such as spending time with the eld-

grams in their communities, working with the Special Olympics, volunteering everywhere from children's homes to hospitals to food kitchens," he said.

He also said that being a former high school teacher, he has always taken an interest in the work of Kansas high school students.

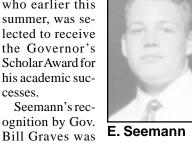
"Nothing has impressed me more than witnessing students unselfishly giving of themselves to their communities," he said.

Bailey is the daughter of Paul and Marilyn Bailey, also of Colby.

Eric S. Seemann

Eric S. Seemann was one of only a

few students across the state, who earlier this summer, was selected to receive the Governor's Scholar Award for his academic suc-



E. Seemann

given only to the top academic one percent of Kansas high school seniors, said Gary Musselman, with the Kansas State High

Activities Association. "Today's high school scholars are tomorrow's leaders," Graves said at a special event honoring students across Kansas. "I am pleased to be able to recthey bring to their schools, communi- dation in New York and by Friends

ties and families.' This program, said Musselman, is coordinated for the governor by the Confidence in Kansas Public Educaerly, mentoring troubled youth, sup- tion Task Force and funded by dona-

porting Big Brothers/Big Sisters pro- tions from the Kansas Banker's Association and other private sector businesses in Kansas.

> Musselman said the task force was formed about 19 years ago to strengthen public confidence in education and there are eight organizations that are in the membership.

> Those entities include the American Association of University Women, Kansas Association of School Boards, Kansas Congress of Parents and Teachers, Kansas Department of Education, Kansas-National Education Association, Kansas School Public Relations Association, Kansas State High School Activities Association and the United School Administrators

Seemann is a 2002 graduate of Colby High School and is currently attending Colby Community College. He is the son of Shorty and Dona Kulhanek and Gary and Joy Seemann, all of Colby.

Travis Siebert

WICHITA — Travis Siebert of Colby was one of 32 students selected to attend the annual Dreyfus Chemistry Camp held at Friends University in

The students, officials said, were involved in a variety of hands-on science experiments emphasizing laboratory skills, the scientific method and information resources.

Room, board and educational expenses were provided by a grant from ognize the talents, skills and abilities the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foun-

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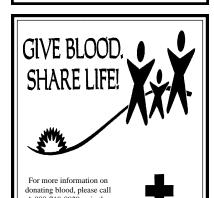
University. Offering background about the university, officials said, Friends University is a private, comprehensive, liberal arts university located in Wichita. Founded in 1898, the university provides a non-denominational Christian environment for students of all ages.



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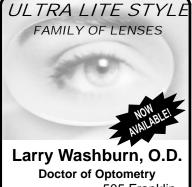
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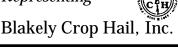
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