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Can't puzzle these kids

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Thomas County Leadership 2001 graduates Carl Gilbert and Becky Donelan have embarked on their class project, which involves reaching out to area youth through leadership skills instruction and donating books to school and public libraries.

Donelan and Gilbert were at Heartland Christian School on Thursday to work with Erin Jamison's first and second graders. The twelve students each were given four pieces of a 48-piece jigsaw puzzle, and were instructed that they would have to assemble the puzzle without the benefit of looking at the box that the puzzle came in.

"It's a learning exercise where the kids can see how to work together as a team," Gilbert said. "The point of the exercise is you can't always see the big picture, and you have to work with others to get the problem solved."

Gilbert said he was pleased with how the exercise turned out.

"We asked the kids what they learned from the exercise, and it was very gratifying to find out that they learned that you can't always do things on your own, and it's okay to ask for help."

After the puzzle was completed, the group read the children's book "Swimmy," by Leo Leoni, which is about working together to solve problems.



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Carl Gilbert and Becky Donelan assisted twelve first and second-graders from Heartland Christian School Thursday with a 48-piece puzzle

Donelan said the kids made the connection between the book and the puzzle exercise. "They really responded well," she said.

In addition to working directly with

a group of kids, Gilbert and Donelan are distributing hardback books to libraries in Thomas County.

"Each school library, in Colby, Rexford, and Brewster, will receive 12

that the kids had to assemble as a team. Gilbert and Donelan are graduates of the 2001 Leadership Thomas County class.

hardback books, as well as the Heritage Center in Brewster, and Pioneer Memorial Library in Colby," Donelan said. "Also," Gilbert said, "every second-grader in Thomas County will re-

ceive a copy of 'Swimmy'."

On Tuesday, Oct. 1, Judy Kleinsorge and Cindy Cersovsky will conduct the same exercise with kids at Sacred Heart school in Colby.

Candidate picks Frahm for panel

Special to the Free Press

Tim Shallenburger, Republican nominee for governor, today announced his advisory panel for agriculture, which includes Ken Frahm of Colby and Gayle Mollenkamp of Quinter.

Shallenburger said the members would play a vital role in his campaign, stressing that he understands the important role agriculture plays in the state's economy and the economic driving force it is in our local communities.

"The economic viability of our state's farmers and ranchers is a key to the overall economy in Kansas," he said.

"When farmers and ranchers struggle to stay in business so do the businesses in our small towns."

Chairman of the advisory panel is Kyle Bauer of Clay Center. Other members include Jay Armstrong, Muscotah; Tom Bogner, Dodge City; Carolyn Burns, Pittsburg; Betty Corbin, Towanda; Carolyn Dunn, St. John; John Farleigh, Scott City; Ken Winter, Dodge City; Kent Lamb, Macksville; Sen. Steve Morris, Hugoton; Thayne Larson, Scandia; Ed Splichal, Belleville; Doug Wareham, Topeka; and Rep. Melvin Neufeld, Ingalls.

Bush's Iraqi resolution is running into bumpy waters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic accusations that President Bush is seeking a blank check for war with Iraq are slowing his drive for approval by Congress.

Trouble brewed for the administration at the United Nations, as well. There, a tough resolution prepared by the United States and Britain to threaten Iraq faced stiff opposition from France, Russia and China, who hold veto power in the U.N. Security Council.

"We are a long way from getting an agreement, but we are working hard," Secretary of State Colin Powell told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Thursday as he stepped up U.S. diplomacy internationally.

On the home front, three Democratic senators, Paul Sarbanes of Maryland,

John Kerry of Massachusetts and Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, told Powell the White House was asking Congress for unprecedented backing.

The senators did not question a need to get tough with Iraq for blocking U.N. weapons inspections for nearly four years and refusing to disarm.

But they said the congressional resolution the president proposed was far too broad.

For instance, Sarbanes said, it would authorize force against Iraq for refusing to return Kuwaiti prisoners held since the Persian Gulf war in 1990-91.

Kerry told Powell "you are asking for blanket authority" and Feingold said "we are hearing shifting justifications for using force in Iraq."

Powell tried to placate them, saying the Bush administration was unlikely

to use force except if Iraq continued to refuse to get rid of weapons of mass destruction.

In an op-ed article in today's New York Times, House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt criticized Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and other Republicans for injecting politics into the debate on Iraq.

Gephardt said that earlier this week the president "went so far as to say that the Democrat-led Senate is 'not interested in the security of the American people.'"

Gephardt also said it was wrong that some Republicans would question Democrats' patriotism for insisting that Congress fully discuss the administration policy.

He was also critical of Cheney for saying the country's security efforts

would be stronger with more Republicans in Washington.

Democrats, he said, are committed to working with the administration to produce a final measure that will have broad bipartisan support.

"But the statements by the president and vice president only serve to weaken that process, undermine trust and thwart cooperation," he wrote.

If Republicans "continue to use the war as a political weapon, our efforts to address the threat posed by Iraq will fail."

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle said the Senate would begin its debate next week, but he said the White House proposal was unacceptable.

A resolution giving the president the authority to go to war should be backed

by the broadest coalition possible, Daschle said after meeting with Senate Democrats. "We've come some distance. We've got a long way to go before that can be achieved," the South Dakota Democrat said.

Senate Republicans said they strongly backed the proposal offered by the White House and felt the president had gone far enough in meeting Democratic concerns about its scope.

"Any further erosion, I think, is going to be a problem," Senate Republican leader Trent Lott of Mississippi said.

On the international front, Powell sent Undersecretary of State Marc Grossman to Paris and Moscow to try to persuade France and Russia to agree to the proposed U.S.-British resolution.

College numbers increase

TOPEKA (AP) — College costs increased in Kansas this year, but so did the number of students enrolled at the six Board of Regents universities.

The board announced Thursday that fall enrollment totaled 86,293 students, a 3.2 percent increase over fall 2001.

Of the total enrolled, 68,028 were Kansas residents, an increase of 3 percent.

Tuition rose from fall 2001, with

increases ranging from 25 percent at the University of Kansas and Kansas State University to 6.4 percent at Fort Hays State University.

Here is a breakdown of enrollment by campus and percentage change.

University of Kansas, 28,849, increase of 2.3 percent; Kansas State, 22,762, +1.6; Wichita State, 15,534, +4.6; Emporia State, 6,005, +3.1; Fort Hays State, 6,392, +13.6; Pittsburg State, 6,751, +0.4. TOTAL, 86,293, +3.2

Briefly

Free Sundays at Museum

Starting Sunday, there will be no admission charge to visit the Prairie Museum of Art and History, as a result of action taken by the Thomas County Historical Society board at its Sept. 16 meeting. The board declared that Sundays beginning Sept. 29 would be free to everyone who wants to visit. Additional information on this new *Sundays-free program* will be forthcoming in the Free Press.

Commissioners to meet Monday

The Thomas County Commissioners will meet Monday at 9 a.m. at the courthouse. Items on the agenda: 9 a.m., Thomas County roads supervisor Chris Bieker will open pickup bids and seek resolution on the Mingo speed limits; 9:45, Larry Jumper, landfill supervisor, will give a landfill update and a report on training. The public is encouraged and invited to attend.

"Delene" concert is Saturday

The Colby area will have an opportunity to hear one of the fea-

tured voices at Branson, Mo. in concert at the Colby High School auditorium at 7 p.m., Saturday. "Delene" was nominated for Branson's "Entertainer of the Year" in 2001. Her appearance in Colby is a benefit concert for Sacred Heart School. Tickets, \$10 for adults and \$7 for students, may be purchased in advance from Donelan's Jewelry, His Shop, Leroy's Printing, Someplace Special, True Value Hardware, Uptown Style or at Sacred Heart School.

Girl Scouts embark on program

Girl Scouts are conducting their *QSP Family and Friends Program* now through Oct. 20. This program encourages readers at all levels by providing them with the "Be a Reader" patch program and a magazine subscription sale. Girls are asking family and friends to support their troop and council through the magazine subscription sale. For questions, contact Shannon Koon at 462-6662.

Food delivery set

SHARE delivery is set for Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Sacred Heart

Five people murdered in Nebraska

Deadly bank robbery suspects jailed

NORFOLK, Neb. (AP) — The search for three men wanted in one of the nation's deadliest bank robberies ended at a gas station a few hours after the holdup that left five people dead. A fourth suspect also was arrested, authorities said today.

Gabriel Rodriguez, 26, had been driving the getaway car and apparently abandoned the three others, Mayor Gordon D. Adams said on CBS' "The Early Show."

Police found Rodriguez late Thursday after locating the Cadillac he was believed to be driving in a Norfolk neighborhood, Police Chief Bill Mizner said. The other three had stolen a vehicle to escape, authorities said.

All four men were being charged with five counts of first-degree murder, authorities said. The men were identified by police as Jose Sandoval, 23, of Norfolk; Jorge Galindo, 21, and Erick Fernando Vela, 21, both of Madison.

They were later charged with five counts of first-degree murder, which carries a potential death sentence in Nebraska. A bond hearing was scheduled for Friday. There are believed to be no other suspects, Mizner said.

Four employees and a customer were killed at the U.S. Bank branch in Norfolk, a one-story, stucco building with glass doors in the middle of a strip mall parking lot. Another customer was shot in the shoulder.

School gym in Colby. The September menu includes beef sandwich steaks, ring bologna, chicken thighs, pork chops, hamburger patties, carrots, celery, potatoes, peppers, cabbage, onions, apples, red grapes and spaghetti.

If you would like to get in on the September order, call 462-3579 or 462-3733. A share is \$16.50 plus two hours of volunteer community service.

'Fly-In' scheduled Oct. 5

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. A variety of aircraft will be on hand. Plane rides will be available to the first 100 people who register. Breakfast will be served for \$3 per person. Two rides in a WWII fighter trainer will also be raffled off. For tickets and more information, contact Mark Ostmeyer, airport manager, at 462-4438.

Brown reception is Monday

The public is invited to attend a retirement reception for Duane Brown on Monday, Sept. 30 at 3 p.m. in the Council chambers.

Horses had West Nile Virus

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Tests sent into the Equine Department of Kansas State University by Colby veterinarian Dr. Russell Bowers, have confirmed the presence of the West Nile Virus in Thomas County.

Bowers said that both horses he was treating at the beginning of last month tested positive for the disease. Since the time of testing, he has had another horse come in with the virus.

Now that the weather is getting cooler, the concentration of mosquitoes should lessen, said Bowers. "We will quit seeing infected animals as a result."

The spread of the virus has affected many animals throughout the country. Bowers said that they are seeing cases of the virus now in squirrels, goats, and domesticated poultry such as geese and chickens.

He says people should not worry about eating affected poultry if it is prepared and heated correctly.

Reports from Salina say a Rocky Mountain goat at the Rolling Hills Zoo, died last Friday.

After testing was completed on the animal, it was confirmed he was infected with West Nile.

Bowers said that if a person were to find a dead bird or squirrel in their yard, they should dispose of the animal as it would pose little or no threat to humans.

Stan Wiley, a biologist at the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks in Topeka said, "People — even infected people — have a low chance of becoming seriously sick."

