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## Bremenkamps Named ‘4-H Family of the Year’

By **PATTY DECKER**  
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“Moooving” Into A New Century of 4-H was the theme for this year’s annual achievement banquet held Saturday at the Thomas County 4-H Building on the fairgrounds.

More than 150 people attended the event with awards and honors being distributed to youth in a variety of categories, said D’Ette Scholtz, Thomas County extension agent.

In addition to the many honors, entertainment was provided by Mark Tole and Case Rundel, who did a skit on “Who’s on First,” which originated from Abbott and Costello back in the 1950s.

Along with many individual awards, there were also presentations made for the “4-H Family of the Year,” and “Friend of 4-H.”

This year’s recipients of the family award went to the Mike Bremenkamp family with Lisa Carney and Donna Lamm, presenters. Prior to receiving the award, the presenters spoke about

the family and its contributions.

The Bremenkamp family, which includes Mike, Elaine, Barb, Steve, Michelle and Marc, began their involvement in 4-H back in the late 1980s, Carney said, and Elaine became a project leader and then a community leader.

According to biographical information about the family, Carney said that Elaine served on the youth and 4-H program development committee two different times and will become chairman of the committee in January of 2003.

Adding to Elaine’s accomplishments, Carney said, she has worked from the club to the state level and has served in all areas of 4-H from project leader to chauffeur for livestock judging trips.

“One of Elaine’s many contributions is in the area of record books,” Carney said. “She has helped many youth complete state quality award applications and for many years she was in charge of getting the clothing displayed at the

fair.”

During the fair, Elaine has also been instrumental in running and promoting the “Clover Cafe,” while contributing many hours of time toward leadership, community service and supervising the county exchange trips.

The Bremenkamp children have followed in their mother’s footsteps, presenters said, by serving in leadership positions with their club, the 4-H council and the community. The children have also judged at the state level and Barb and Michelle have sent in state winning Kansas Award Applications.

“Mike has shown his support for Elaine and the kids by helping with club and county projects and encouraging the rest of the family,” Carney said about the Bremenkamps.

*Editor’s note: Later this week, highlights of the achievement banquet will continue with “The ‘Friend of 4-H Award,’ that went to the Draper family (Bill, Sue, Tanya and Shanda), along with the many individual awards presented and club awards.*



By MICHELLE L. HAWKINS/Colby Free Press

Danny Carmen, Jared Haggard, John Flanagin and Ken Poland, all members of the Gem Lions Club, gathered last Wednesday night to judge the Peace Poster finalists from Colby’s Sacred Heart School. The winning poster, submitted by Samantha Schmidt, is the poster shown at the top of the table, it depicts the world, surrounded by a rainbow, peace signs and doves.

## Sacred Heart student has top poster

By **MICHELLE L. HAWKINS**  
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After putting her “Dream of Peace” into a form of art, Colby Sacred Heart School fifth grader, Samantha Schmidt, will now advance to the next level of competition in the Peace Poster Contest sponsored by Lions Club International.

Many fifth grade students from all over the world have put their rendition of peace down on paper and one lucky winner will be deemed the international winner. More than 325,000 students were expected to participate in this year’s competition.

The students from the Sacred Heart School were sponsored in the contest by the Gem Lions Club.

Sacred Heart Principal, Dave Evert, was on hand at the Nov. 13 meeting of the Lions in Gem to present the top three finalists from the school. At the meeting, each Lion member was given a critique sheet with several areas to evaluate each

poster.

The other two students with artwork presented in the final selection at Gem were Jacob Huftles and Bob Schroeder.

Evert said that all the students who participated had the opportunity to work on their projects during art class as well as on their own free time.

“I think that anytime work such as this has the opportunity of going out into the community, it gives the students an appreciation of what they are doing,” said Evert.

Gem Lions Club President, Deanna Carmen said she was impressed by the expression and the creativity of the Sacred Heart Grade School students.

“Samantha’s poster will now advance to the next level of judging, the district in Hays. Her entry will compete with entries from other local Peace Poster Contest winners,” she said.

Peace Poster Chairman for the Gem Lions Club, Wally Seaverson said, “Samantha’s poster will face stiff com-

petition through the district round and three more rounds of competition if she is to be declared the international grand prize winner.”

Seaverson said that ultimately, one grand prize winner will be selected from 24 international finalists. The grand prize includes a cash award of \$2,500, plus a trip for the winner and two family members to New York City, for the awards ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations. He said that as merit winners, the remaining 23 students who are finalists, will each receive a certificate and a cash award of \$500.

“Our club is cheering for Samantha as her poster advances in the competition and we hope that her vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world,” said Carmen.

Evert said he likes the project and that it is good for students to think of a practical view of what a world of peace would look like to them.

By **MICHELLE L. HAWKINS**  
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The Pickin’ On The Plains festival will have a new home next year — the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

Coordinator for the event, Bob McLemore, was on hand at Thursday’s meeting of the Thomas County Fair Board to ask permission to hold the annual festival on the grounds, the third weekend in July. All members present voted to allow them to use the facilities pending coordination of their efforts with the Thomas County Amusement Association and the Thomas County Speedway races.

McLemore said that the growth of the festival over the past eight years has pushed their current arrangements at Borquin’s to their limits.

“If we want the festival to continue to grow, we need to have more space,” said McLemore.

Discussion was held as to which facilities would be used. McLemore said they are not interested in using the grandstands, that they would use their current stage and set up several smaller stage areas to allow more talent the time to perform.

Jon Starns, a member of the Thomas

County Conservation District Board, also addressed the board about suggestions from the 4-H clubs to enhance the fair. The following five suggestions and comments were made by the students:

- The 4-H kids would like to paint windows of businesses in promotion of the fair. They would also have a clean-up time after the fair.

- They made a request to not modify the fair schedule, requiring them to keep the steers past Saturday morning.

- They requested to modify the electrical situation in the steer barn, to allow better service without breaking the circuits. Starns said that more electricity was needed in the facility.

- All the 4-H kids said they were in full support of a home-owned carnival.

- The 4-H kids would like to make a standing board that would be displayed in the commercial building or in front of the grandstands that would show the project winners for the day. Starns said that a possible mention of the project winners at the grandstand events would also be another way to recognize the 4-H kids.

In other fair board business:

- Jim Malcolm reported on the

progress of painting the grandstand seats. He said the project is about two thirds finished.

- A decision was made to cut the specialty act of the rodeo, not hire a professional soundman, and to reduce the prize money awarded to the cowboys. Gary Garrett said that by doing these three things, the fair board would save \$5,150 on the rodeo. Nancy Rundel also suggested not providing an open hospitality tent, which would save some additional money by not having to rent a tent or provide ice.

It was voted and decided to remove the specialty act, the professional soundman and hospitality tent, and to reduce the prize money for next year’s rodeo and see how it worked.

- It was decided to hold the fair parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning of the fair this year rather than the traditional 5 p.m. time on the first day of the fair.

- An executive session was held to discuss applications for the open position of groundskeeper. After returning to open meeting, a thank you note was read from Lisa Shaw, a participant in the Rodeo Queen and Princess competition from this year’s fair.

## Superfund contract among city council items

By **PATTY DECKER**  
*Free Press Editor*

The Colby City Council will consider taking action regarding approval of the state superfund contract, along with an application for grant funding at Ace Services during its regular meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 585 N. Franklin Ave.

At its meeting earlier this month, the

council reviewed the application for federal assistance at the Ace Services Superfund site, located southeast of Golden Hardware on Fourth St., and a grant application for \$3,566,886. The funding would allow city employees to operate the water treatment plant for the next five years, according to Carolyn Armstrong, city manager.

In new business, the council will

consider approving a proposal from the Kansas Department of Transportation on a geometric improvement project at East Fourth from Franklin Ave. to the railroad tracks.

The project was selected as one of the 2006 highway improvement plans with the a total cost of approximately \$960,000 and the city’s estimated share at \$170,000.

According to information provided, the state is requesting the city concur prior to Dec. 12 as to whether or not it plans to accept the proposal.

All council meetings are open to the public and agendas are available at Colby City Hall or by calling 462-4410. Prior to council meetings, a posted agenda is also visible on the main entrance of the city building.

## Nation’s top general watches alma mater beat Nebraska

MANHATTAN (AP) — Taking a break from his duties as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Richard Myers was just another happy fan at Saturday’s Nebraska-Kansas State University football game.

Myers, a 1965 graduate of 10th-ranked Kansas State with a degree in

mechanical engineering, visited the Wildcats locker room and spoke to the team following the 49-13 defeat of the Cornhuskers.

Coach Bill Snyder noted it was the second time the Air Force general has taken in a Kansas State game since he became President Bush’s top military

adviser in the fall of 2001.

“He’s 2-0 now,” Snyder said. “He’s been in the locker room twice, and we’re 2-0. I told him we’d send a plane to him and pick him up any time he’d like.”

Born in Kansas City, Mo., Myers grew up in the nearby suburb of

Merriam, Kan., and tries to visit Manhattan for at least one football game a year.

Neither Myers nor Snyder discussed what the civvies-clad general told the Wildcats, but Snyder said the team “shared in the locker room how much we appreciate what he does.”

## ‘Where’s everybody?’



DARREL PATTILLO/Colby Free Press

Confirming Colby’s claim as ‘The Oasis on the Plains,’ this deer wandered through town Saturday afternoon. After stopping briefly in Fike Park, the deer continued north on its sightseeing tour.

## WeatherWatch Colby-Oakley area

**The numbers**  
Sunday’s high, 68  
Low this morning, 32  
Year ago today, 53 and 43  
Temperature at 11:45 today, 54  
Soil temperature, 42  
Records for Nov. 18, 76 in 1981, -5 in 1903  
**The forecast**  
Tonight, clear, lows in upper 20s. Tuesday, sunny, high upper 50s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy to cloudy, lows in the lower 30s. Wednesday, cloudy, highs in the lower 60s. Wednesday night, cloudy, lows in the lower 30s. Thursday, partly cloudy, highs in the lower 60s.

## Briefly Christmas parade reminder

The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce reminds everyone that the date for this year’s Christmas Parade will be Sunday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. The parade will begin on the south end of the downtown business area and travel north and then onto Santa City. The community is asked to participate with floats, bands, other musical groups, individuals, churches, other groups, organizations, etc. Call the Chamber of Commerce people know no later than Dec. 5 at 5 p.m. The office number is 462-3401.

## Ag profitability conference set

Producers wanting to learn more about machinery investment decisions, the grain market situation, crop insurance, competing for ag labor, buying and owning farmland, along with other topics, are encouraged to attend the ag profitability conference next week. The deadline for registration is Friday, Nov. 22, with a \$15 fee that includes lunch, said D’Ette Scholtz, Thomas County Extension agent. The conference will be held at the City Limits

Convention Center in Colby beginning at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 26, concluding at 3:30 p.m. For questions or to register, call 462-4582.

## School board meeting rescheduled

The Colby Public Schools board of education meeting planned for tonight has been rescheduled to Thursday at 7 p.m. in the board room, 210 S. Range Ave. The agenda for the meeting will appear later this week. For questions, call 465-4500.

## Induction ceremony is Tuesday

The public is invited to attend this year’s National Honor Society *Induction Ceremony* at Colby High School at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. For questions, call 465-5300.

## Farm safety course planned

Thomas County farmers and their families are encouraged to attend a farm safety program planned for Monday, Nov. 25, be-

ginning at 5 p.m. at the 4-H Building in Colby. The program, AgraSafe, will provide information on-the-farm emergencies and how to prevent accidents, said D’Ette Scholtz, extension agent. “This is a free program for the entire family and a meal is included,” she said.

The registration deadline is Thursday, and for those interested in attending, call 462-4582 to make a reservation.

## Businesses asked to participate

With the Wellness Fair nearing, businesses are being asked to take part in promoting community health and wellness by covering the cost of the fair registration and or health screenings for their employees who may want to participate. The fair will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the student union on the Colby Community College campus. Blood work will be done on Saturdays, Jan. 4 and 11. The registration fee is \$5, with the addition fees for some of the tests.

For more information about business coupons for the Wellness Fair call Wanda Davis at (785) 462-4797.

