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Young artist at work

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A Colby youngster was recently honored as one of a handful of artists published in the *High Plains Journal* as a part of their 2002 Christmas Art-work Contest.

Jared Nally, a 9-year-old student at Colby Elementary School, was chosen as an honorable mention for the contest and had his drawing printed in the Nov. 18, 2002 edition of the farming magazine headquartered in Dodge City.

According to the magazine nearly 1,100 artists from all over the United States had entered the contest.

Nally has been interested in art since he was 2-3 years of age. His mother, LaDonna Sloan, said that since he was little, he has been very creative and was always making craft projects from unusual items.

This year he was contacted by the coordinators of *Experience Christmas*, a project put on by the United

Methodist Church, to design artwork for the cover of flyers. He said that when he was trying to come up for an idea for the design, his mother had brought some Christmas decorations to help him.

His drawing was based on an idea he got while looking through those decorations.

After his mother showed his artwork to a co-worker, she was told it should be submitted to the annual contest at the *High Plains Journal*.

Sloan said that they called the magazine to see if his drawing had been selected and they were told it was not one of the winners, and it would be posted on the Internet with all of the other entries.

She said even to have it posted on the Internet excited her son. Within a few minutes, she said, the phone rang and they were told that his drawing was one of the honorable mentions that would be published in the magazine.

"I am really excited for him," said



Jared's artwork. Not only was this picture published in the *High Plains Journal*, but it will also appear on the programs for *Experience Christmas*, sponsored by the United Methodist Church.

Sloan. "He has great dedication to learning, not only in art, but in math, science, or anything else he does."

Nally said that he was really excited about the honor and "it felt good," to be selected for the magazine.

He also said that his teacher reassured him that his drawing was even better than some of the other ones that were chosen as winners.

Nally said he hopes to be an art teacher when he grows up. His newest interest is a type of art called Cubism, which is similar to the work done by



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Jared Nally showed his artwork that was printed in the *High Plains Journal*, to his mother, LaDonna Sloan. Nally's work was published in the Nov. 18, 2002, edition of the farming magazine.

Picasso.

This is not his first artistic honor, in fact, last year his art piece was selected as the *Best of Show* for the League Art

Show.

His drawing and other winners and entries can be seen on the Journal's website after Dec. 1 at: www.hpj.com/

Christmas.cfm.

He is the son of Tom and LaDonna Sloan of Colby and Rudy and Judy Nally of Pierceville.

Nurses at Colby hospital can no longer give out medical advice over telephone

By PATTY DECKER
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Nurses at Citizens Medical Center, Inc. will no longer be giving out medical advice over the telephone effective immediately, said Janine Colson, the hospital's risk manager.

The decision to stop this practice, she said, came as a result of a recent facility survey conducted by the Kan-

sas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Health Facilities, which handles certification, licensure and risk management issues relating to hospitals.

Prior to the survey, which hospital officials said was a routine survey for licensure in July, people could call after hours and ask nurses for medical advice, she said. The calls could range

from questions about newborns and what to do if they were running a temperature to calls associated with more serious illnesses, Colson said.

"In the future, callers will be asked, that if it is an emergency, they should call 911 or if the caller believes he or she needs to be seen, that person can come to the hospital's emergency room, which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Colson said.

Mary Kabriel, who is the risk management specialist for the Bureau of Health Facilities in Topeka, said nurses

cannot diagnosis, but are able to assess and get a diagnosis from doctors. In some hospitals across the state, Kabriel said nurses will get the information, contact a physician and then call back; however, it depends on the procedures in place at the various hospitals.

Clarifying the three different types of facility surveys, Kabriel said that licensure and certification are routine and done at least once every three years to make sure hospitals in the joint accreditation group are abiding by regulations.

Risk management surveys, she said, are about any complications or problems involving the hospital facility or an employee that might have made an error or some other type of adverse failure that could have occurred.

"Normally, a risk management survey would be done when standard care was not met and the situation was reported to the licensing agency," she said. In the recent change at Citizens Medical Center, Inc., Kabriel said that she wasn't sure of the specifics with the Colby facility since the records of the

survey were not back in her office as yet.

Without that information, Kabriel said the decision to stop the practice of responding to medical questions could have been a decision reached by the individual facility.

Kabriel did say that if a hospital facility in the state did an assessment in accordance with guidelines, they would then get the information and have a physician call back or they would call back based on the doctor's advice.

Your tree. maybe?



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Lori Jumper, an art student at Colby Community College, showed off several of the ornaments made by college students which hang on the tree in the lobby of the Pioneer Memorial Library. The tree will go to some lucky winner on Dec. 12, and tickets are on sale now for \$1 each and can be purchased at the front desk of the library or from Colby Community College Art Club members. Proceeds from the drawing will go to help the library purchase new art books. The tree was paid for and decorated by the club's members.

Schools are getting ready for first break of the year

By DARREL PATTILLO
Colby Free Press

School kids in Thomas County are taking their first extended break of the year this week as schools are either dismissing early Wednesday for Thanksgiving, or, in the case of Brewster and Golden Plains, and

Colby Community College, not having school at all Wednesday.

All schools will be off Thursday for Thanksgiving, and Friday, and will be back at it Monday morning at their regular times.

The following is a rundown of dismissals for schools in Thomas County:

- Golden Plains — no school Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Brewster — no school Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Colby schools — dismiss at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, off Thursday and Friday.
- Sacred Heart School (Colby) —

dismiss at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, off Thursday and Friday.

• Heartland Christian School — dismiss at noon Wednesday, off Thursday and Friday.

• Colby Community College — off Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. And back in session on Monday.

Under oil-for-food program

U.S. trying to head off Saddam's purchase of war gear

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Concerned that Saddam Hussein may be trying to buy equipment for war, the United States wants to add additional items such as communications equipment and nerve gas antidotes to a U.N. list of goods which cannot be automatically imported by Iraq.

U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said the additions were meant to ensure that the U.N. oil-for-food program, which allows Iraq to use oil revenues to purchase humanitarian goods, "is not exploited or utilized in any way by the government of Iraq to import items for military purposes."

The U.S. effort to expand the list angered Security Council allies who sought to renew the humanitarian pro-

gram Monday for an additional six months. Instead council members voted to extend it just until Dec. 4 to give them time to negotiate.

But Negroponte said the United States could not agree to a six-month extension until the council revises the list of items which Iraq cannot purchase without U.N. approval.

New additions would include atropine injectors and atropine, an antidote used in the event of exposure to nerve agents, as well as jammers, radio intercepts and global positioning equipment, he said. Western diplomats said the Pentagon also wants to add the antibiotic Cipro, which is used to combat anthrax and smallpox.

Two weeks ago, administration of-

ficials said Iraq spent the last two years importing significant quantities of atropine and obidoxime chloride, used to counter the effects of certain chemical weapons.

Under U.N. sanctions imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, Iraq is allowed to use its oil revenues to purchase food, medicine and other humanitarian goods. However, items with possible military applications must be reviewed by the Security Council's sanctions committee.

The list of dual-use items includes everything from high-speed computers to heavy-duty trucks and was drafted by the Bush administration in May 2001. Any item on the list must be approved by the sanctions panel before

it can be imported by Iraq.

Security Council experts had reached broad agreement late Friday on a draft resolution that would extend the humanitarian program for six months and review the list within 90 days.

But Negroponte said the United States wanted a maximum 90-day extension and review — but much of the council objected because it would run out in February, a time many military analysts say is optimal for an attack on Iraq.

Norwegian Ambassador Ole Peter Kolby, who chairs the sanctions committee on Iraq, said he "was surprised" that disputes over the timetable and oil pricing continue.

be held in the commons area after the concert.

Landfill holiday schedule noted

The Thomas County Landfill will be closed in celebration of Thanksgiving on Thursday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Nov. 29. The landfill will be open for its regular hours of operation on Saturday and Sunday following the holiday. For questions, contact the landfill at 462-8139.

Vehicle tag reminder

Donita Applebury, Thomas County treasurer, is reminding everyone that the courthouse will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday. For those who have not yet purchased tags and whose last name begins with T, V or W, might want to consider buying their license plate tags prior to the holiday since the next available day the office is open will be Monday, Dec. 2. Applebury also said that those planning to travel prior to the holiday should try to come in as early as possible on Wednesday, Nov. 27 to avoid long waiting lines.

WeatherWatch Colby-Oakley area

The numbers

Monday's high, 32
Low this morning, 15
Year ago today, 27 and 25
Temperature at 11:45 a.m. today, 30
Soil temperature, 38
Records for Nov. 26: 77 in 1960, -3 in 1975

The forecast

Tonight, clear and cold, lows around 10 above, northwest winds turning to the southwest at around 5-10 mph. Wednesday, some sun, highs in the lower 40s, west winds around 10 mph. Wednesday night, cloudy, lows in the upper teens. Thanksgiving Day, sunny, highs in the lower 50s.

Briefly

Commissioners to meet Wednesday

The Thomas County Commissioners will meet Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the courthouse, to take care of end of month business. Rosalie Seemann will give an update on the Silver Haired Legislature, Kathy Ryan will talk about the regionalization agreement, Kathi Wright will address 911 signs and Chris Bieker, roads supervisor, and the Rovahl Township board members will discuss the transfer of township roads to the county as the result of the approval of the question at the Nov. 5 election.

Courthouse to close down

The Thomas County Courthouse will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and also on Friday. It will be reopen for business on Monday, Dec. 2.

No trash pick up on Thanksgiving

The City of Colby sanitation department will not be operating

on Thursday, Nov. 28, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. If your normal trash day is Thursday it will be picked up on Friday, along with the Friday route. For questions, call the public works department at 462-4420.

Post Office hours noted

The Colby Post Office will close at 12 noon on Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holiday, and resume normal hours on Friday, Nov. 29, said Postmaster Jim McDonald.

Vocal concert is Dec. 2

The Colby Middle School and Colby High School vocal departments will be presenting their winter concert starting at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 2, in the high school auditorium. Jennifer Wasse Miller, vocal instructor for both programs, is also reminding everyone that this date has changed from the school calendar. In addition, the Colby Music Booster Club will sponsor a drawing for tickets to the Western Plains Arts Association concert, "The Duttons." A reception sponsored by the Music Boosters will also

