

Leadership class participants named

The Leadership Thomas County Board recently announced its selection of the 2004-05 Leadership Thomas County Class, said Leilani Thomas, one of the board of directors.

"This class represents the fourteenth year of the program which will last seven months," she said.

The 10 members selected for this year's class also represent a wide spectrum of occupations.

"Two of the class members this year are high school sophomores who will be participating with the adults and hopefully sharing their experiences with their classmates," Thomas said.

Scholarships from the Thomas County community Foundation, which is offered through a grant by the Kansas health Foundation will cover expenses for those students.

The students are Jennifer Mc-

Mahan of Colby High School and Ryan Edmundson of Brewster High School.

Other members are: Daniel Crotinger, a counselor with the Thomas County Alcohol Abuse Council; Rebecca (Becky) Fellhoetter, Comfort Inn assistant manager; Timothy Hutfles, self-employed business owner; Denise Leaky, KXXX-KQLS advertising representative; Pauline (Shelly)

Myers, self-employed Mary Kay consultant; Margaret (Peg) Tole, Farmers and Merchants Bank employee; Shannon Wells, a loan officer with the First National Bank, and Theresa (Terry) Starnes, Brewster, Hi-Plains Co-op employee.

The first session will be a retreat, Tuesday, Oct. 19 and continue all day Wednesday, Oct. 20 at the City Limits Convention Center.

The sessions will run monthly through April.

As in previous years, this class will participate in a legislative trip to Topeka in February.

"The program provides greater opportunities to develop leadership capacities through a very participatory program, greater knowledge of Thomas County and it's issues will be through interviews by the class members," she said.

Thomas said the board of directors and facilitators are again looking forward to this year's program and the newest leadership Thomas County class with the added bonus of the youth participation. For information or general questions about the leadership program, call Thomas at (785) 462-7643 or stop by the office, 350 S. Range Ave., #10, Colby 67701.

Brewster waits for a 'full recovery'

A report that we have anxiously been awaiting will be when we hear that Curt Stephens is fully restored to good health after his accident. So far, it sounds like it could take a while for this to happen, but we know that things can change in a hurry with today's medical breakthroughs and with the prayers of believers.

There are lots of local folks traveling for another week or so and we will be happy to have their reports when they get home. Some are traveling to Canada, some to Washington (don't know whether it is D.C. or state) and some from Arizona to Louisiana. With a little more mois-



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ture, and the nice weather we've been having, there aren't many places that are any nicer than northwest Kansas. I still say we have the bluest skies on clear days as there are anywhere.

This column seems almost like a medical report but when we have folks ailing, I think everyone likes to know about who needs cheering

up with a card, phone call or visit. And we can all use the prayer, just some need it more at times than others. The fall flowers are looking beautiful, as always, and some yards are looking so organized. The trees are starting to get a little shaggy, preparing to drop their leaves and make room for new ones next spring.

I have seen a snake on two different occasions this past week, heading for the park.

I think it, or they, were bull snakes, but I really don't get too chatty with them. I just don't think humans and reptiles are all that compatible, in my opinion.

Officials attend risk workshop

Offical in the Thomas County area recently attended a workshop entitled, *Training in Risk Communication*, a statewide training program, in Oberlin earlier this month.

Those attending from Colby included: Tracey Perkins, county clerk, Juanita Dewey, administrator with the health department, Connie Walden, health department and Mike Baughn, undersheriff.

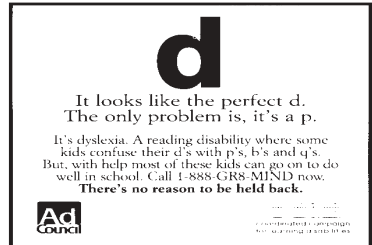
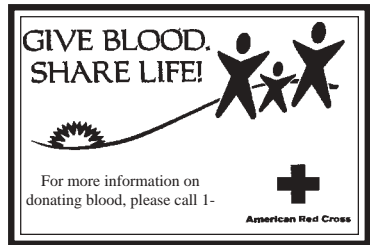
The risk communication seminar was a team approach in risk communications to give first responders and county leaders throughout Kansas a basic, practical communi-

cation skills and media training they can use in an emergency situation, Dewey, a registered nurse for the county said.

"Training in Risk Communication will benefit our community in an emergency situation by being

prepared" she said.

The training session was sponsored by the Kansas Health Foundation, Kansas Association of Local Health Departments, and Kansas Department of Health and Environment.



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