

# Family

## Correction

Due to a problem with calculating grade point averages at Colby High School many students were inadvertently left off the initial honor roll list that appeared in the Monday, Nov. 8 edition of the *Colby Free Press*. The high school career center apologizes for the error. The following list shows only those students who were not named. In order to be included in the superintendent's honor roll, the student must have a 4.0 grade point average (all A's). Those making the principal's honor roll should have a 3.5 grade point average or higher.

The following students should have been included in the principal's honor roll. They are:

**Sophomores:** Amanda Albers, Thomas Benson, Scott Blanton, Jon Donn, Jared Flanagan, Mitchell Gatz, Brett Harter, Caitlin Henry, Michelle Kaus, Brittany Kersensbrock, Denise Repshire, Johnathan Schmidt, and Kristin Skiles.

**Juniors:** Stuart Aiken, Brittany Barton, Amy Dickman, Jeremy Dietz, Rachel Funk, Nicholas Howard, Alison Leavitt, Diana McAdams, LaDonna Moss, Cierra Rous, Sara Sanford, Jessica Stephens, Brett Wilson, and Hanna Zimmerman.

**Seniors:** Shawna Cox, MacKayla Dougherty, Derek Elliott, Christopher Finley, Regina Heier, Adam Horinek, Jennifer Jumper, Cassandra Karlin, Brandon McLeMore, Joseph Melnyk, Maret Peterson, Dustin Quenzer, Kristi Schroeder, Jennifer Schwindt, Jordan Sharp, Emily Sloan, Vanessa Sothman, Brianna Swob, Kristin Theimer, Ali Thomas, Daniel Tibbles, Shane Waterman, and Holly Younger.

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## Genesis gets \$500 donation toward holiday baskets

By PATTY DECKER

Free Press Editor

The Thomas County Genesis food bank recently was given a \$500 donation toward its goal of \$6,000 in order to give more than 140 families a Christmas basket this year.

Geri Landry, one of the volunteers with the Genesis program, accepted the contribution Friday from Carla Rogers, community involvement coordinator and Roger Voss, manager, both with the Colby Wal-Mart store.



G. Landry



R. Voss



C. Rogers

Without donations it wouldn't be possible to help families during the holiday or any other time of the

year, she said.

"When it comes time for the Christmas basket program, our whole community is very generous," Landry said Friday, adding that this generosity goes far beyond

the holiday season, with many groups having food drives throughout the year in order to keep the

shelves stocked.

For example, the Veteran of Foreign Wars Auxiliary members are continuing to collect food for Genesis through November and December with a drop-off box at LeRoys Printing, 560 N. Franklin. Other efforts in recent years include the Colby Girl Scouts with help from the Colby Boy Scouts, CYO, and the Colby Post Office letter carriers, in naming a few groups.

During the holiday season, families in need are identified by a friend, relative or the family themselves, Landry said.

Then in early December, volunteers get the baskets ready for distribution.

This year the baskets will be available for families to pick up on Saturday, Dec. 11.

Rogers said the \$500 was made possible through a special grant that employees at the Colby Wal-Mart vote on each year.

"The associates decide on what local organization to give the grant to," she said, "and this year we hope that this will help Genesis through the Christmas season."

Landry said this was the first time Genesis has received grant money from Wal-Mart, but that it will go a long way in helping with the baskets.

Anyone wanting to contribute food, money, or time, call Genesis-Thomas County, Inc. at 462-7930.

## Teen Issues focus of Community Awareness Team

For the past four years, the Community Awareness Team has sponsored an event aimed at teenagers and the issues they could face, said Carla Sharp, awareness team coordinator. The event was held last Wednesday at Colby High



D. Brown

School with three hours in the morning set aside for the break-out sessions.

"Teen Issues is a time where presenters on several different subjects speak to the high school students," Sharp said. "The students choose three topics/presenters they would like to see (and hear from) and then spend 45 minutes listening and interacting."

The subjects this year dealt with alcohol, stress, depression, teen safety, drugs, alcohol, dating and

violence, interviews, and teen pregnancy.

Those presenting information were Jaime Kinderknecht, High Plains Mental Health; Diane Stehman and Roxie Cabrel, Regional Prevention Center; Julie Schanz, Northwest Kansas Family Shelter; Amy Gourley, Citizens Medical Center; Darrel Patillo, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council, with Jada Tubbs offering her own experiences in avoiding drugs and alcohol and Duane Brown, who talked about

drug and alcohol consequences in his experience.

"The Community Awareness Team wants to thank Colby High School and their staff for always supporting us and for graciously giving us this time to bring *Teen Issues* to the high school," Sharp said.

"We also want to thank all of the wonderful and dedicated presenters who gave their time to spend the morning with us and helping bring knowledge to the students on issues that could pertain to them," she said.

## Gem Lions Club and one member to celebrate 50 years

The High Plains Lions met Nov. 8 for their first meeting of the month. Several announcements were made, including this spring the Gem Lions Club will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. D.J. Bugbee of the Gem club will also be celebrating his 50th year in Lionism. The District convention at Hays was this past weekend.

Lion Darrell Follis, eye glass chairman, requested that the club consider paying more for a pair of

glasses. The club voted to increase the amount that they pay now. There are two people in need of glasses at the present time. The club voted to give Lion Follis the authority to use his judgment on the purchases.

Following a potato bar dinner, Lion Frances Brittan introduced his program, Kathy Ostmeier of the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center. She gave an informative program concerning early childhood screening of the special

education service. She said she had been with the service center for 23 years. The service center is comprised of 19 school districts.

Children are routinely screened for visual and language problems, Ostmeier said. Children are referred to her agency by schools, medical agencies, SRS, county health offices, parents and teachers. All premature and high-risk babies are referred for screening. New technology is allowing problems to

be picked up at a much earlier age.

During the Thomas County Wellness Fair, the Lions club had the sight bus on location. Kathy used a photo screener to screen young visual problems.

Before the club adjourned, Lion Jones reminded the club of the Dec. 4 pancake feed.

Assignments for the day's activities will be made at the next meeting on Nov. 22. Lion Koon won the drawing.

## Bridge Results

The Colby Country Club announced the following bridge winners during recent tournaments:

Tuesday, Nov. 2 winners were: Charles Davis, 1st place; Joy Davis, 2nd; and Thelma Shalz, 3rd. Tuesday, Oct. 26 winners were: Helen Donelan, 1st; Charles Davis, 2nd; Gerri Anschultz, 3rd and Katie Melvin, 4th place.

For those interested in playing, the group meets on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

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