

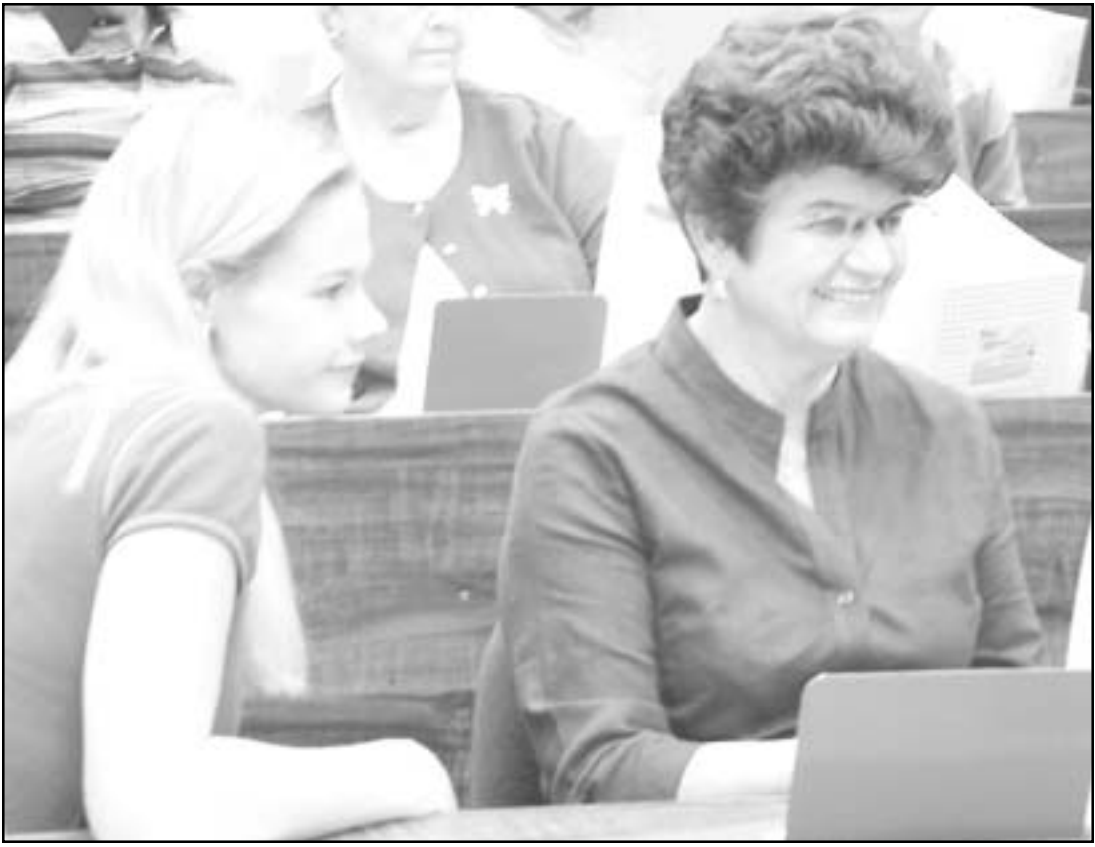


# Campus Close-Up

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## Students being helpful



Colby Community College student Shanda Cassaw (Colby) assists Erma Palmgren in the computer class for older Americans taught by Larry Koon. The course will be taught again next semester. There is no tuition charge. Participants pay a \$5 technology fee. To enroll for next semester or for more information, contact Koon at the college.

# Livestock judging team starts strong

The Colby Community College Livestock Judging Team is off to a good start for the 2005-06 season. To date, the team has participated in three contests, one mock contest and many practices. The teams, coached by Matt Ellicott, recently participated in the National Barrow Show, Fort Hays State University and Mid-America Classic contests. The 2005-06 sophomore team members are Amanda Albrecht, Jennifer Albrecht, Jason Johnson, Brandon Mazanec, Brad Mills, Julie Saur and Lindsey Zellitti. “The sophomores began their run at the National Barrow Show in Austin, Minn., on Sept. 12,” said Ellicott. “Of the 90 contestants, Johnson placed eighth overall while Zellitti and Amanda Albrecht were third and eighth in oral reasons. The other individuals placed respectively overall and in oral reasons. The team made their mark placing

third in oral reasons and fourth overall.” The freshman and sophomore teams went on to compete at the Fort Hays State University contest in Hays on Sept. 22. There were 164 contestants who competed, comprised of both freshman and sophomore teams. CCC freshmen contestants were Jamie Bremerman, Kendra Brown, McKenzie Chambers and Clay Fordyce. They placed seventh in sheep, tenth in reasons and fifth overall in the contest. The sophomore team finished fifth overall and placed in most of the divisions. Individually, Zellitti won the beef division, was fourth in reasons and seventh overall. Mills was fifth in sheep, sixth in oral reasons and eighth overall. Mazanec was ninth in sheep and tenth in oral reasons. The most recent competition was

the Mid-America Classic in Wichita held on Sept. 24. Competing in the junior college division were 146 sophomores and 88 freshmen contestants. The CCC sophomore team was third in sheep, swine, oral reasons and overall. Mills placed fifth in swine and sixth in oral reasons. Mazanec was high individual in the sheep division. Brown, Chambers and Fordyce competed in the freshman division. They placed tenth overall. “The teams are off to a great start and are looking forward to being competitive at the remainder of the contests they will attend between now and March 2006,” said Ellicott. “They compete next at the University of Wyoming mock contest before the sophomore team competes at the American Royal in Kansas City the end of October.

# Instructors get hands on

The Kansas Business Education Association’s annual two-day conference convened on Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Olive Garvey Business and Technology Building at Friends University in Wichita. Colby Community College business instructors in attendance included Sue Ann Miller and Diane Williams. At Thursday’s session, business and technology teachers from the entire state attended hands-on training sessions in Quickbooks, InDesign, Web Quests, Digital Citizenship, Creative Projects, MovieMaker, iMovie, PhotoShop and Marketing. Friday’s opening session at the Wichita Airport

Hilton was presented by motivational speaker John Irvin, president of Lifestyle Enhancement Services. Friday’s sessions provided opportunities for teachers to increase their knowledge base in the areas of copyright, teacher resources, marketing, team-building, business etiquette, Palm classroom use and Moodle. The Kansas Business Education Association is made up of business and technology teachers from over 120 colleges and universities, technical schools, high schools and middle schools in the state of Kansas. It is the goal of the Kansas Business Educational Association to

help promote and facilitate programs and activities within the state of Kansas designed to assist all business teachers to grow in their profession. Miller and Williams are instructors in the office technology program at CCC. Miller received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Tex. In addition to her teaching duties, she is the chair of the Assessment Committee at the college. Williams, a graduate of Emporia State University, is a co-advisor for Phi Beta Lambda. She is also a member of the CCC Endowment Foundation.

# Presentation focuses on domestic violence

Charlotte Linsner, director of the Northwest Kansas Family Shelter in Hays, has been married for 40 years. During a special presentation to Colby Community College students on Monday, Oct. 17, she told the audience that for 20-25 years of the marriage she was in a domestic violence situation. “My husband and I both grew up in domestic violence homes,” said Linsner. “We didn’t even know that it was wrong—that there was another way to live. We were one of the lucky couples, we broke the cycle and managed to save our marriage.” According to Linsner, 70 percent of males who grow up in a domestic violence home will commit a crime. Sixty percent of American homes experience at least one act of violence. Only 25 percent of those involved in a domestic violence situation ask for help. The Northwest Kansas Family Shelter located in Hays offers 24-hour service to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault by providing crisis counseling, support groups and emergency shelter. “There is help for those in a domestic violence situation,” said Linsner. “In addition to the shelter in Hays, law enforcement officials, the judicial system and acquaintances can provide support. If you are a witness to domestic violence, I urge you to take action. Call the police and tell the victim that they ‘don’t deserve this treatment.’” She also told the group a sobering statistic. According to Linsner, the average number of attempts required for a victim of domestic violence to finally leave the situation is seven times. Domestic violence includes verbal abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse and fi-



Northwest Kansas Family Shelter Director Charlotte Linsner discusses the five types of domestic violence. Linsner spoke to a group of CCC students as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities.

nancial abuse. “It’s hard to believe but we have women who come to the shelter and have no idea of how much money their husband makes and/or how to get money for themselves,” said Linsner. The Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides information and support for the 18 counties in north-west Kansas. For more information, contact the shelter at 800-427-6441.

## Honoring years of service



Colby community College Board of Trustees Vice-Chair Kenton Krehbiel presents a plaque to Dr. Mikel Ary commemorating his 17 years as President of the college. Ary announced his retirement earlier this semester. His last day at the college was Oct. 14.

# Alumni’s play hits stage at Colby college

Gary Ray Stapp began his college career at Colby Community College with plans to major in veterinary medicine. He was an 18-year-old freshman in the fall of 1979 when he enrolled in his first pre-veterinary medicine course. “I grew up in the southwest Kansas community of Satanta,” said Stapp. “I always loved animals and enrolled at Colby because I knew the college had a veterinary technician program. I discovered being a vet was not for me when I almost passed out while watching surgery on a dog.” After graduating from CCC, Stapp continued his education at Kansas State University. “I met my wife Kim (Zinszer) at CCC,” explained Stapp. “I followed her to K-State where we became engaged.” While at CCC, Stapp was involved in the theater department and was a performer in a play presented in 1980. “Jo Gatz was the theater department instructor and Brian Foster was the technical director,” said Stapp. “The play was an adaptation written by English instructor Gene Peck.” That experience was the beginning of Stapp’s lifelong interest in theater and writing plays. Although he has been the County Appraiser in the city of Garnett for many years, Stapp has also written three plays

and is active in community theater. “I got quite a good start at CCC,” said Stapp. “My experience at Colby was very meaningful. I met my wife there and had an opportunity to be on stage as a performer.” Stapp’s first published play Love Thy Neighbor will be presented Nov. 3, 4 and 5 in the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center located on the CCC campus. Director for the production is theater department instructor Deb Bickner. “Gary contacted me two years ago, sending me a copy of Love Thy Neighbor,” said Bickner. “I liked the script and hoped to be able to bring the play to the CCC stage. This year I had the right mix of people to play some of the outrageous characters in this play.” The play will be presented each evening at 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets are available at the Campus Bookstore and at the door prior to the performances. “Following Friday’s performance (Nov. 4), Gary will take the stage to answer any questions the audience, cast and crew may have,” said Bickner. “Following the question and answer period, refreshments will be served in the lobby.” “Having the opportunity to watch one of my plays performed in Colby will be one of the most gratifying experiences of my life,” said Stapp. In addition to Love Thy Neighbor, Stapp has three other published

plays: Birds of a Feather, Burgers & Fries & Little White Lies and Daddy’s Girl. “I wrote Love Thy Neighbor after joining our community theater group in Garnett,” said Stapp. “I didn’t really like any of the plays I was considering for the group, and just decided I could write my own play. I was hesitant to tell the group I was the author of the play and actually used a pseudonym when I submitted it for their approval.” Love Thy Neighbor has been performed in over 30 locations. “It is really neat to hear someone reading my words on a stage,” said Stapp. “I am anxious to attend the performance in Colby.” The comedy revolves around Leona Crump who is concerned about who will buy the house across the street and determined to keep out the “riff-raff.” Still, a family of hillbillies moves into the neighborhood. Obnoxious Gafina and her Maw, as well as Gafina’s “trampy” sister Bambi and amorous boyfriend Turner make life unbearable for Leona. She vows to remove them from her neighborhood with or without the help of her husband and closest neighbors. Cost to attend the play is \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and students. There is no charge for CCC students, faculty and staff members. For more information, contact Bickner at 462-3984, ext. 783.