

# Thank You, Veterans!

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### Check out the fall foliage



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Trees around Colby, such as this one on Mentlick Avenue, started showing their fall colors in October, and although a few still cling to green, many are now decked out in red, yellow or orange.

## Goodland manager promoted

Sheila Smith of Goodland has been named group circulation manager for Nor'West Newspapers, with responsibility for circulation operations and promotions for the entire eight-publication group.

Nor'West, based in Oberlin, publishes newspapers in Goodland, Colby, St. Francis, Bird City, Oberlin and



Sheila Smith

Norton, plus free regional shoppers based in Goodland and Norton. Mrs. Smith will continue to work out of the Goodland office, where she has been office manager for *The Goodland Star-News* and Nor'West Press.

While she will be handling groupwide circulation, readers should continue to call the *Colby Free Press* office to

start or stop a subscription, lodge a complaint or report a problem. Kylee Hunter is the circulation manager.

"Sheila has taken on more responsibility as the years go by," said Steve Haynes, president and co-owner of the firm. "With the switch to a consolidated circulation database last year, she has been handling the subscription lists for all our newspapers.

"This promotion recognizes

that, but she will have authority over transportation and distribution, working with office managers in the other towns, and an increasing role in circulation promotion and audience development."

The former Sheila Raye Hickson was born in Burlington, Colo., Sept. 19, 1957, and grew up on a farm five miles northeast of Kanorado. She went to grade school

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## Government to shut down for Vets Day

It may not be a day off from school, but banks and county, state and federal offices will close Thursday for Veteran's Day. Most businesses will be open.

Colby city offices will remain open, including City Hall and the Public Works Department. Thursday's trash will be picked up on the regular schedule that day.

The courthouse and county landfill will be closed and the transportation van will not run.

The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce and Thomas County Foundation offices will be open, but other agencies in the County Office Complex, including the Health Department and Extension office, will be closed.

The K-State Experiment Station, the driver's license office and the Colby Workforce Center will be closed, as will federal offices, including the Farm Service Agency. Post offices will close and there will be no mail Thursday.

The Pioneer Memorial Library and Prairie Museum of Art and History will be open as well as the Senior Progress Center. The center's bus will not be running, however.

Banks will be closed, except for the Farmers and Merchants Bank branch in Dillon's, which will be open only from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dillon's, Palace Drug and Walmart pharmacies will be open.



VERA SLOAN/Colby Free Press

Sydney Strait (left) and Anita Hills got help from Hills' 3 1/2 year old granddaughter, Karli Hills, to display a holiday quilt that will be given away Dec. 2 at the Colby Women's League annual Christmas Brunch. Hills said she made the quilt from scraps.

## Women's League plans brunch event

Since its organization in 1934, the Colby Women's League has been going around the town, doing good works.

The women will continue the tradition this year. Their annual Christmas Brunch from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2, in club house at Meadow Lake Golf Course, will raise money for league programs.

The league invites everyone to come to the brunch, to enjoy food in a holiday atmosphere.

Tickets for a handmade holiday quilt by Anita Hills may be purchased from any member and will be available at the brunch. They are \$1 each or six for \$5.

The quilt will be on display from today until next Wednesday at the Farmers and Merchants Bank, 240 W. Fourth St., and from next Wednesday through Wednesday, Nov. 24, at the First National Bank, 1195 S. Range.

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## Power plant opponents still skeptical of governor

By John Hanna

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TOPEKA — Environmentalists seeking more information about a top state regulator's abrupt departure reacted skeptically Tuesday to Gov. Mark Parkinson's promise that Kansas is conducting a fair and thorough review of plans for a new coal-fired power plant.

Environmental groups worry that Parkinson pushed Rod Bremby out as secretary of health and environment to ensure that the

plant obtains a permit by year's end. The timing would allow the plant to avoid new federal rules taking effect Jan. 2 for greenhouse gas emissions linked to global warming.

The governor said in a blog posting Monday that he's not pressuring the Department of Health and Environment to issue the permit and that the agency can take the time it needs. The posting came six days after Bremby, who previously rejected a permit for a larger coal-fired project by the same utility, left the agency.

Sunflower Electric Power Corp., based in

Hays, wants to build a plant outside Holcomb, in southwest Kansas. The \$2.8 billion project has the support of Parkinson, a Democrat who leaves office Jan. 10, and Gov.-elect Sam Brownback, a Republican.

Parkinson spokeswoman Amy Jordan Wooden said the blog post was an attempt to address "speculation" about the permit process. But Parkinson's comments didn't mention Bremby or his departure — a huge omission to the environmentalists.

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## Briefly

### Golden Plains to honor vets

Golden Plains students will honor veterans with an assembly at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Rexford school gym. Veterans Dick Pauls, Dale Deaver, Paul Nieman, Don Okeson and Gary Hibbs will talk about their war experiences. The public and area veterans are invited. For information, call Linda Garrett at (785) 687-3265.

### Get picked up for parade

There will be a bus for veterans who wish to participate in the Veterans Day parade Thursday. The bus will pick up veterans at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the American Legion post. For information, call the Legion at 462-3809.

### City to measure home water use

If you need to water the garden or wash the car, it'd be wise to do it in the next week. The City of

Colby will read water meters Friday, Nov. 19. Home water use from then through Feb. 21 will be used to calculate sewer charges for the year beginning April 1. Any outdoor or excessive water use during that time may affect your bill. For information, call City Hall at 460-4400.

### Hill City artist featured at museum

Works by Hill City artist and teacher David Chalfant will be on exhibit at the Prairie Museum of Art and History in November and December. Chalfant grew up in Hill City and has taught at the high school for more than 30 years. His sculptures and paintings have been shown in regional and national shows. For information, contact the museum at 460-4590 or museumed@st-tel.net.

### VFW Auxiliary selling poppies

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary will have

poppies available at the Veteran's Day parade at 4 p.m. Thursday. Proceeds will go to area veterans' services. For information, call Gene Griffin at 460-3579.

### Hospice plans annual party

Hospice Services will hold its annual fund raiser at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the City Limits Convention Center. A social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 and a live auction at 7, followed by a dance. Tickets can be bought from Coleena Woods at 462-3305 for \$240 for an eight-person table or \$35 per person.

### Wellness Fair is Saturday

The Thomas County Wellness Fair will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the Student Union at Colby Community College. Skin Cancer screening will be available from 9 to noon. Many health screenings and educational booths will be available.

Presentations explaining the laboratory results will be at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Enter through the west doors. For information, call Jeanene Brown at 460-4850 or Diann Gerstner 460-4582.

### Students will wash dogs and cats

Veterinary technician students at Colby Community College will hold a pet wash from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the veterinary building on campus. The cost is \$8 for small dogs, \$10 for medium dogs, \$12 for large dogs, \$14 for extra-large dogs, \$5 for cat brushing and \$10 for a cat bath. All proceeds go to the Student Veterinary Technician Association. To make an appointment, call 460-5462.

