

Hansen scholarships available to area students

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation is offering 265 scholarships to any Kansas college in five categories for students in 26 northwest Kansas counties this year.

Eligible are students from an accredited high school or registered independent, private or home school in Thomas, Rawlins, Logan, Sheridan, Cheyenne, Decatur,

Gove, Norton, Sherman and Wallace counties, among others.

Scholarships available for students who will graduate this spring include:

- Ten Leader of Tomorrow scholarships for \$5,000, renewable for three years.

- Fifty Hansen Scholar scholarships for \$3,000, renewable for one

year with a 3.0 average.

- One-hundred Hansen Student scholarships for \$2,000, renewable for one year.

To qualify, a student must have taken the ACT test with a composite score of 21 or higher and have at least a 3.5 grade average in high school. The committee considers extracurricular school and community

activities, citizenship, leadership and moral integrity.

Students must register at their school and take the qualifying test. Tentative test dates are Wednesday and Thursday.

- Ninety Vocational Education Scholarships for \$2,000 are available. Students must complete an application available from high

school counselors. The committee considers students' character, activities and goals.

Recipients may enroll in any vocational course in any Kansas school not leading to a four-year degree.

- Fifteen Community College Scholarships with stipends of \$2,000 for Kansas community col-

lege students transferring to a four-year Kansas college, renewable for one year.

Get an application at the office of the Dean of Student Services or download it from www.hansen-foundation-scholarships.com.

Founder of allergy foundation will speak at Colby lecture

Robyn O'Brien, food industry analyst and author, will be the first speaker of the Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series at Colby Community College for this academic year at 6 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Tuesday, Oct. 5, in the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center on the campus.

O'Brien is the founder of the Allergy Kids Foundation. The mission of the organization is to restore the

health of the one in three American children who have allergies, autism, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder or asthma.

Her talk will be "You Eat, Right?"

O'Brien earned a Fulbright grant and completed her MBA on a full scholarship. She served as a food industry analyst prior to the birth of her four children.

Her book, "The Unhealthy Truth:

How Our Food is Making Us Sick and What We Can Do about It," will be reviewed at 6 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Thursday, Sept. 30 at the Pioneer Memorial Library at Colby. Thomas County Emergency Management Director Susan McMahan will lead the discussion about the book.

As highlighted in her book, using resources and skills that she developed as an equity analyst on a

team that managed billions in assets, O'Brien diagnoses the recent deregulation of the American food system that allowed chemicals and additives into the American food supply in order to enhance profitability for the food industry--chemicals that have either been banned or labeled from foods around the world.

O'Brien has been named by "SHAPE" Magazine as one of 2009's "Women to Shape the

World." She was called "food's Erin Brockovich" by the New York Times; an "inspiring woman to follow on Twitter" by Forbes; and a "visionary" by the Discovery Channel.

Her book published by Random House in May 2009 highlights the role that the financial structure of our food system has had on our food supply and the health of families.

A contributing editor to "SHAPE"

Magazine, she also serves on the board of the Environmental Working Group and writes a column about women and food for "Martha Stewart's Whole Living."

There is no charge to attend. The Max Pickerill Lecture Series is funded annually by anonymous donors. For information contact Dr. Linda Davis-Stephens at (785) 460-5528.

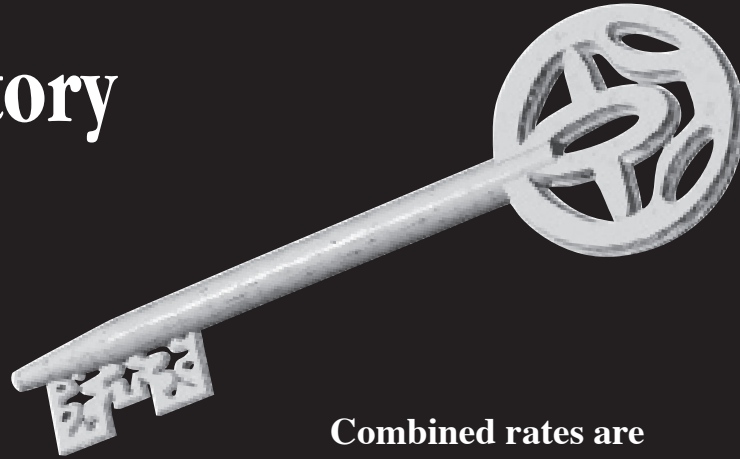
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