

Hunting for treasure



Rebecca Thomas and Brenda Turner, both of Norton, take advantage of the City Wide Clean-Up by doing some curb side shopping. Brenda lives at an apartment at the Haven and was busy gathering up toys and clothes for the children that stay there.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Colby Community College Homecoming planned for Nov. 11-12

For the first time in several years, Colby Community College is hosting a Homecoming/Family Weekend Nov. 11-12. The event will be held in conjunction with the Ambassador Classic Basketball Tournament. Activities are scheduled at the Community Building, the College Farm and on the college campus.

Friday, Nov. 11 has been designated as Colby Community College Pride Day. Everyone is encouraged to wear college apparel to show their Trojan pride. In addition to the women's and men's basketball games, which begin at 5 p.m. at the Community Building, there will be an open house at the College Farm from 4-6 p.m. followed by a free barbecue at 6 p.m. Tours of the equestrian facilities will be provided by students at the farm. Tours of the agriculture/vet tech building will be held on campus from 2:30-5 p.m.

In honor of Veterans Day on

Nov. 11, mini-flags will be distributed to everyone who attends the basketball games. Patriotic pins will be distributed to all veterans, various patriotic items will be given away during the games and all veterans will be recognized at the half times of the men's and women's games. The Circle K Club at the college will have a donation box available for care package items to be sent to members of the military.

College Band Director Tony Schroer has invited alums to play in the Trojan Pep Band during the games. Members of all Colby Community Teams from the years 1971, 1981, 1991, 2001 and 2011 will be recognized during half times of the games.

Homecoming candidates will be introduced between the men's and women's games on Friday evening. College President Dr. Stephen Vacik will be crowning the Homecoming King and Queen.

College art instructor Rebel Jay has created a Homecoming t-shirt which will be available to purchase at the Community Building and the Student Union.

The opening day of pheasant season begins Saturday, and Foundation Executive Director Nick Wells will be organizing a hunt from 6-10 a.m. Participants should meet at the Student Union at 6 a.m. Campus tours will be available from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday and everyone is invited to a free lunch in the Student Union from 12 noon-1 p.m. Holiday lights utilizing solar power will be illuminating the campus beginning Nov. 11.

Basketball games begin at 5 p.m. again on Saturday afternoon. Athletic Director Ryan Sturdy invites all alums and family members to visit the Hospitality Suite in the Community Building on Friday and Saturday.

A complete list of Homecoming/Family weekend activities is available at <http://www.colbycc.edu>. For more information, contact Debbie Schwanke at 460-5411.

Program deadline set for Nov. 15

By Alan Heiman

Soil Conservationist, Smith Center

Trees can be a bad thing. On pastures used for grazing, trees compete with grass for water, sunlight and space. Trees are detrimental to many upland game birds. Trees attract predators that will kill pheasants and prairie chicken. If trees are taking over your pasture, it's time to call for "The WHIP."

WHIP stands for Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program. The program is a voluntary program for people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat on their land. It provides both technical as-

sistance and cost-share payments to help establish and improve wildlife habitat. What this means to you is that now you can WHIP those trees!

The committee that developed the program in Kansas has made upland game birds a priority. Controlling trees on Kansas pastures is a big way to help these birds. The program will pay approximately 75 percent of the cost of brush control.

The 2011 deadline for applications is Nov. 15. For more details on how to WHIP those trees, contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service Office - 785-877-2623. www.nortoncd.com

Conference registration now open

Registration has opened for the Rural Opportunities Conference, sponsored by the Kansas Department of Commerce, to be held Nov. 16-17 in Salina. The conference is an educational event for rural entrepreneurs and telecommunications professionals.

The conference will capitalize on the momentum generated from two legacy programs at the Department - Marketplace and the Broadband Summit. This new, emerging program for rural audiences leverages common goals in support of economic advancement through technology. Entrepreneurs and community representatives will connect with broadband experts to explore advanced economic solutions, plot development strategies and network with industry colleagues.

The conference will feature general and breakout sessions focused on market research; analysis and data usage; advertising and promotions utilizing

social media; economic gardening; exporting and industry creation; the role and future of rural telecommunications providers; technology expansion and a review of broadband applications for community anchor institutions.

WHAT: Rural Opportunities Conference, sponsored by the Kansas Department of Commerce Rural Development Division; the Kansas Telecommunications Industry Association; the State Independent Telephone Association of Kansas; Rocking M Radio Inc. of Manhattan; Nex-Tech Inc. of Hays; NetWork Kansas; the Center for Engagement and Community Development at Kansas State University; the Center for Entrepreneurship, Institute for Policy and Social Research at the University of Kansas; AT&T Kansas in Topeka and Cox Business in Wichita.

WHO: Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback will speak at the opening luncheon on Nov. 16.

Other speakers include Don Macke, director of the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship in Lincoln, Neb., and Ron Wilson with the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at KSU.

WHEN/WHERE: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Nov. 16 and 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Nov. 17, at the Bicentennial Center, 800 The Midway, Salina, Kan. 67401. The first day of the conference also will feature a reception and open exhibits beginning at 5 p.m.

REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITOR INFORMATION: Registration fee is \$60 per person, including access to all sessions, materials, meals and breaks. Registration ends Nov. 9. To register, sign up for exhibitor space or view the complete schedule and list of speakers, go to <http://tinyurl.com/66xugr2>. Contact Tricia Kensinger-Rice with the Department at (785) 296-0650 or trice@kansascommerce.com for more information.

Local staff honored for service

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas hosted its annual awards luncheon in Hays on Sept. 21. Awards were given throughout the afternoon to staff, persons served and community

members. The first awards of the afternoon were given to employees for their years of service. Local staff recognized include Kristi Chesterman and Gordon Husted.

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20th Annual Norton Long-Spur Chapter
Pheasants Forever Banquet
Friday, November 11
at the Norton Eagles Lodge
- A Hunting Tradition - Social Hour at 5:30 p.m./Dinner at 7 p.m.
AUCTION WILL FOLLOW DINNER
Everyone is Welcome - Prizes include 26 Firearms
Including Special Youth and Ladies Firearm Drawings
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Let's "Pack the Pickup" for God's Pantry at the Phillipsburg-Norton Football Game Thursday, Oct. 27
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SPONSORED BY: Norton Rotary Club

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