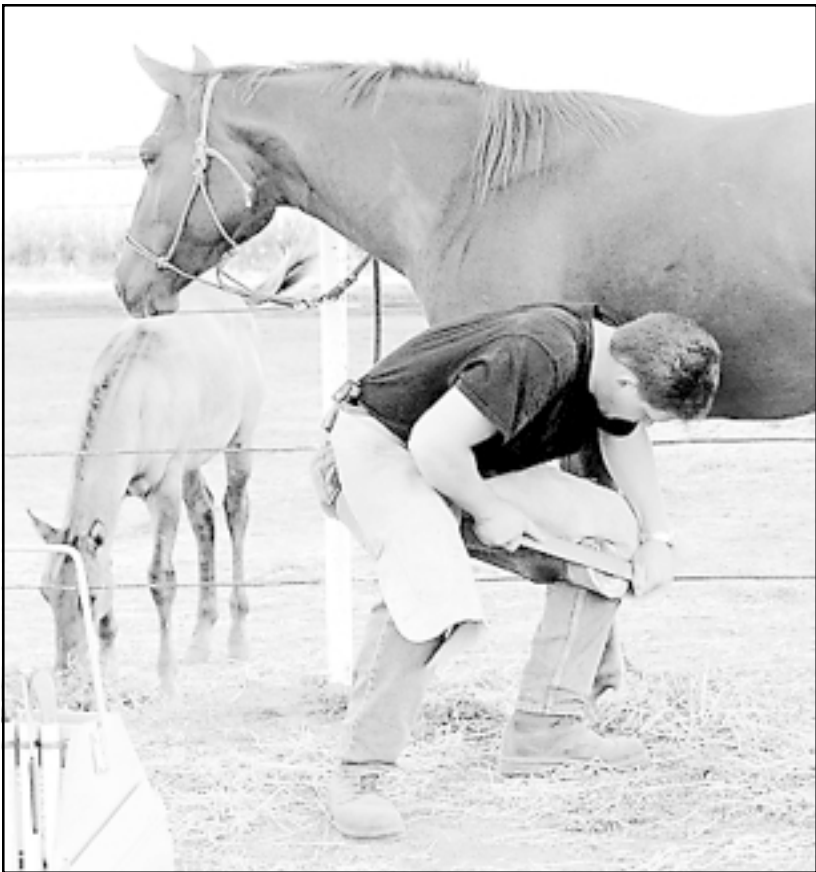


# College horse shoeing class teaches valuable skills

**By DEBBIE SCHWANKE**  
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The future for a well-trained farrier is bright in many areas in Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado. The satisfaction of being self-employed and the financial rewards make horse shoeing an attractive vocation. The demand for this sought after skill is being met for many people enrolled in the horse shoeing class at Colby Community College. The class, taught by experienced farrier Jack Walker, meets from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for eight weeks. "Horse shoeing is a demanding job," said Walker. "However, many of these young people can go back to their hometowns and fill a need with their horse shoeing skills and make a little

money for themselves." Classes include a combination of lecture and practical shoeing. Students handle horses and tools from the first week of the class and continue with as much hands-on experience as time allows. Walker, a Goodland native, has been shoeing horses since he was in seventh grade. In addition to learning the anatomy of the lower equine leg, students are taught the common diseases and injuries associated with legs and feet and the corrective trimming and shoeing techniques. Students meet at the Colby Community College farm located four miles east and one mile north of Colby. The class is traditionally offered during the fall semester.



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Nick Olson, a sophomore out of Saukville, Wis., trimmed the horse's hooves in preparation for applying the shoes. He is majoring in horse production at Colby Community College and is enrolled in the horse shoeing class.

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School Calendar

Colby Public Schools

Kirk Nielsen, superintendent, 465-5000

Don Barta, high school principal, 465-5300

Robb Ross, middle school principal, 465-5200

Terrel Harrison, grade school principal, 465-5100

Monday - Staff Development Day - No School; state FFA dues and POA deadline; JV football with Holcomb at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday - Black Day; lunch money due; Varsity and JV golf at Ulysses, 10 a.m.; Varsity tennis at Colby, 4:30 p.m.; cross country at Oberlin, 5 p.m.

Wednesday - Orange Day; Northwest area Land and Homesite CDE for FFA at Cheylin, 9 a.m.; Curriculum Council at the Administration Building, 4 p.m.

Thursday - Black Day; cross country at Hays, 3:45 p.m.; C team volleyball at Ulysses, 4:30 p.m.; 7 and 8 grade football at Scott City, 4:30 p.m.; 7 and 8 grade volleyball with Scott City, 4:30 p.m.; C team football with Oberlin, 5:30 p.m.

Friday - Orange Day; Varsity football at Hays, 7 p.m.

Saturday - J V tennis at Colby, 9 a.m.; JV and Varsity volleyball at Oakley, 9 a.m.; JV and Varsity golf at Lakin, 9:30 a.m.; 7 and 8 grade B team football at Goodland, 10 a.m.

Breakfast Monday - No School. Tuesday - waffles, syrup, orange juice, cereal choice, milk. Wednesday - cereal choice, grape juice, milk. Thursday - breakfast burrito, apple half, cereal choice, milk. Friday - No Head Start.

Lunch: Monday - No School. Tuesday - grilled ham and cheese (or hamburger at the High School), chips, peas, corn, baby carrots, orange slices, pear half, milk. Wednesday - chicken and noodles (or deli sandwich at the High School), whipped potatoes, gravy, green beans, carrots, hot roll, apple half, peach slices, milk. Thursday - pizza (or ham sandwich at the High School), tossed salad, corn, broccoli with cheese, bread sticks with sauce, pear half, cantaloupe, cookie, milk. Friday - hamburger, tuna salad, french fries, baked beans, cauliflower, seven layer salad, strawberries, pear half, milk.

Sacred Heart School

David Evert, principal 462-2813

Monday - No School

Friday - McGyver Day

Lunch: Monday - No School. Tuesday - salisbury steak. Wednesday - chicken nuggets. Thursday - spaghetti and meatballs. Friday - sausage.

Heartland Christian School

Rick Roberts, administrator, 462-6419

Thursday - Kindergarten, farmer demonstration by Randy Regier, 1 p.m.

## Sacred Heart gets new staff members

Sacred Heart has four new staff members this year — Heather Robben, Elsie Rietchek, Lois Francis and Danna Dempewolf. Enrollment has remained steady for another year. School officials say the school is down four students in the K-5 program, but the additional students in the pre-kindergarten program have made the enrollment up by one. Total enrollment for the year is 148 students. The new teachers have been assigned to the following grades: Robben is a new graduate of Fort Hays State

University and is teaching second grade. Rietchek comes to the school with plenty of experience and is teaching the fourth grade. Francis is returning to the teaching profession, also with many years of experience, and has the fifth grade class. Dempewolf is the new head nutritionist. "These are new people bringing new ideas, and the present staff can share their experiences with them," said Dave Evert, principal. "Sacred Heart is looking forward to a great year with the new staff members."

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