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## Golden Jubilee held Sunday for Sister Donna

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Free Press Editor

Sister Donna Marie Kleinsorge said she knew by the time she was a sophomore in high school that she wanted to become a nun.

Now 50 years later, a Golden Jubilee celebration was held Sunday in her honor at the Colby Senior Progress Center.

She said she entered the Congregation of St. Agnes in Fond du Lac, Wis. in August of 1949 and three years later was received into the Novitiate, which is the state of being a religious novice.

From there, Sister Donna made her first Profession of Vows in August of 1954 and by August of 1960 she reached the Perpetual Profession of Vows.

It was during her Profession of Vows that she said she professed the three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Her religious life has taken her on many assignments, working with the elderly most of that time.

In her earlier years, she said she taught fourth grade in Pennsylvania in 1954-55 and ministered to Christian travelers at the Leo House in New York where she served as an assistant receptionist, switchboard operator and organist in 1956-57.

Sister Donna was the pastoral associate, ministering to the parishioners of St. Mary's in Smith Center during 1986-88; however, she spent more than 30 years working in nursing homes and adult day centers in Wisconsin, Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska.

In Colby, she said she continues to work with and minister to the elderly as a volunteer at the Senior Progress Center, as parish nurse for the Alzheimer's Arts and Inspira-



Sister Donna Marie spoke with Janet Wahlmeier of Colby during a reception held in her honor Sunday at the Progress Center.

tion program, as Kansas Certified Ombudsman for Long Term Care facilities and as a companion and caregiver.

"I am grateful for my call to minister as a Sister of St. Agnes to the elderly," she said, "and for the many beautiful ministries I have experienced."

"I am grateful to the Holy Spirit for daily guidance, inspiration and companionship," she said.

As for the times, Sister Donna said there are not as many women going into convents as there once were.

Part of the problem, she said, is that women have too many choices and too much to do.

In those earlier years, Sister Donna said there were only a few areas open to her to include health-care and teaching.

Today, she said, there are social services, foreign missions and more.

Sister Donna said she was born east of Colby, attending Halford School and by third grade her family had moved south of Rexford.

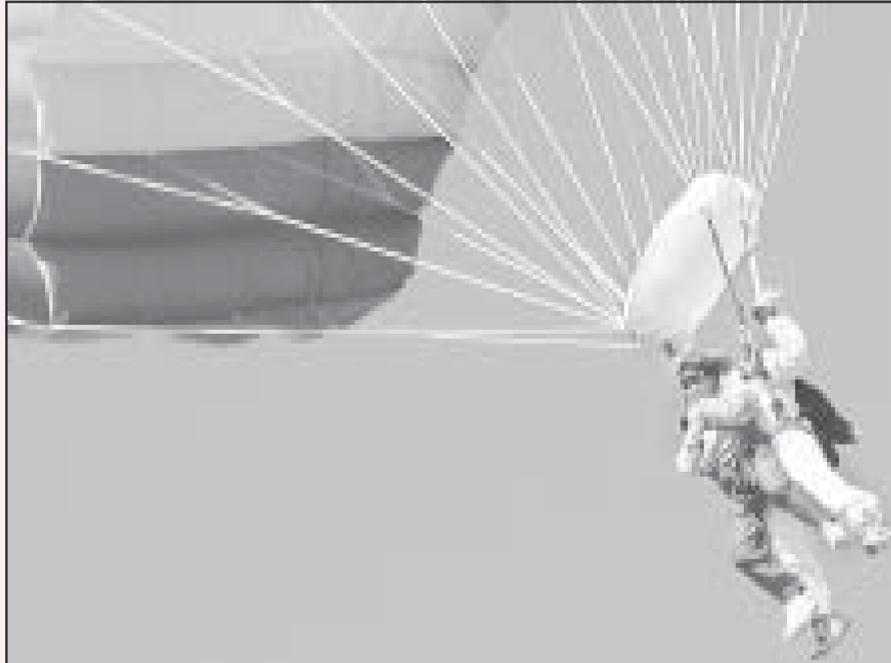
In sixth grade the family then moved west of Colby and by 8th grade, they were located at the four-mile corner.

Sister Donna is the oldest of six children. Their parents are Dorothy Kleinsorge and the late George Kleinsorge, Sr.

Her other four sisters are Sister Vivian of Hays, Melva Edmonds of Lawrence, Evelyn Henderson of Levant, Eleanora Hanna of Virginia Beach, Va., and her one brother, George, Jr. of Enterprise.

The reception was two hours long and during that time more than 75 visitors stopped by to join in the celebration.

Prior to the Colby event, the Congregation of St. Agnes Community held its celebration of jubilees in mid-July at Fond du Lac.



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Tandem skydiving was one of the attractions at the Colby Fly-In on Saturday. More than 40 people took jumps with members of the Denver Skydivers group out of Brush, Colo. Aircraft, skydiving, a breakfast and airport open house were part of the day's festivities.



## New event adds to success

By TISHA COX

Colby Free Press

Saturday's Fly-In at the Colby airport was a success, thanks to the good weather and a new attraction — skydiving.

Airport manager Mark Ostmeier said, "I think it went real well... We had a good turnout."

More than 300 people ate breakfast at the airport, which was provided by Boy Scout Troop

144. Thirty-four outside aircraft were on display and 44 people took advantage of the tandem skydiving opportunities provided by Denver Skydivers out of Brush, Colo. There was no skydiving last year, but it proved to be an attraction this year.

He said also helping draw the crowds were the 34 aircraft on display.

Two of the airplanes were jets, including a French Fouga Magistar fighter trainer and several compa-

nies and many individuals brought in their own aircraft to show off and later gave rides.

Ostmeier said the numbers were down from last year's 50-55 planes and helicopters. He also said there were no military craft on display because none of the invited groups came.

He added attendance numbers for the day were probably similar to last year but didn't have any solid figures yet.

## U.S. Marine Band concert reminder issued by sponsors

A reminder was issued today by the Western Plains Arts Association and the Colby Press Press of the "The President's Own" United States Marine Band's concert on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Colby Community Building.

To request the special free ticket required to attend the performance, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

Pat Ziegelmeier  
Colby Community College  
1255 S. Range, Colby, Kan.  
67701.

Established by an Act of Congress in 1798, the Marine Band is America's oldest professional musical organization. It has performed at every presidential inauguration since that of Thomas Jefferson in 1801.

The legendary John Philip Sousa directed the band from 1880-92 and during that time elevated its standards to unprecedented levels of excellence which have been consistently maintained.

The concert is jointly sponsored by the Colby Free Press and Western Plains Arts Association. Questions to Mrs. Ziegelmeier or Tom Dreiling, Free Press publisher.

## Feds agree to study pollution at old plant

DE SOTO (AP) — The federal government has agreed to assess and catalog pollution as well as historic artifacts at the defunct Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant under the settlement of a lawsuit by a citizens' group.

The Johnson County group, called Taxpayers Offering Tomorrow's Opportunities Inc., filed suit four years seeking to stop the government from transferring own-

ership of the 9,065-acre property to the Kansas State Projects Development Corp.

At the time, the corporation planned to convey the property to a private developer — Los Angeles-based Oz Entertainment Co. — which wanted to build a theme park on the site.

The lawsuit claimed the government had not conducted a proper environmental assessment at the

site, where ammunition was manufactured from 1942 to 1989.

In addition, that such a study had to be done before ownership was transferred.

Johnson County commissioners ultimately rejected the theme-park plan and have since endorsed another company's proposal for a more conventional development with residential, commercial and recreational components.

Under the settlement, the agency agreed that the government must make a greater effort to catalog toxic wastes at the site and list historic artifacts before it is transferred to new owners, U.S. Attorney Eric Melgren said in announcing the settlement Friday.

In addition, the settlement made the government responsible for paying \$50,000 of the group's court costs.

## Briefly

### City council to meet

The Colby City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the council chambers at City Hall. Items on the agenda are approval of the consent agenda which includes application for license of retail cereal malt beverages for China Buffet; and on the regular agenda approval of Resolution 904 to put a .25 percent sales tax increase in the city of Colby on the November ballot.

### Heartland Share sign-up

Heartland SHARE sign-up will continue throughout the week at State Farm Insurance office, with delivery on Saturday, Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart School gym.

### Genesis food bank seeking donations

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary members are sponsoring a food collection drive for Genesis in October, November and December. Drop-off box is at LeRoy's Printing, 560 N. Franklin.

### Tootsie Roll drive closing in

The Colby Knights of Columbus will be handing out "specially marked" Tootsie Rolls while seeking donations for the mentally deficient on Oct.

10, 11 and 12. The Tootsie Roll troops will be attired in their bright yellow and red aprons and will be at several locations in the city. They express their sincere gratitude to all for your past donations and encourage your continued support.

You may mail a check, if you so desire, to Dick Parnell, Tootsie Roll Chairman, 2820 N. Range, Colby, Kan. 67701. Your contribution is tax deductible, Parnell said.

### Colby Music Booster cards on sale

Colby Middle School and high school students are selling Music Booster cards with many businesses offering discounted items. Each year, said Jill Zerr, music teacher, the proceeds from the sale of these cards go toward helping the program.

For questions or to buy cards, either talk with students selling them or call the high school, 460-5300, or middle school, 460-5200. The Boosters also wanted to remind everyone with cards to make a notation that Ronda Tibbles' telephone number has changed to 460-2611.

### Parent-teacher conferences this week

Parent-teacher conferences for Colby Public Schools are planned Tuesday and Thursday. Parents or guardians are encouraged to attend the conferences. For grade school student conferences, call 460-5100; middle school, 460-5200; and high school conferences, 460-5300.

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## A bit breezy, but nice

**Tonight...**Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. South winds 5 to 15 mph and gusty.  
**Tuesday...**Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Breezy. Highs in the upper 60s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.  
**Tuesday night...**Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds 10 to 20 mph with gusts to around 35 mph.  
**Wednesday...**Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.  
**Wednesday night...**Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.  
**Thursday...**Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

### The numbers

Sunday's high, 79  
Low this morning, 42  
Low Sunday 38  
Low Saturday, 35  
Records for Oct. 4, 95 in 1967 and 30 in 1903  
Year ago today, 65 and 33  
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00  
October total, 0.11  
Soil temperature, 62

### The sources:

The forecast is from the National Weather Service, and other numbers are from the Northwest Research-Extension Center, Colby. A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

