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Colby College Comprehensive Learning Center tutors Derick Lorentz, Amber Lorentz, director Joyce Washburn and Justin Jones.

Eight college tutors earn certification

Eight tutors in the Comprehensive Learning Center at Colby Community College were recently recognized for completing certification requirements in the peer tutoring program sponsored by the College Reading and Learning Association. Joyce

Washburn, director of developmental services, is the supervisor for the program.

“CLC tutors who received the certification were required to complete 10 hours of training and 20 hours of peer tutoring,” said Washburn.

“They were also recommended for the certification by an instructor.”

Students who completed the Level I training include Derick Lorentz, Amber Lorentz, Justin Jones, Cherokee LeFlore, Jesse Colson, Andrea Sis, Jodi Waller and

Pete Chamberlain.

In addition to the free tutoring service, the Comprehensive Learning Center offers supplemental materials to aid students in their college course work. Developmental classes are taught in reading, writing and math.

Student continues to soar in music

By Debbie Schwanke

Public Information Officer

Shane Carter has a musical talent that many wish for but few achieve.

The Colby Community College sophomore plays the keyboard in the Colby Community College Rockin’ Pep Band, fills in on guitar and drums and plays the trombone in Concert and Jazz Band.

In addition to being a full-time student, Shane travels with his dad’s band to help with performances. Rick Carter, Shane’s father, is the drummer with “Wild Ride,” a well-known classical rock and country band that performs frequently around the area.

“I have taken piano lessons from Shirley Malcolm for many years,” said Carter.

“However, I’m basically self-taught on the guitar and drums. I learned the trombone from my middle and high school instructors.”

Carter plans to transfer to Fort Hays State University to major in music education after graduating in May from Colby Community College.

“There’s not a type of music I don’t like,” said Carter.

“I’d like to teach but would also be interested in touring with a band if I can catch a break and find the right group.

“I’ve really enjoyed my time at Colby with Dr. Mruzek.

“He’s intense but that’s why he is so effective as a teacher.”

Although he can play several instruments, Carter prefers the keyboard.



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Shane Carter, sophomore at Colby College, is a multi-talented musician with plans to continue his education at Fort Hays State University.

“I don’t use sheet music and seldom play a song the same way twice,” said Carter.

“My parents have been very supportive and are pleased with my choice to pursue a career in music, he said.”

“I am very proud of Shane and his accomplishments these past two years,” said CCC band director Dr. David Mruzek.

“He has been a real asset to our program. I’m especially proud of him because he is such a good kid

who wants to be a music educator.

He’ll be a good band director and I wish him the best of success.”

Shane’s parents are Rick and Marcy Carter of Colby.

He has one brother, Cade, who is a freshman at Colby High School.

Corporation helps fund new scoreboard

Thanks to a donation from the Pepsi Bottling Group and contract with the college, a new scoreboard for the college baseball field is a reality.

In a recent meeting between Leslie Craig, representing the Pepsi Bottling Company and Skip Sharp, president of Colby Community College, the check for partially funding the new scoreboard was exchanged, said Debbie Schwanke, public information officer.

Sharp told Craig that the college was grateful to the Pepsi Company for their assistance in helping with the funding.



Leslie Craig with the Pepsi Bottling Group (left) and Colby College President Skip Sharp.

Black History Month

Colby Community College administrative assistant Kathy Cayton reviews materials recognizing Women’s History Month. The event, hosted by the Women’s Studies Class, was held in the Student Union’s Fireside Lounge earlier this month. The class is taught by Linda Davis-Stephens.



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Entrepreneur workshop nears

Aspiring entrepreneurs should plan to attend the NetWork Kansas Town Hall Meeting set for Wednesday, April 19, from 7-9 a.m. at the Colby Community College Student Union.

Network Kansas will conduct the meeting to discuss how they can assist new and existing business owners in their entrepreneurial adventures.

NetWork Kansas is a central portal that connects entrepreneurs to education, expertise and other available economic resources. A

Network Kansas panel will be at the meeting to address questions.

The meeting is open to the public, students and public officials. It will be an open-forum dialogue concerning entrepreneurship as a priority for economic and community development and creating an entrepreneurial environment in local communities.

A continental breakfast will be served from 7-7:30 a.m.

For information, call Barry Kaaz, business and industry representative, at 462-3984, ext. 224.

Donations for center reach \$1.3 million

By Debbie Schwanke

Public Information Officer

The recent announcement of a \$250,000 donation to the Colby Community College Wellness Center campaign brings the total pledges to over \$1.3 million.

“We are very pleased to announce this gift from the Pete Henry Foundation,” said Colby Community College Endowment Foundation Director Nick Wells. “Pete was very interested in assisting students to further their education and in health care issues. The Wellness Center will provide a facility to promote the mental, physical and social health of all students who attend CCC.”

The Pete Henry Foundation is managed by a board of directors. Members include Kenton Krehbiel, Bill Biel, Bill Dowell, Lou Hines and Wayne Carpenter.

“The Wellness Center compliments Pete’s interests,” said Krehbiel. “He was very supportive of education and helping those who really had a need.”

Henry was born in 1910 and raised on a farm near Campbell, Neb.

His mother died when he was 13 and his immediate responsibility was to care for and manage the household for his four younger brothers and sisters while his dad struggled to earn a living. He left Nebraska when he was 21 years old for California. Times were hard requiring him to sleep in cars and wash dishes for food. He eventually rented a garage to live in for \$6 a month.

He signed on with the Civilian Conservation Corps Forest Service to harvest trees and build roads. Although he had only an 8th grade education, the forester recognized Henry’s innate engineering talent and assigned him the responsibility of being the librarian where he immersed himself in a surveying course.

Henry became the head of the surveying crew which built many roads and fire lanes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Late in the 1930s Pete was hired by Douglas Aircraft Company to work in the engineering department designing and constructing fighter planes. The 1940s found him in and

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out of the Army Air Corp where he was flight engineer of the B-17, B-24 and B-29 aircraft. He also participated in top secret training with some of the airmen from his base being the ones who dropped the atomic bomb.

In 1949 Henry rented ground south of Brewster from former neighbors in Nebraska. Always the keen observer, he adapted his Nebraska farming experiences to western Kansas.

He never farmed prime cultivated land. He saw each acre as unique and managed each type of soil differently to achieve maximum productivity. Henry watched his neighbors and learned from their successes and mistakes. He managed his money frugally, investing in good machinery and income-producing assets but lived a Spartan life himself.

He provided essentially all the labor on the farm until he was 88 years old and until his death in 2002 made all the management decisions.

The Pete Henry Foundation assists local students to further their education. Academic and technical training scholarships are awarded to those students who demonstrate a need in Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas and Wallace counties.

The construction of the Wellness Center at Colby College is part of the Endowment Foundation’s comprehensive “Colby @ 50” campaign. The goals of the campaign are to raise \$4 million to fund construction of the Wellness Center \$1 million in new endowment funds and \$500,000 in annual fund contributions.