

# Plenty of holiday shopping, reading

As soon as Thanksgiving ended and "Black Friday" began, millions of people turned their attention to Christmas shopping.

The glitz and glamour of the holiday season continues to grow, as does the selection. So with all of the options why not make it simple and get something distinctly Thomas County?

The library has two unique gifts this year that you can purchase as stocking stuffers. A set of four note cards (featuring prize winning photos of Thomas County) can be purchased for the extraordinarily low price of \$3.

In addition you can get a FOPML cookbook (featuring local recipes) on sale for \$5.

After the New Year the price will go back up so don't miss out on this Christmas special. All sale proceeds go directly to benefit the library.

While you are doing some of your Christmas shopping at the library make sure and checkout everything else we have to offer...for free. Our traditional services such as books and magazines are always popular but don't forget that we have a number of cake pans that are specifically for the holidays. Included are cake pan forms in the shape of a:

- Christmas tree
- Santa Claus
- Gingerbread Boy
- Snowman
- Christmas Wreath
- Holiday House
- Christmas cookie cutters

As they say, "Presentation is everything."

If you are a better reader than a



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● Pioneer Memorial Library director

cook, try the book "Finding Noel." Just plan on keeping a box of tissues handy as you read through the latest short novel by Richard Paul Evans.

Mark Smart is at the end of his rope as the holidays approach and he can't seem to find the right answers to life. As Mark contemplates the bleak alternative to life, his car stalls and he enters a nearby coffee shop for help.

In a chance, life-saving encounter Mark meets and begins a deep friendship with Macy Wood. Both have complicated problems in life. As their relationship deepens, Mark wishes for marriage but Macy pushes him away foreseeing problems with some of the unresolved issues in Mark's life. Eventually however, the strength they find in each other as they work through their respective family problems provides a satisfying and inspirational ending to the story.

And here is a not so inspirational thought. What would the world be like if all young children were told the truth about Santa?

According to child psychologist Dr. Wynn Jeffries in Debbie Macomber's latest novel, the world would be a better place. Katherine O'Connor on the other hand, strongly believes children

should be raised believing in the magic of Christmas. Katherine's beliefs are evidenced by the fact that her sideline business as a professional Christmas letter writer in a small French café is booming. When destiny finally intervenes, Dr. Jeffries and Katherine O'Connor are given an opportunity to debate their respective positions on the issue.

As time marches on however, their emotionally charged debates prove to be more of a connector than a divider in a budding relationship. Discover who ultimately comes out on top in the book "Christmas Letters" by Debbie Macomber.

Stay warm and have a great week!

Pioneer Memorial Library is located at 375 W. Fourth and open seven days a week.

Winter hours are as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

For more information contact the Library at 460-4470 or visit our Web site at [www.colbylibrary.com](http://www.colbylibrary.com). As always, we are here to serve you.

# Rotary Club honors students

**From Colby Rotary**  
Ashley Barnes was selected as the October Colby Rotary Club Student of the Month.

Ashley is the daughter of Drew and Julie Barnes. Her academic emphasis has been college prep courses. During her high school career, she has participated in volleyball, basketball, softball, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, C-Club, National Honor Society, FCCLA and band.

Barnes has been involved in the following community activities: Youth Group and served as a volunteer for recycling and kids sport camps. Ashley has been named to the Superintendent's Honor Roll, Who's Who Among America's

High School Students and Colby High School's National Honor Society. Her future plans are to attend a four-year university.

The November student of the month for the Colby Rotary Club is Lindsey Bugbee.

She is the daughter of Steve Bugbee and Delin Thompson. While at Colby High School, art has been Lindsey's academic emphasis. She is a member of the Cosmic Crayon Club and National Honor Society. Lindsey also serves on Colby High School's Student Council. She has provided community service at the Prairie Senior Living Complex and currently works as a waitress at Village Inn. Special honors for Lindsey include:

2006 American Studies Student of the Year, National Scholastic Silver Award and numerous arts medals and ribbons. Lindsey's future plans include attending the University of Kansas and majoring in art.

Students are nominated to be a Student of the Month by a selection committee comprised of instructors and administrators. In addition to consideration of grade point average, high school and community activities are evaluated.

The selection committee also evaluates how students conduct themselves in regards to Rotary's 4-Way Test: 1. Is it the truth?; 2. Is it fair to all concerned?; 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?; and 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

## Colby student places

**HAYS** — Six Fort Hays State University technology teams, including a student from Colby, placed in the regional Technology Education Collegiate Association Conference recently with four taking first. The competition was Nov. 10 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Teams of TECA members from Kansas, Utah and Wyoming competed in six areas: Communication, Problem Solving, Manufacturing, Transportation, Teaching Lesson and Technology Challenge.

The first place Live Manufacturing team members were Eric Denault, Concordia senior; Ashley Goering, Cimarron senior; Russ Flinn, Cheney senior; Matt

Mazouch, Great Bend senior; and Lucas Meiar, WaKeeney senior.

Placing first in Transporation was the team of Mike Kilgore, Salina sophomore; Adam McElwain Dodge City junior; Mark Bogner Odin sophomore and Brent Kerr, Ness City senior.

Placing first in Problem Solving were Jace Stewart, Hays, senior; Eric Stahlsatzm, Garden Plain senior; Brandon Kilgore, Ellinwood sophomore; and Flinn.

Two FHSU teams competed in Technology Challenge. Placing first were Flinn, Mazouch, Stahlsatz and Jessica Cox, Colby senior.

**General Public Transportation Van**  
**Hours: 8 am to 4 pm**  
**Days: Monday - Friday**  
**Phone:**  
**460-2901 (8 am-12:30 pm)**  
**443-9208 (12:30 pm - 4 pm)**  
If possible call for Reservavtions by 11 am the previous business day. Provided to Colby, Brewster, Gem, Menlo, Rexford and a Portion of Oakley as needed.  
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Celeste Rains, D.O.  
Charles Zerr, M.D.  
Ramona McCarty, A.R.N.P.

**Happy Holidays**  
**from**   
**Tune into 91.9**  
[www.colbycc.edu](http://www.colbycc.edu)

**Town Hall Conversations**  
*Important Water Meetings, EVERYONE needs to attend!!!*  
**Monday, December 11, 2006**  
• Quality Inn 11:30 AM  
1950 S. Range Ave, Colby, KS  
RSVP-Danielle Freeman at Thomas County Conservation District  
785-462-761 ext. 303  
• First State Bank Basement 6:00 PM  
101 E. Cherry, Hill City, KS  
**Tuesday, December 12, 2006**  
• Lenora City Library 11:30 AM  
125 E. Washington, Lenora, KS  
RSVP-Twila Dizmgang at Norton County Conservation District  
785-877-2623 ext. 37  
• Osborne Sunflower Bank Basement 6:00 PM  
203 W. Main, Osborne, KS  
This is your chance to voice concerns about **Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS)** going on in the Solomon River Basin Waconda Reservoir and Prairie Dog Creek/Keith Sebelius Lake Watersheds.  
We will break down into smaller discussion groups so your voice, opinions and suggestions will be heard. Plan to make it a point to attend one of these sessions to see how you can protect and restore our water resources.  
Meals provided at no charge, RSVP's appreciated by December 4, 2006; please call one of the above numbers or Carolyn Nichols (785)346-304.  
**Meals and meetings provided by:** KDHE EPA 319 Grant Funds • Solomon Valley RC&D Area, Inc. • Farm Bureau Financial Services-Gerelyn • Osborne FCCLA  
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**Letters To Santa**  
**Calling all kids!!**  
Bring your Santa Letter by the office or mail to:  
**Colby Free Press**  
155 W. 5th St.  
Colby, KS 67701  
Deadline for letters is Wed., Dec. 13th  
Your letter will appear in the paper so Santa can read it.

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