



## Angels need takers

Senior citizens at Infinia and Prairie Senior Living Center in Colby are this year's designated recipients of gifts from the "Angel Tree" located in the Colby Community College Student Union.

"In previous years, the angels have represented children of CCC students," said vice-president of student services Skip Sharp. "This year Student Senate members decided to make a change and provide gifts to the nursing homes' residents."

Many Angels remain on the tree which can be found in the center of the college cafeteria.

"Last year we provided gifts for about 35 children," said Sharp. "There are approximately 100 residents of the nursing homes. We're asking for help from community members to provide gifts for everyone."

Gift suggestions are listed on each Angel. After purchasing the gift, participants are asked to return it to the Campus Bookstore by Friday.

Participants are encouraged to spend at least \$15 for each resident. Gifts do not need to be wrapped. They will be delivered to the recipients on Friday, Dec. 15.



DEBBIE SCHWANKE/Colby Community College

Tiffany Jones of McCook, Neb., chooses an angel from the tree located in the Student Union. Jones is a student employee in the Campus Bookstore.

## College plans phone system switch today

By Debbie Schwanke  
Public Information Officer

Officials at Colby Community College are making a change they hope few people will notice. Tonight the college will be switching to a new telephone system which includes several updated features.

"The new system will allow callers to bypass the main switchboard and call directly to any extension on campus," said vice-president of business affairs Dan Erbert. "The main number into the college will still connect callers to the receptionist. The receptionist can then forward the call if necessary. The main number 462-3984 will not be changing."

Officials are planning for a seamless transition to the new system. Representatives from Imagine Technologies, S & T Communications and CCC will be working through the night to make the switch.

"It is our hope that callers will not be inconvenienced," said Erbert. "There are many positives with this new system. The direct-dial numbers will make it much easier and faster to contact individuals on campus. For those who do not know

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the correct direct-dial number, our receptionist will continue to answer the main phone line into the campus."

The new phone numbers to reach individuals on campus will have a 460 prefix. A list of direct-dial numbers will be available on the college web site [www.colbycc.edu](http://www.colbycc.edu).

The toll free number and other direct numbers including the Admissions Office, Financial Aid Office, Registrar's Office, H.F. Davis Library, and all fax lines will also remain the same.

## Student chosen for leadership development in Washington, D.C.

By Debbie Schwanke  
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Colby Community College sophomore Lacey Ninemire has been chosen to participate in an extraordinary academic and leadership development experience in Washington, D.C.

The Lenora native was one of 14 students in the nation selected by the Presidential Classroom organization to serve as an intern from Jan. 28-April 1, 2007.

Ninemire participated in the presidential



L. Ninemire

classroom program while attending high school in Norton. The program allows high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to observe the federal government at work, witness the development of public policy and explore the roles of lawmakers. Ninemire won a contest sponsored by Rural Telephone in Lenora which paid for her one-week trip to the nation's capital.

"As an alum of the program, I was eligible to apply for the eight-week internship," said Ninemire. "I had to write four essays, complete an application form and get two letters of recommendation. CCC history and political science instructor Tom Moorhous agreed to provide one of the recommendations."

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one at CCC," said Moorhous. "I was not surprised when she was chosen for this honor. She is a leader among her peers and I know she will have much to contribute during the internship."

Although she will not receive any com-

pensation while serving as an intern, accommodations are provided for the interns at the Georgetown University Hotel and she will receive a stipend for meals.

Ninemire plans to transfer to Washburn University to continue her education.

"I plan to major in political science and then attend law school," said Ninemire. "I hope to have a career in politics and international law. I love history and political science and really enjoyed my high school trip to Washington, D.C. I also traveled to Europe as a Kansas Ambassador in Music during high school and have a real interest in world affairs."

As an intern, Ninemire will have the opportunity to meet President Bush, travel to Capital Hill to meet with representatives and learn how government works. She has applied to be the director's assistant, help with logistics and be the group's liaison to Capital Hill.

Lacey is the daughter of Jim and Peggy Ninemire of Lenora.

## EduKan expands curriculum

By Debbie Schwanke  
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The Western Kansas consortium, EduKan, that offers courses and degree programs online, is expanding its offerings beyond general education classes to meet the growing needs of the consortium students.

New courses include business and economic statistics, business law, business management, introduction to corrections, introduction to law enforcement, physical science, animal science, computers in agriculture, managerial accounting, sociology of families, introduction to philosophy and orientation.

In addition to the Associate of Arts, Associate of General Studies and Associate of Science degrees offered online, EduKan is considering the development of other degree options in business and agriculture, as well as additional science course certificate offerings for prerequisites in the medical area and other medical-related programs, said Dennis Franz, EduKan executive director.

Member colleges of EduKan include Colby, Pratt, Garden City, Dodge City, Seward and Barton community colleges.

For more information, go online to [www.edukan.org](http://www.edukan.org) <http://www.edukan.org> or contact a member college.



DEBBIE SCHWANKE/Colby Community College

Simon Micek (Colby) is one of the members of the CCC Jazz Band who will be a soloist in the Winter Band Concert set for Sunday.

## Winter Concert Band to perform Sunday

The Colby Community College Concert Band and Jazz Band, under the direction of first-year conductor Bradley Herndon, will present a wide

and varied program of mostly seasonal music 3 p.m. Sunday in the Cultural Arts Center.

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ever-popular "Buglers Holiday" by Leroy Anderson featuring trumpet soloists Millie LeFlore, Simon Micek and Reed Shoaff.

The Jazz Band will perform a

wide variety of Christmas tunes including "Christmas Time is Here" from "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and "Hot Chocolate and Rockin' on Top of the World" from the animated Christmas

movie "The Polar Express."

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