Award for teaching goes to rodeo coach at commencement

Debbie Schwanke

Colby Community College debbie.schwanke@colbycc.edu Allen Russell, Colby Community College instructor and rodeo coach, was recently named as the recipient of the 2009 Tangelence. The award, honoring the school's second president, Dr. James Tangeman, was established in 1988 to recognize the outstanding teacher of the year. Previous recipients and current college stuthis year's award. Russell was recognized during commencement exercises held on May 16 at the Colby Community Building.

Russell began his career at Colby Community College in 1990. In addition to teaching agri-business classes, he is the advisor for agriculture and agricultre economics majors and is the coach for the college rodeo team. He serves as a division chair and is a member of the academic council.

"I love coming to work each day," Russell said. "I deal with something different every day. I enjoy teaching classes just as much as being the rodeo coach. The students are great and I look forward to each year."

In addition to teaching and coaching rodeo, Russell competed in professional rodeos for many years and was a member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association for over 15 years, traveling to over 60 rodeos each year.

Russell served as the Director of the Central Plains Region of the National Intercollegiate Ro-

We want your local news: e-mail to colby.editor @ nwkansas.

2007 07-235 CAT 236B SSL 617hrs ..

Skid Steers

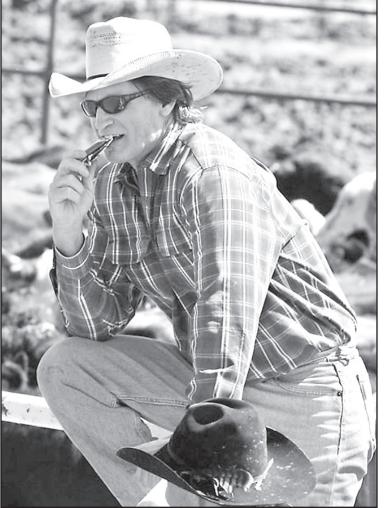
deo Association for six years. The Central Plains Region is one of the largest and toughest in the nation. It includes colleges and universities in Kansas, Oklahoma and

"Allen does an outstanding job man Award for Teaching Excel- in the classroom and is a tremendous rodeo coach," said Colby Community College President Dr. Lynn Kreider. "He plans and organizes an NIRA rodeo each fall at the Thomas County Fairgrounds which features over 500 contesdents selected Russell to receive tants. It is one of the largest events hosted in Colby, bringing over \$100,000 into the community.

Prior to accepting the job at the college, Russell taught and coached at Allen County Community College for nine years.

A graduate of Eureka High School, Russell received an associate degree from Fort Scott Community College, his bachelor's degree in agriculture education and his master's degree in education from Kansas State University where he was a member of the ro-

Allen has one son, Rocque, who is a junior at Colby High School.



DEBBIE SCHWANKE/Colby Community College CCC rodeo coach Allen Russell watched the action during the

2008 National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association event hosted by Colby Community College. The rodeo, held at the Thomas County Fairgrounds Sept. 12-14, 2008, featured over 500 con-

testants from two- and four-year colleges and universities. Russell organizes the annual event which is estimated to bring over \$100,000 to the community of Colby.

Mathematics students sought for academy

The Kansas Academy of Math- and locations can be found at ematics and Science has begun recruiting for its fall 2010 class, designed to speed advanced students on their way to college.

Information sessions will be offered in both the spring and fall around the state, covering admission requirements and the academic program of what sponsors claim will be Kansas' premier early-entry-to-college program. enrollment of at least 30 Kansas Information for registration, dates

kams.fhsu.edu/meetings.php.

The 27 high school students selected for this fall's pioneer class will live on the campus of Fort Hays State University their junior and senior years. Over two years, they will not only receive collegelevel instruction, but 68 hours of college credit.

The academy anticipates an

high school juniors for its second class next year. Students must have completed two years of high school with distinction in mathematics and science.

> Reach over 14,000 homes weekly with our Colby Free Press/Country Advocate combo ads



Bethany College graduates Colby native

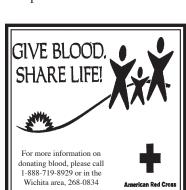
Colby High graduate Crystal Bob and Evelyn Mannebach of College in Lindsborg on Sunday. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education, summa cum laude, or with highest distinction.

Honor frat inducts five

Christopher Rohr of Colby, a junior at Fort Hays State University, was recently inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society.

Other inductees were seniors Robert Fossum, Marjorie Flesher and Aaron Yoder, and junior Michael Holton.

Dr. Tisa Mason, vice president for student affairs, and Gina Smith, instructor of psychology, are sponsors.



95 students earned Bachelor of Mary Mannebach, daughter of Arts, Bachelor of Music Education and Bachelor of Social Work Colby, graduated from Bethany degrees from the college during the 2008-2009 academic year. Summer, fall, interterm and spring graduates were honored during baccalaureate worship and commencement ceremonies on cam-

Vinton Cerf, vice president and chief Internet evangelist of Google, Inc., addressed the graduating class of 2009 during the commencement ceremony. The Rev. Floyd Thompkins, Jr., a Bethany alumnus, preached during baccalaureate worship.

Bethany College, established by Swedish Lutheran immigrants in 1881, is a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

پس بست پس بست مین بست ا



the previous business day. Provided to Colby, Brewster, Gem, Menlo, Rexford and a Portion of Oakley as needed.

"This Project Funded in Part by the KDOT Public Transit Program'



wishes to thank the Thomas County Community Foundation for donating the funds to purchase the Wii game system and to have the piano tuned.

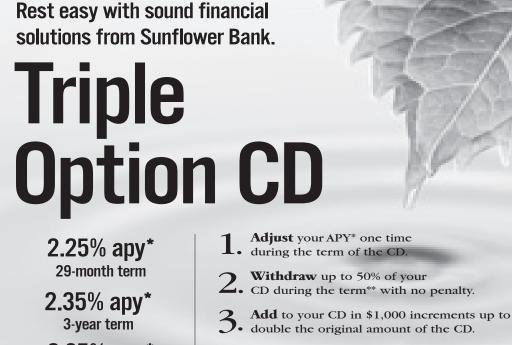
We are enjoying them both!

The Senior Progress Genter



MARTIN [M]





Serving our communities for more than a century, Sunflower Bank and our employees are dedicated to offering the best in savings to the communities we call home.



FD)(@

2.95% apy*

5-year term

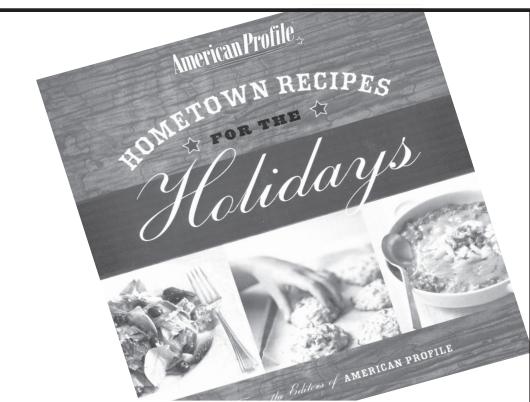
Give me a call:

Joyce Rohn (785) 462-3313 500 N. Franklin

joycer@sunflowerbank.com

Your triple option is available in 29-month, 3-year and 5-year terms with an initial

minimum deposit of \$10,000!



Give the gift of good taste

...and smell, fun and good memories

American Profile — yep, the magazine that comes in the local paper and always has a great recipe — now has

a great cookbook. Get 120 recipes categorized by holiday for yourself or as a gift. Just \$18.95 plus tax. Available at:



155 W. 5th, Colby