

## Giving 'til it hurts



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Colby Community College nursing student Kielee Hines watched over donor Allen Anderson of Phillipsburg at the annual Red Cross Blood Drive held Thursday in the Student Union. Helpers reported 21 first-time donors with a total of 73 units collected. The nursing department provided students to help with paperwork and blood collection.

## Hoxie kindergarten artist wins contest for 2010 recycling calendar

Kindergartener Molly Foote from Hoxie Grade School is one of 13 students from across the state selected as winners in the 2010 "Kansas Don't Spoil It!" calendar contest.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment received thousands of entries from students in kindergarten through high school, who were invited to sub-

mit original artwork that promotes recycling, reusing materials and reducing waste.

Contest winners met Lt. Gov. Troy Findley on Monday and received a large version of their artwork signed by Gov. Mark Parkinson, Lt. Gov. Findley and Roderrick Bremby, secretary of health and environment.

"This contest is a great way to

combine the teaching of environmental awareness and art skills in Kansas classrooms," Bremby said. "We have been pleased with the increased participation over the years and continue to be impressed by the artwork being submitted by Kansas students."

The winning artwork will be displayed on the "Kansas Don't Spoil It!" web site [www.kdheks.gov/kdsi](http://www.kdheks.gov/kdsi) by Tuesday.

Artwork from the runners-up in the contest will be featured on the back cover of the calendar.

## Forum coming on sale of health insurance company

TOPEKA — The Kansas Insurance Department will host a public forum Monday, Dec. 14, in Wichita on the proposed sale of Preferred Health Systems Insurance Co. and Preferred Plus of Kansas Inc. to competitor Coventry Health Care Inc.

The forum will be from 1 to 3 p.m. at the CAC Theatre on the Wichita State University campus. Visitor reserved parking will be available in Lot 7, one block north of 17th Street on Yale Avenue, immediately south of the Rhatigan Student Center.

State Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger will preside at the forum and give opening comments. Representatives of Via Christi Health Systems of Wichita, the parent company of Preferred Health and Preferred Plus, and for Coventry will be given 15 minutes each to comment on the proposed transaction. Then the public will have a chance to ask questions of the presenters.

The insurance department plans a more formal fact-finding hearing from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at the same location. That hearing also will be open to the public,

and parking will be available in the same lot.

Coventry is based in Bethesda, Md., and operates in all 50 states. Coventry Health Care of Kansas Inc. has offices in Kansas City, Mo., and Wichita.

Preferred is the largest commercial insurer in the Wichita area. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas is second, and Coventry is third, according to news reports.

## School Activities and Menus

**Brewster**  
**Activities:** Monday: 3:45 p.m. junior high scholars bowl, Grinnell. Tuesday: 4 p.m. high school scholars bowl, Tribune; 4 p.m. junior high basketball, Grinnell. Wednesday: 10 a.m. Western Kansas Liberty League scholarship test. Thursday: 7 p.m. winter concert, kindergarten through grade 12. Friday: 6:30/8 p.m. high school basketball, Cheylin.

**Menus:** Monday: breakfast: blueberry muffin. Lunch: macaroni and cheese, pigs in blanket, peas, carrots, apple, applesauce. Tuesday: breakfast: french toast, bacon. Lunch: spaghetti/meat sauce, green beans, carrots, orange slices, pears, garlic bread. Wednesday: breakfast: scrambled eggs with ham. Lunch: country style steak patty, mashed potatoes, broccoli, carrots, bananas, peaches. Thursday: breakfast: sausage gravy biscuit. Lunch: soft shell taco, corn, carrots, pineapple, mandarin oranges. Friday: pancakes, sausage. Lunch: barbecue pork sandwich, fries, baked beans, carrots, mixed fruit, apple.

**Colby Public Schools**  
**Activities:** Monday: 4:30/6 p.m. boys seventh/eighth grade basketball, St. Francis; 7 p.m. wrestling area supervisors meeting, high school. Tuesday: lunch money due; 7:30 p.m. middle school vocal concert and high school band/vocal concert. Wednesday: 11:30 a.m. accelerated reader party, Colby Bowl; noon - grade school parent-teacher organization; 3:45 p.m. coordinating council, district office; 5:30 p.m. high school site council, conference room; 7 p.m. high school all-sports booster club meeting. Thursday: varsity basketball, Hays; 4 p.m. boys seventh grade basketball, Scott City; 4 p.m. scholars bowl, Atwood; 4:30 p.m. boys eighth grade basketball, Scott City. Friday: Kansas Association of School Boards convention; eligibility determined;

debate, Kansas Salina Catholic Forensics League qualifier, Concordia; 6 p.m. boys varsity/junior varsity wrestling, Burlington. Saturday: Kansas Association of School Boards Convention; Scholastic Aptitude Test; Kansas Music Educators Association District honor choir/band, Fort Hays State; varsity basketball, Hays; debate, qualifier, Concordia; 8 a.m. debate, Hoisington; 9:30 a.m. varsity wrestling, St. Francis; 10 a.m. junior varsity wrestling, Goodland.

**Menus:** Monday: breakfast: waffles/syrup, apple wedges. Lunch: pepperoni pizza, egg roll, tossed salad, green beans, applesauce. Tuesday: breakfast: breakfast pizza, grape juice. Lunch: steak fingers or chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes/gravy, corn on cob, orange. Wednesday: breakfast: donut, orange wedges. Lunch: sloppy joe on bun, pig in blanket, french fries, tossed salad, carrots, applesauce. Thursday: breakfast: french toast, grape juice. Lunch: chili or chicken and noodle soup, cinnamon roll, strawberry fruit mix. Friday: breakfast: tastries, apple juice. Lunch: cheese pizza, cheeseburger macaroni, salad, mixed vegetables, pineapple.

**Colby Community College**  
**Activities:** Sunday: library closed. Monday: last withdrawal date; 11:30 a.m. criminal justice field trip, Fort Hays State University. Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. open meeting student education association (5 p.m. officers), Bedker, Room 714. 6:30 p.m. Pi Beta Lambda Business Etiquette Dinner, Student Union, Room 108. Wednesday: 6 p.m. women's basketball, Pratt; 8 p.m. men's basketball, Pratt. Thursday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. bookstore holiday open house, Campus Bookstore. Saturday: 6 p.m. women's basketball vs. Cloud County, Community Building; 8 p.m. men's basketball vs. Cloud County, Community

Building; wrestling, Fort Hays.  
**Golden Plains**  
**Activities:** Monday: 3:45 p.m. middle school scholars bowl, Grinnell. Tuesday: middle school basketball vs. Triplains, Rexford. Wednesday: 10 a.m. Western Kansas Liberty League scholarship testing, Rexford. Thursday: middle school basketball, Healy. Friday: high school basketball vs. Greeley County, Rexford. Saturday: high school District Kansas Music Educators Association.

**Menus:** Rexford: Monday: breakfast: pizza bobs. Lunch: wiener wrap. Tuesday: breakfast: bagels. Lunch: frito pie. Wednesday: breakfast: french toast. Lunch: chili. Thursday: breakfast: scrambled eggs. Lunch: chicken patty. Friday: breakfast: breakfast pizza. Lunch: sloppy joe.

Selden: Monday: breakfast: breakfast burrito. Lunch: pizza. Tuesday: breakfast: monkey bread. Lunch: grilled cheese. Wednesday: breakfast: biscuit/gravy. Lunch: spaghetti. Thursday: breakfast: french toast stick. Lunch: corn pups. Friday: breakfast: scrambled eggs. Lunch: taco salad.

**Heartland**  
**Activities:** Monday: high school scholars bowl, Grinnell. Tuesday: high school scholars bowl, Tribune. Thursday: junior high/high school basketball vs. Cheylin, Colby. Friday: partners banquet.

**Sacred Heart**  
**Activities:** Friday: Kids Savings Club.

**Menus:** Monday: stromboli, green beans, peach. Tuesday: tacos, corn, peaches, biscuits. Wednesday: pork patty sandwich, potato wedges, fruit mix. Thursday: chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, peaches, roll. Friday: pizza, Italian blend vegetables, oranges, bread sticks.

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