



## Demonstrating their technique



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Colby Community College freshmen Mindy Antholz of McDonald and Jessica Eshbaugh of Logan showed off their riding technique on Amy, an 11-year-old quarter horse mare, at the horse unit open house Thursday. Both students are majoring in horse production and both ride on the college equestrian team.

# Trustee says college needs new tech plan

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Board member Arlen Leiker said Monday he was upset that there seemed to be no plans mapping out where Colby Community College is headed in terms of technology.

"What's changing?" he asked at a board meeting Monday at Thomas Hall. "Where are we going to be in two years?"

"We need to think two, three, four, five years down the road."

Leiker said other schools, such as Fort Hays State University and the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland, are were either requiring their students to have laptop computers or providing their students with the new Apple iPad notebook.

Ben Coumerilh, director of technology at the technical college, said later students will get iPads on their first day. He said they could watch lectures, write papers, take tests and view class calendars and e-mails.

"It's a great tool for education and a fun tool for students," Coumerilh added.

Discussion on technology and what is being taught at the college stemmed from Dr. Paula Davis, vice president of academic affairs, recommending that the college drop the computer specialist pro-

gram because of low enrollment.

Computer specialist is a two-year Associate of Applied Science Program designed to get students ready for jobs in the computer hardware and software market. The board ended up voting unanimously to keep the program, but it does have to turn in an improvement plan between now and the end of the year showing how it will grow enrollment.

Barry Kaaz, dean of external affairs, said he thought the college had done a lot of positive things to promote growth over the last two years.

Kaaz mentioned the five-day introduction to wind and alternative energy taught by history instructor Tom Moorhous in mid-March as one example of a new program attracting attention. He said there will be classes on solar and wind energy taught soon.

Kaaz said a two-kilowatt wind turbine will be installed across the street from the college at the Kansas State Extension Center in June. This is part of the Wind for Schools project being run through the Wind Association Center at Kansas State University.

He said high schools and grade schools in northwest Kansas will be able to take field trips to the college to see the turbine. Students can learn how a small wind tur-

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# Colby High School senior talks up the Constitution

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When Colby High senior Gray Henry learned the American Legion was offering scholarships for participants in its National Oratorical Contest, he knew he was up for the competition.

As a member of the forensics, or speech, team for four years, and a T-shirt-wearing member of the National Sarcasm Society ("like we need your support"), an oratorical contest was right up his alley.

The speech for the contest, open to grades nine through 12, could be on any topic involving the U.S. Constitution the student chose, Henry said.



Gray Henry

Contestants had to have a 10-minute prepared speech and be ready to talk from three to five minutes on any of four topics about the Constitution judges might choose.

The regional competition in Concordia in January covered the Fifth Amendment, which protects citizens against self incrimination. Henry captured first place and a \$250 scholarship.

Then it was on to state competition in Emporia in April. Henry said his topic there was Article IV of the constitution dealing with how the states are brought into the union. First place again, and a \$1,500 scholarship.

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# Candidate stops here on tour

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Republican congressional candidate Monte Shadwick says he thinks the race for the 1st District is heating up.

Shadwick was in Colby on Tuesday during a western Kan-

sas campaign swing. He had participated in a candidate forum on Smoky Hills Public Television the night before, and said he felt that, even as just one of seven Republicans, he did well in the debate.

Shadwick said he planned to attend the Colby Rotary Club lunch meeting and walk around downtown to talk to voters. He said he

does not have a large campaign firm and works mostly through volunteers. He often campaigns around the district by himself and likes to talk to individuals.

"I've had a lot of 'cup of coffees' in the last nine months," he joked.

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## Prelude to concert



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Heartland Christian School students Rachel and Amy Myers sang "I Can Only Imagine" as part of the prelude music before the school's spring program Thursday.

## Briefly

### City to fill cracks on Range

City crews will begin filling cracks on Range Avenue from Fourth Street south to the 1000 block starting Monday. Drivers are asked to avoid the area if possible. For information, call Public Works Director Chris Bieker at 460-4420.

### Band holding garage sale

The Colby High marching band plans a garage sale Saturday at the Thomas County Fairgrounds to raise money for its trip to Washington. The students will march in the National Independence Day Parade. For information, call director Joey Nichols at 460-5300.

### Couples dance set for Saturday

The last singles dance will be a free event from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Colby American Legion Hall. For information, call Lue Duffey, (785) 855-2341.

### Orchestra to finish its season

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra is tuning up for its last concert of the season, "A Musical Trip Across the Atlantic, from America to Europe to Russia and Back," at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at the Frahm Theater at Colby Community College. Stacey Williams will conduct. Buy tickets at the door for \$7 for adults and \$3 for children and seniors. For information, call Carol McGuire at (785) 672-2380.

### Traveling team tryouts Sunday

Tryouts for the 12-and-under traveling baseball team will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Colby Recreation Fields. Tryouts are mandatory for players. For information, call Shawn Curry at 443-0289 or Brian Quagliano at 443-0226.

### Offices return to regular hours

The Thomas County clerk's and road and bridge

offices will be back to regular hours starting Monday. The offices had been closing over the noon hour for software training. Both will conduct business from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. For information, call the clerk's office at 460-4500.

### Expert to talk about diabetes

Dr. Richard Guthrie of Wichita will give a free diabetes update at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 20, at Citizens Medical Center. An international expert in the field, Dr. Guthrie has written articles and books on diabetes, a major health issue in the U.S. For information, call Jeanene Brown, director of education, at 460-4850.

### College offers spring concert

The Spring Band Concert, with the concert and jazz bands, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Frahm Theatre at Colby Community College. Ad-

mission is free.

### Class will cover child seats

A an update class on safety seats for child passenger safety technicians will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Midwest Energy building, 916 Sheridan Ave. in Hoxie. Seating is limited to 50 people. Contact Lynetta Cressler at (785) 675-2101 for information.

