

# It's a good week for networking

**Aries (March 21 – April 20)** Personal and relationship areas hold better understanding and mutual respect, as you balance personal growth with relationships. This comes in an important week for professional networking.



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• Weekly Horoscope

**Taurus (April 21 – May 21)** Without a doubt this is a huge week on the professional front and even if you carved away half of what's going on it would still dominate everything. Yet try as they may professional forces won't completely dominate things. Remember also to have a life.

**Gemini (May 22 – June 21)** You have a break on the professional front, a chance to step back. This would have been the ideal week to take time off. But massive forces in travel, adventure, learning and discovery erupt.

**Cancer (June 22 – July 22)** It's an opportune week for work, career, finance and relationships. You may think you'll get you time when you catch up, but look back. Did you catch up or were you chasing constantly moving goals? Put yourself first, filling up so you have the energy to embrace life head on.

**Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22)** Work has stiff competition from your personal life. You're able to work smarter. Finding balance is going to be easier than you think. The key is boundaries.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)** While this is a big week on the job, don't let life become all work. Let go of what's holding you back, creating momentum. Maintain balance between work and play; it's needed for staying creative.

**Libra (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)** This is a big week on the romantic, creative, relationship and home fronts. It's a week for resolution on the home, family or property front, with the final and decisive chapter beginning on Friday.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)** In a big week for matters on the home, income and job fronts the key to balance and opportunities is communication and organization. Alignments create a very astute mix of intuition and intelligence. Keep the communication lines open.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)** The challenging years are behind you and life is as simple as following your creative passions and believing in yourself. There is even a chance to learn from people from your past. This is a decisive week on the income front; also for communication and decision making.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)** You find your voice and gain mental clarity and decisiveness. This is a big week for professional and income matters. You have a chance to stop pushing forward and spend time consolidating your position, while new income opportunities open up.

**Aquarius (Jan. 21 – Feb. 19)** A time when you're ready to move on meets forces that have the power to push you forward with enough momentum to break free from the past. This gives your future a massive push start.

**Pisces (Feb. 20 – March 20)** Focus on your own agenda. So long as things are on track on income, financial and career fronts you'll have the peace of mind needed to begin in earnest the winding down process of your current solar year. You're on the brink of a lot of new beginnings.

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# Colby students win art awards

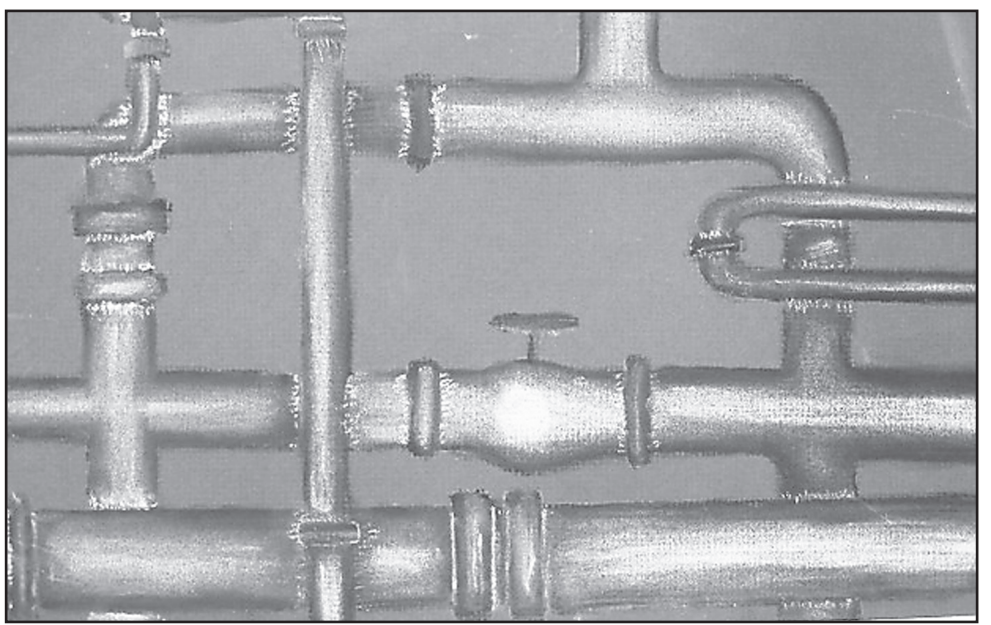
Every year the Western Kansas Scholastic Art Association organizes an exhibit for middle school and high school art students to display their work and compete for the chance to advance to the National Scholastic Art and Writing exhibit.

The Baker Arts Center in Liberal showcases the artwork for the public. A panel of judges reviews the works and selects which ones will be accepted into the show and which ones get awards.

Colby High School senior Brittany Bange won the American Vision Award for her watercolor self-portrait, as well as Gold and Silver Key awards for her other artwork. Four other Colby High students won Gold Key awards: Ashley Standage Kayla Hockersmith, Annestacia Elling and Andrew Flanagin. Two other students won silver keys: Standage and Jose Gastelum. Pieces by Standage, Jared Nally, Katie Zerr, Keana Keck, Emilea Finley, Audra Fleming, Madison Gawith and Amy Schroeder won honorable mention.

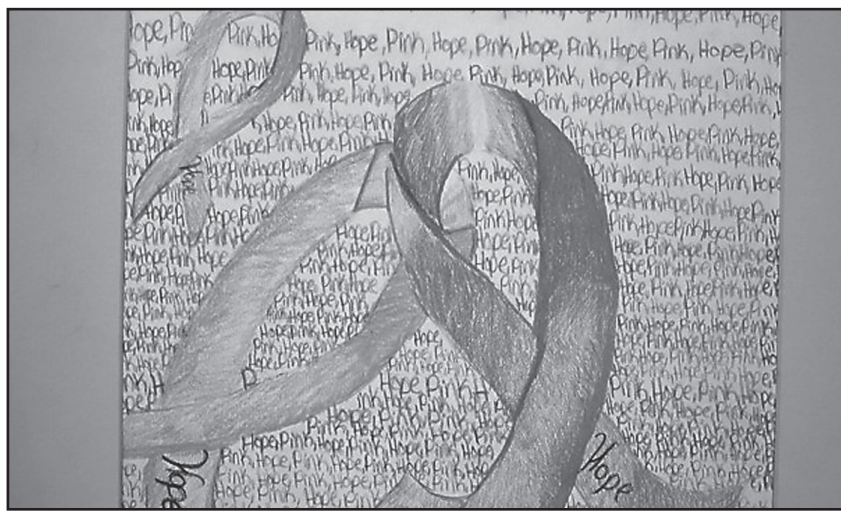
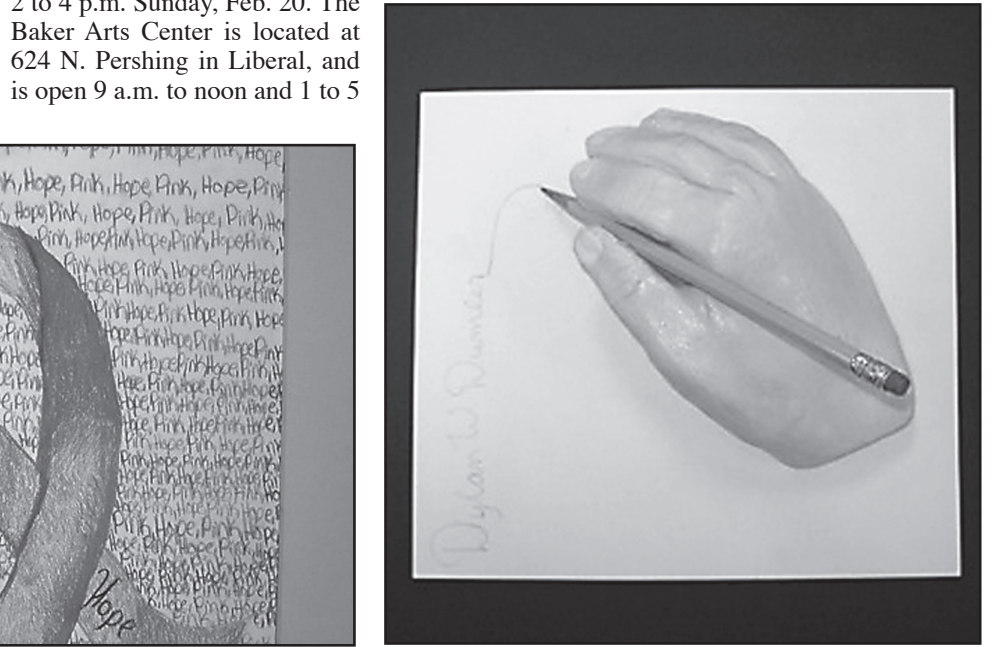
From Colby Middle School, Olivia Wetter won a Gold Key Award and Phoebe Pfeifer won a Silver Key. Kelly Sloan, Gabby Wilson, Alyssa Shubert and Dylan Dumler won honorable mention.

Gold Key and American Vision Award winners advance to the National Scholastic Exhibit and become eligible for scholar-



Art works by Olivia Wetter (top), Gabby Wilson (bottom left) and Dylan Dumler (bottom right) were among those that won awards from the Western Kansas Scholastic Art Association.

ships. The exhibit is open for viewing now and will close with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. The Baker Arts Center is located at 624 N. Pershing in Liberal, and is open 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and 2 to 5 p.m. Saturdays.



## On the Beat

### COLBY POLICE Thursday

12:09 a.m. – Caller hearing noises in her backyard and motion light going off. Spoke with reporting party; unable to locate anything.

2:38 a.m. – Security check at Walmart.

8:38 a.m. – Caller reported hit and run accident on Wednesday.

8:56 a.m. – Abandoned vehicle reported at 520 N. Sterling. Tow-away posted.

4:49 p.m. – Caller reported theft of alcohol.

8 p.m. – Report filed for narcotics violation.

## Pretty pottery may still be dangerous for food

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has released an advisory about decorative pottery that may be marked "lead-free" but still not be suitable for use with food, said Karen Blakeslee, Kansas State University Research and Extension food scientist.

The suspect pottery, which has been manufactured in Mexico (and also attributed to artisans) is

labeled "lead-free" and has been found to contain leachable lead levels that exceed FDA limits.

The danger, said Blakeslee, is that food that comes into the contact with the pottery can absorb the lead, which when eaten, can be absorbed into the bloodstream.

Exposure to lead can lead to lead poisoning, which affects body systems. Anyone, including infants

and children, can be vulnerable, said Blakeslee, who explained that chronic exposure to low amounts of lead can result in lead poisoning without obvious symptoms. In children, lead poisoning can cause slowed development, learning or behavior problems and lower IQ scores.

Suspect pottery may include handmade, worn, damaged, an-

tique or brightly colored (red, yellow or orange) pottery, and pottery purchased at a flea market, from a street vendor or thrift shop, Blakeslee said, adding that using the suspect pottery for cooking, serving or storing food or beverages is not recommended.

For information, go to: [www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm233531.htm](http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm233531.htm).

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