

# Students receive money for college

Three area students were awarded scholarships from the Thomas County Community Foundation for the 2011-2012 school year.

Brittany Bange of Colby received the Chuck Dempewolf Community Service Scholarship for \$500, established by Kansas Quick Lube. She is the daughter of Paul and Tawnia Bange and was selected primarily for her outstanding community service record.

Bange has coordinated benefits for several causes and was in National Honor Society, a Special Olympics volunteer, American Red Cross blood drives and initiated the Young Humanitarians group at the Colby High School. She plans to pursue business marketing and graphic design degrees at Kansas State University.

"Having exemplary community service attributes is one of the major qualifications to be considered for this scholarship and Brittany fits that requirement," said Kristina Hills, scholarship committee chairperson. "She has not only volunteered, but also leads many of her endeavors as well."

Another Colby native receiving a scholarship from the foundation is Grace Hankin, daughter of Sean Hankin and Kelly Hankin. She was awarded a \$2,000 renewable scholarship from the Terry Strutt Memorial Scholarship fund, sponsored by the Darvin and Tammi Strutt family.

Hankin has participated in the Colby High School debate club, forensics, National Honor Society, student council, Technology Student Association and Young Humanitarians. Her involvement in school sponsored activities made her an excellent candidate for the award, said Melinda Olson, director of the foundation.

Hankin plans to attend Colby Community College before transferring to a university for psychology and criminal justice. Her goal is to have a career as a prison psychologist.

The scholarship fund's initial donor, Darvin Strutt, is especially pleased with the scholarship committee's selection for the 2011-

2012 award. "Tammi and I feel that in today's world, education will be the one thing that sets us apart from one another," said Strutt.

"We want to give young adults from our area a chance to get a head start on a quality education. But education doesn't only happen in the classroom which is why the scholarship recipient must be involved in extra curricular activities. We want students to enjoy and benefit from the whole college experience and feel that involvement outside of the classroom will enhance the student further," he added.

The final scholarship awarded by the foundation goes to Lexi David, daughter of Alan and Teresa David of Goodland. Her award will cover full tuition and fees to attend college in Colby. The award comes from the Cory R. Wang Memorial Scholarship which was initiated by Micki Steele-Blair, Wang's mother.

David plans to finish her associate degree at Colby this fall before transferring to Aims College in Greeley, Colo., to fulfill her goal of becoming a detective. In addition to receiving this award, she was chosen as one of 28 Kansas college students to attend the Kansas Collegiate Law Enforcement Academy held May 15 to 18 by the Kansas Highway Patrol.

"We are pleased to award such deserving students with the opportunity to pursue their educational goals," said Olson. "These scholarships are made possible by the Kansas Quick Lube, the Darvin and Tammi Strutt family and Micki Steele-Blair who initiated the funds. The foundation is thankful to these generous donors as well as the many others who have contributed to the scholarship funds."

The foundation has awarded 24 scholarships totaling almost \$30,000 since the organization's inception in 2001.

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scholarships since 1977, said Sheila Frahm, a long-time club member. Applicants must have graduated from a Thomas County high school or have been educated in Thomas County. Applications are available at the Pioneer Memorial Library or



Local quilters (from left) Mary Weed, Lois Van Horn and Peggy Frahm gathered around a quilting project at the Prairie Museum of Art and History last Wednesday. The ladies regularly meet to share stories and help each other with quilting projects.

# Quilters practice frame quilting at the Prairie Museum each week

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Quilting away indoors at the Prairie Museum of Art and History is sure a fine way to beat the heat during the hot summer afternoons in Colby, and that is exactly what this group of ladies have been doing.

"We have been getting together for quite some time now," said Margaret Denneler, "and have completed more than fifteen quilts."

There are about eight local quilters who gather to share stories and spend time, meeting in the museum's lobby from 1 p.m. to about 3 p.m. every Wednesday.

Currently they are busy working on a quilt for Lois Van Horn of Colby. Van Horn purchased it at an auction with the backing on and the top pieced; the group is completing the

project for her.

Van Horn also purchased the binding for the edge of the quilt and will add it to the quilt at home on her own later.

The frame they are using to quilt on has rollers on two sides which are used to roll up the ends of the quilt so they don't drag on the floor.

The ladies get as comfortable as they can, surround the frame and begin hand-stitching the blocks, starting in the middle of the quilt and working their way out. When the middle portion is finished, they roll the quilt towards one end, section by section until that side of the quilt is complete. Then, they roll it back to finish the last section.

"This is called frame quilting and it is done by hand like they did in the olden days," explained Peggy Frahm. "There are three layers to the quilt: the backing, the batting on the in-

side and the top part that you see us working on today."

Frahm said the frame at the museum is unlike many frames kept in the home, which are collapsible because of their size. They can be as big as a bed.

"Well, at least this one shouldn't collapse," she joked. "Or else we would have a real problem on our hands."

When finished, Van Horn plans to display it on her quilt rack at home with the rest of her collection and may even gift it to a relative.

Quilting alongside Denneler, Van Horn and Frahm were Theresia Aschenbrenner, Margot Trowbridge, Mary Weed and Lola Griffin.

The ladies were especially proud to say that Aschenbrenner's quilts will be on exhibit at the museum throughout the month of July. She has about 25 double- and queen-sized quilts to showcase as well as a number of baby quilts.

## Two-year scholarship offered to women

The Colby branch of the American Association of University Women is offering a two-year scholarship for women from Thomas County who will be juniors or seniors in college this fall.

The branch has awarded 34

scholarships since 1977, said Sheila Frahm, a long-time club member. Applicants must have graduated from a Thomas County high school or have been educated in Thomas County.

Applications are available at the Pioneer Memorial Library or

by e-mail to [frahm@kacct.org](mailto:frahm@kacct.org). The application deadline is Saturday, July 23.

Funds for the scholarships are provided through Marathon Bridge and other projects of the association.

## Man sought for jury duty dead for five years

GEORGETOWN, Mass. (AP) — A Massachusetts man facing a criminal complaint for failing to appear for jury duty apparently had a good excuse.

He's been dead for five years. State Deputy Jury Commissioner John Cavanaugh said last week

that the state will not proceed with serving a criminal complaint against Michael Wylie.

The late Georgetown resident was issued a notice to serve on jury duty five years ago but at the time he was in hospice care and had terminal cancer. He died a few

months later but the commission continued to send letters about his failure to report.

Wylie's family says they tried to tell authorities that he had died but officials say the family never sent a death certificate.

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