

Colby youth wins top scholarship prize

Michael Tubbs of Colby is among 10 students who received the \$5,000 Hansen Leader of Tomorrow scholarships from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan announced last week.

The foundation named 260 high school seniors from 59 Northwest Kansas schools as winners in its 37th annual scholarship competition. Thirteen scholarships were awarded to Kansas community college students planning to attend a Kansas four-year college or university in the fall.

In selecting award winners, the Hansen scholarship committee said, it considered verbal and writing skills. Other factors are academic records, test scores and community service.

Leader of Tomorrow awards may be renewed for three years. Michael is the son of Mike and Pat Tubbs of Colby.

Other area winners included Catherine Jenkinson of Wallace County High School in Sharon Springs.

Fifty Hansen Scholar winners were selected, including Christina Ostmeyer of Colby. The stipend of \$3,000 may be renewed for one additional year. Other area winners included:

Tyler Shields, Decatur Community High; Luke Friess and Austin Stewart, Hoxie; Levi Hefner and Jerrik Keller, Oakley; Abbey Wolters, Rawlins County; Cody Pearce, Wallace County; and Kelsie Hoss and Kellie Young, Weskan.

Morgan Bell and Jared Nally of Colby were among 100 Hansen Student winners selected for \$2,000 awards, renewable for one year. Other area winners included:

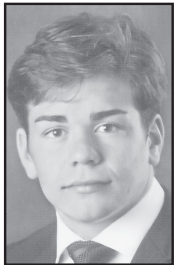
Nolan Henningson, Oberlin; Brendan Fulcher, Cassie Battistoni, Michaela Garrett; Jason Cowan and M'Lynn Hinger, Goodland; Ian Rowlison, Alex-

is Munk and Tayler Hawks, Hoxie; Brooke Hemmert, Oakley; Logan Reed, Jesse Ochs, Quinter; Blake Bergling and Alex Helms, Rawlins County High; Christina Schoenrogge, Tilyn Bell and Issac Schiltz, St. Francis; Gus Lamb, Tri-Plains; and Jayne Klinge and Miranda Mai, Wallace County.

Thirteen \$2,000 Community College scholarships announced for area students who plan to continue their education at a four-year Kansas college. These awards may be renewed for one year. Winners from Colby Community College were: Seth Bredemeier, Will Clark, Megan Dougherty, Shaun Gilbert, Savannah Isely, Collin Rous, Taylor Weinland and Mariah Woolsoncroft.

Career and Technical Education scholarships went to Jessica Applebaugh, Christina Brackett and Karlton Leiker of Colby High; Kasey Hoyt and Aaron Luckert of Brewster; and Hannah Antholz, Viridiana Beltran, Cole Christensen, Sandra Galvan, Katrina Griggs, Tyler Stevenson, Emily Wachendorfer and Ethan Walter of Golden Plains. Other area winners included:

Jose Ponce, Cory Rucker, Cheylin; Kaitlin Figgins, Allison Grice, St. Francis; Megan Wentz, Oberlin; Karly Knop, Shawna Ochs, Quinter; Andrew Bixenman, Kassandra Boese, Megan Heier, Ivey Noel, Wheatland High; Heidi Jirak, Oakley; Jerry Nichols, Tri-Plains; Collin Clark, Rawlins County; Jay Niermeier, Kaycee Niermeier, Mitchell Pope, Patrick Weber, Hoxie; Garrett Geist, Jacee Herl, Garrett Nemechek, Goodland; Hayley Pletcher, Taylor Compton, Wallace County; and Jori Mote, Kolton Sewell, Tran Vincent and Derek Frasier, Weskan.



M.Tubbs



J. Applebaugh

Cool-season grass needs care calendar

The following suggestions are for cool-season grasses such as Kentucky bluegrass or tall fescue. Zoysia grass, bermuda grass and buffalo grass are warm-season grasses and require a different maintenance regime. A warm-season grass calendar will be covered in a later news column.

March. Spot treat broadleaf weeds if necessary. Treat on a day that is 50 degrees or warmer. Rain or irrigation within 24 hours of application will reduce effectiveness.

April. Apply crabgrass preventer when redbud trees are in full bloom, usually in April. The preventer needs to be watered in before it will start to work. Remember that a good, thick lawn is the best weed prevention and may be all that is needed.

May. Fertilize with a slow-release fertilizer if you water your lawn or if you receive enough rainfall that your turf normally doesn't go drought-dormant during the summer. If there are broadleaf weeds, spot treat with a spray or use a fertilizer that includes a weed killer. Rain or irrigation within 24 hours of application will reduce effectiveness of the weed killer, but the fertilizer needs to be watered in. If you are using a product that has both fertilizer and weed killer, wait 24 hours after application before watering it in.

June through Mid-July. Apply second round of crabgrass preventer by June 15 – unless you have used Dimension (dithiopyr) or Barricade (proflam) for the April application. These two products normally provide season-long



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control with a single application. Remember to water it in. If grubs have been a problem in the past, apply a product containing "Merit" or "Mach 2" during the first half of July. This works to prevent grub damage. It must be watered in before it becomes active.

Late-July through August. If you see grub damage, apply a grub killer that contains Dylox. Merit and Mach 2 are effective against young grubs and may not be effective on late instar grubs. The grub killer containing Dylox must be watered in within 24 hours or effectiveness drops.

September. Fertilize around Labor Day. This is the most important fertilization of the year. Water in fertilizer.

November. Fertilize. This fertilizer is taken up by the roots but is not used until the following spring. Water in fertilizer. Spray for broadleaf weeds even if they are small. Broadleaf weeds are much easier to control in the fall than in the spring. Spray on a day that is at least 50 degrees. Rain or irrigation within 24 hours reduces effectiveness. Use label rates for all products.

Clint Milliman is the Thomas County agriculture and natural resources agent with Kansas State Research and Extension. A native of Illinois, Milliman works with area 4-H clubs, farmers and ranchers.

Business has food drive

CHS Agronomy is gathering donations of money, food and crops through Friday at its locations in Colby, Selden, Brewster, Quinter and Burlington, Colo., and will deliver them to local food banks. Donations collected at CHS will support families using the Kansas Food Bank.

Financial donations are encouraged because food banks can utilize their buying power to provide nutritious food at deeply discounted rates.

Nonperishable food donation sites in Colby are at Colby Grade School, Colby Middle School, Colby High School, Heartland

Christian School, Sacred Heart School, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, First Presbyterian Church, Colby United Methodist Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, First National Bank, Bankwest, Sunflower Bank, People's State Bank, Farmers and Merchants Bank, The Bank and the Colby Agronomy Center. Monetary donations are being accepted at the agronomy center.

CHS Colby Agronomy Center is a business unit of CHS Inc., an energy, grains and foods company serving farmers and farm co-ops.

Women's retreat planned

The Oberlin Covenant Church is sponsoring a prayer retreat for women from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 24. Registration starts at 8:30. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

The speaker will be Kathy Lester of McCook, Neb., wife of senior pastor Doug Lester of the Evangelical Free Church in McCook. Lester is



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a manufacturing engineer at Valmont Industries and is active in ministry at their church.

Reservations are needed by Monday. Cost is \$8 per person, payable at the retreat.

For reservations or information, call Judy Ladehoff at (785) 475-3072.

Deaths

Floyd W. Rodenbeck

Floyd W. Rodenbeck, 88, Cañon City, Colo., a retired farmer and a Colby High School graduate, died Sunday, March 4, 2012, at the Valley View Nursing Home in Cañon City.

He was born May 5, 1923, in Halford, the son of Richard Henry and Bertha Lucille (Howard) Rodenbeck. In 1940, he graduated from Colby High School.

On May 16, 1942, he married Dorothy May Palmgren of Colby in Hays. She preceded him in death in 1997, after 55 years of marriage.

He was a gunnery instructor for the Army Air Corps during World War II. After the war, he began farming with his family in Kansas. In the late 1940s, he moved to the San Luis Valley in Colorado, where he grew potatoes, barley for Coors and other crops until retiring in the mid 1980s. The couple lived in Mesa, Ariz., until the

death of his wife, when he moved to Cañon City.

On July 11, 1998, he married M. Ann (Carr) Tonso in Cañon City.

He enjoyed traveling, fishing, cooking and working in his wood shop making uniquely designed pens which he gave to people he encountered and his many friends.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, a son, Richard Lee Rodenbeck, and a great-grandson, Nicholas Granata.

Survivors include a daughter, Patricia Nelson, of Arizona; a son, Rod Lynn Rodenbeck, of Colorado; four grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Private family graveside services will be Thursday, March 15, 2012, at the Lakeside Cemetery in Cañon City.

The family suggests memorials to support Alzheimer's research.

Billy Landers and Delores Landers

A joint service celebrating the lives of Billy Forrest Landers and Delores Elvira Landers was held Friday, March 2, 2012, at Yavapai Point in the Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona, where their ashes were scattered.

Billy Forrest Landers

Billy Forrest Landers, 91, Weslaco, Texas, formerly of Colby, died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, at the Knapp Medical Center in Weslaco.

He was born June 12, 1920, in Joplin, Mo., to Sullivan and Pauline (Stires) Landers.

Following his graduation from Pittsburg High School, he joined the Navy in 1942, serving with the Pacific Fleet during World War II.

After six years in the Navy, he went to work for Townley Metal and Hardware of Kansas City, Mo. A top salesman for the company, he was assigned to a sales territory in northwest Kansas, based in Colby, in 1956. He lived her for 31 years.

On Aug. 8, 1945, he married Delores Elvira Price in Kansas City. Following their divorce, he moved to Weslaco in 1987.

On March 23, 2001, he married Marilyn J. Kohls of Weslaco. She survives.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Masonic Lodge in Colby. His hobbies were gardening and watching

sports. Preceding him in death were his former wife and a brother, Richard Landers.

Survivors include two daughters, Janice (Douglas) Holmes, Colorado Springs, and Karen (Stephen) Sutton, Las Vegas; a sister, Virginia Clark, Kansas City; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Delores Elvira Landers

Delores Elvira Landers, 90, Las Vegas, formerly of Colby, died Sunday, Dec. 11, 2011, at the Sunshine Care Facility in Las Vegas. She had Alzheimer's disease.

She was born on Oct. 24, 1921, in Sedalia, Mo., the daughter of George and Alma (Thomas) Price.

A graduate of Lee's Summit High School in Missouri, she married Billy Forrest Landers on Aug. 8, 1945, in Kansas City.

She had lived in Colby since 1956. In 2004, she moved to Las Vegas to be near a daughter.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Garden Club and the Order of Eastern Stars in Colby, and had worked in the office of the Thomas County register of deeds.

Preceding her in death was a brother, Charles Price.

Survivors also include a sister, Eleanor Overmier, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.36
Corn (bushel)	\$6.42
Milo (hundredweight)	\$11.02
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.10

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Juliann Groom

After courageous battles with Multiple Sclerosis and cancer, Juliann "Julie" Knudson Groom peacefully passed away March 7, 2012, at Good Samaritan in Atwood, KS.

Julie was born on March 7, 1952 in Colby, KS to Jack and Dorothy (Cox) Knudson. Her childhood years were spent in Rexford. She graduated from Golden Plains High School as Salutatorian in 1970 and was also awarded the John Phillip Sousa Award for outstanding senior musician. Julie continued her education studying Music Education at Colby Community College and then at Fort Hays State University, where she earned both Bachelor and Master of Music degrees.

She was a very talented musician and had a passion for teaching. In the early years of her career, she was the Instrumental and Vocal Music Instructor in Lebanon, KS, Midwest, WY, Trego Community USD in Wa-Keeney, KS, and Wheatland USD in Grainfield, KS. In 1989, Julie became the Director of Bands and Professor of Music Education at Colby Community College. In 2000, she began instructing at Colby High School and then completed her career at Atwood High School, retiring in 2011.

Julie was esteemed by her colleagues and was award winning in her profession. She adjudicated many area contests and also served as guest clinician. In 1993 she established Flatland Big Band, which is comprised of area teachers, and still performs every year. In 1997 she received the James H. Tangeman Award from Colby Community College for excellence in teaching. She was active with the Kansas Music Educators Association and bands under her direction have been asked to perform at their workshops. In 1998 she was the recipient of the Outstanding Music Educator award by the KMEA. Julie also served as the Kansas Bandmasters Association President from 2004-2005.

During her free time she was an avid reader, loved watching KU basketball and played as much golf as she could.

Julie is preceded in death by her mother Dorothy (Cox) Knudson, brother Todd Knudson, and sister Kim (Knudson) Juenemann. She is survived by her father Jack Knudson of Atwood, KS; her daughter Regan (Rogers) Palmer and husband Robert of Sheridan, WY, and their children Hayden, Danika, Micah and Hudson; her son Jason Groom and his wife Amber of Quinter, KS; step-daughter Becky Biel and her husband Chris of Scott City, KS, and children Cheyanne and Blake; brother Thomas Knudson and wife Pam of Colby, KS; brother-in-law Larry Juenemann of Chetopa, KS; nephews Luke and Ted Juenemann and Brian White, and niece Mindy Meador and their families.

A memorial service will be held at Rexford Community Church in Rexford, KS, on Thursday, March 15 at 2 pm. A private inurnment will follow. Memorials can be made to the Flatland Big Band, in care of Williams funeral home, Atwood, KS.

Julie touched many lives in her 31 years of teaching. She often heard from students about the positive impact that their music education had on their lives. Much loved by her friends, family and especially her grandchildren, Julie will be deeply missed.

Insurance alert issued

The Kansas Insurance Department is investigating possible instances of multi-state sales of unlicensed property and casualty insurance by an Illinois-based man and his related company.

Sandy Praeger, commissioner of insurance, is cautioning Kansans and Kansas insurance producers to be aware of potential

invalid coverages, binders or policies placed through an unlicensed person, Michael A. "Mike" Ward, or his related company, JRSO, Inc. Neither Ward nor JRSO is licensed in Kansas.

For information, contact the consumer assistance hotline at (800) 432-2484.

Geeky holiday celebrates pi

BALTIMORE (AP) – Today is March 14, or 3-14, the first three digits of the number pi. With that in mind, the Maryland Science Center will be celebrating Pi Day with events dedicated to all things related to pi, and even pie.

Pi is the uneven ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter and events include reciting as much of the number as participants can

remember. Other events include pie-eating contests and pizza pie tossing.

Wednesday is also Albert Einstein's birthday. The famed physicist would have turned 133 today, and the celebration will include singing "Happy Birthday" to Einstein as well as experiments related to his work.



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County would like to thank the following sponsors for supporting Bowl for Kids Sake 2012

We would also like to thank the community patrons, Bowl for Kids Sake teams, and countless individuals who raised over \$15,000 for BBBS. Thank you for helping KEEP Big Brothers/Big Sisters STRONG in Thomas County. Your support will help continue mentorships, bringing renewed hope to tomorrow's adults.

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