

Admissions director chosen for state council

Nikol Nolan, Colby Community College admissions director, has been selected to serve on the Executive Council of the Kansas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Offices.

The council consists of 15 admissions officers and registrars from two- and four-year colleges and universities across the state. She will serve on its Mentorship Committee.

The association says it promotes professional development and high professional ethical standards.

"Nikol was hired as an admissions counselor for the col-

lege in 2001 and was selected to be the director of the admissions department in 2005," said Dr. Keegan Nichols, vice president of student affairs.



Nikol Nolan

"She is respected by her peers for her enthusiasm, knowledge and initiative. Being selected for this council is recognition of her work ethic, originality and dedication to her profession."

Nolan, a native of Scott City, graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in journalism and mass communications with an emphasis in public relations. She and her husband Ray have two daughters, Logan, 5, and Myka, 2.

Now is prime time to plant some trees

Gardening instincts are to plant in the spring, but fall is often the best time to plant trees.

The months of September through mid-December have distinct advantages. Fall planting follows the heat of summer, and precedes a cool winter season. Trees and shrubs planted now use this to good advantage. Plant roots grow any time the soil temperature is 40 degrees or higher.

Fall planting does have some limitations. Bare root plants should only be planted in late winter or early spring while the plants are still dormant. Evergreens should be planted earlier in the fall, no later than the end of October, as the permanent foliage increases water needs and watering ability may be limited.

Fall-planted trees require frequent watering. Initially, once a week is recommended when we don't get rain. After a couple of months, watering frequency can be reduced to twice a month. During periods when the soil is frozen, watering isn't needed.

Watering shouldn't be a limiting factor in most landscape situations using hoses. In large plantings with irrigation systems this could be a concern, depending on what type of pipe is used, how easy it is to drain the line, etc. However, with a little effort it is even possible to use most drip systems during the winter with little chance of damage.

Freezing and thawing of the soil can cause some problems the first winter with fall-planted trees. It may open up air pockets that dry out the roots, or in some cases it can even push the root ball to the surface. These problems can be minimized by placing a two- to



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four-inch layer of mulch around the trees at planting time.

Fertilizing any trees in the fall, especially newly planted ones, is not recommended. Save your fertilizer for late winter or spring. Fall fertilizing may encourage excessive growth that newly planted trees can't support. Freeze damage and winter desiccation are two problems that may increase with fall fertilizing of trees.

Tree nuts can also be planted in the fall. This is an excellent way to establish trees like bur oak and walnut. Simply collect the nuts and plant them one to three inches deep.

With black walnuts, leave the husk on. With oak acorns soak the seed in water for 12 to 24 hours, then drain and store in a cool, dark place until planting. Make sure they're stored in a container that breathes, not plastic bags or buckets.

Germination won't be 100 percent, so plant two or three nuts near each other where you want a tree. Then simply remove the weaker extra trees that might emerge or transplant to another spot where you want a tree.

For information on tree planting, contact the extension office at (785) 460-4582.

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.

Deaths

Raymond Frank Weis

Raymond Frank Weis, 97, a retired farmer and rancher from Hoxie, died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012, at the Sheridan County Long Term Care Unit in Hoxie.

He was born Jan. 21, 1915, in Dresden, the son of Michael Peter and Theresa Anna (Ritter) Weis, and grew up on a farm south of Dresden.

He served in the army. On Oct. 17, 1944, he married Germaine Kruse in Leoville. They lived and worked on the family farm. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a son, Steve Weis; four brothers, Joseph Weis, Ben Weis, Al Weis and Urban Weis; and two sisters, Sister M. Vincentia and Sister M. Laurann.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; three sons, Norbert Weis, Dresden; Robert (Jane) Weis, Hoxie; and Francis (Esther) Weis, Akron, Colo.; five daughters, Joan

(Carl) Long, Bella Vista, Ark.; Jane (Jim) Fleming, Lindsborg; Jeanette (Joe) Cech, Goodland; Dolores (Roger) Mauk, Hoxie; and Rose Weis, Austin, Texas; two brothers, Leo (Hermine) Weis, Hoxie; and Ralph Weis, rural Dresden; a sister, Sister M. Bernadine, Clyde, Mo.; 20 grandchildren, and 29 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012, at the church in Leoville, with the Rev. Mark Berland officiating and burial in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Leoville.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden and from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church, with a vigil service at 7 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to the church, in care of the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.paulsfh.com.

Shakespeare Club

Shakespeare Club met Sept. 14 at the home of Sheila Frahm. Frahm called the meeting to order with the club collect and flag salute. Five members and one guest answered roll call with "a highlight of summer."

Treasurer Verna Wiens reviewed finances and asked for annual dues to be paid to her.

The afternoon's activities included a look at the meetings ahead from the new club yearbooks, prepared by Joyce Hansen, and Frahm's review of the recent Dr. Max Pickrell lecture by Dr. Mark Hansen.

Hansen's slides and remarks laid out what will impact the upcoming November elections, said Frahm. He noted the polarization of voters and politicians. Economic and foreign affairs were reviewed and the significant impact

of incumbency was noted.

He said an important current and future consideration is the rapid increase in Hispanic citizens in the U.S., said Frahm. By 2050, one in five voters will be of Hispanic origin.

The future of the upcoming 113th Congress was also noted. The Congress faces many important fiscal, budgetary and programmatic issues. Hansen predicted a win for President Obama and a likely return to Republican control for the Senate.

The afternoon concluded with ice cream balls served in a "sugar cookie bowl" and topped with fresh raspberries and chocolate swirls.

The next meeting will be at Kathy Calliham's home Friday.

- Sheila Frahm, reporter

Ninth barbecue contest starts Friday in Atwood

Smokin' on the Beaver, northwest Kansas' first barbecue contest and festival, has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday in Atwood.

This will be the event's ninth year, and the festival's committee is expecting 45 to 50 barbecue teams.

The Killworms, a bluegrass-country band, will kick off the event Friday evening. The public is invited to come cavort with the contestants, enjoy the live music with no entry fee Friday night. DeeJay Joe Vyzourek of KXXX will provide music Saturday afternoon followed by a live band, Vehicle, Saturday night. All music entertainment will be outside, weather permitting.

Non-meat categories are open

to the public without team entry, but entries must still meet the judging times. These categories include barbecue sauce, salsa, beans, home-brew beer and home-made wine.

All those that purchase a wrist band, \$10 for children 7 and up and seniors or \$20 for ages 21 to 64, have access to the cooking grounds, the barbecue dinner at 6:30, the beverage cart and Vehicle's Saturday night performance.

Other attractions include a chainsaw artist and numerous raffles, including a half hog with processing and a trip to Orlando, Fla.

For information, go to www.smokinonthebeaver.com or www.facebook.com/smokinonthebeaver.

Cosmosphere admission free

Saturday, the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchinson will open its doors free of charge along with over 1,400 other venues for the eighth annual Museum Day Live!

Museum Day fulfills Smithsonian Media's mission to make cultural education accessible to everyone. For one day only, the museum will grant free access to visitors who download a Museum Day Live! ticket at Smithsonian.com.

The Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to honoring

the past and inspiring the future of space exploration. It features the Hall of Space museum, the most significant collection of U.S. and Russian space artifacts in the world; the Justice Planetarium; Dr. Goddard's Lab, a live rocket science show; and the Carey Digital Dome Theater.

The Museum Day ticket is available to download at Smithsonian.com/museumday. The ticket offers free entrance for two for one day only. One ticket is permitted per household, per e-mail address.

For information go to Smithsonian.com/museumday.

Corrections

The article "Colby High School plans whole week of 'Spirit Days'" on Page 1 of the Friday, Sept. 21, Colby Free Press, incorrectly said the jersey auction will follow the middle school football game Thursday at Dennen Field. The game is at 4 p.m. in Scott City; the auction and bonfire will be at 7:30 at Dennen Field. This was an error in information provided to the Free Press.

In an obituary for Lori Moore on Page 3 of the Friday, Sept. 21, Free Press, the name of Pastor Mike Pinkelman was misspelled. This was an error in information provided to the Free Press.

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.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$8.38
Corn (bushel)	\$7.27
Milo (hundredweight)	\$12.55
Soybeans (bushel)	\$15.21

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Friday

- 2:25 a.m. - Collision at Love's.
- 2:35 a.m. - Caller reported suspicious person standing by vehicle. Everything OK.
- 7:24 a.m. - Lifeline called wanting welfare check. Requested ambulance for subject; provided assistance.
- 8:45 a.m. - Received 911 call. All OK.
- 11:34 a.m. - Dog at large caught, turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.
- 1:45 p.m. - Provided tour of Law Enforcement Center for Heartland Christian School students.
- 3:45 p.m. - Provided directions to motorist.
- 7:06 p.m. - Caller advised of juveniles at Fike Park making threats. Report filed.
- 11:35 p.m. - Minor in possession report filed.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Friday

- 10 a.m. - All OK with two transients checked at Range and Horton.
- 1:45 p.m. - Casey Montgomery Moore arrested on warrant by Logan County Sheriff's Office.
- 1:45 p.m. - Provided tour of Law Enforcement Center for Heartland Christian School students.
- 8:14 p.m. - Caller reported juvenile riding bicycle on busy roadway in Menlo. Spoke with juvenile's parents.
- 9:58 p.m. - Driving under the influence report filed on traffic stop at Plum and Grant.
- 10:25 p.m. - Caller reported his house being broken into in Brewster.
- 10:30 p.m. - Caller reported house broken into. Report filed.
- 10:49 p.m. - Caller reported hit and run at Thomas County Fairgrounds.

Thank You

Through the blessings of family and friends our burden of grief is lessened. We thank you for the support, food, flowers and memorial contributions extended to us during this difficult time. Honor our special husband/dad by your expression of kindness to others. Our memories are strengthened by your friendships which we treasure.

The Family of Robert Potter

- Barbara Potter
- Tawny and Ross Stover Family
- Blake and Debbie Potter Family
- Tyler and Laura Potter Family

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