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College's talent show highlights homecoming

Ten contestants participated in a Talent Show held by Colby Community College Tuesday in the Cultural Arts Center. The show is one of several events scheduled during Homecoming Week at the college.

The winners of the event were Haley Hake and Paige Roopchan. Hake played violin and Roopchan played the piano while she sang "You Raise Me Up."

Second place went to Jo-elle Endreola for her contemporary ballet performance to "Ain't No Sunshine." The third place winner was Natalie Morris for her vocal of "Turning Tables."

The Judges award was presented to 5-year-old Colby Jay Kriss who played "The Swing: Halloween" on the piano.

The program was produced by the Student Government Association. Judges included Kenton Krehbiel, college board member; Sharon Funk, Colby Free Press; Melinda Cheney, Uptown Style co-owner; and Christy Sturdy, Colby High School instructor.

Homecoming activities continue Thursday through Saturday with the Ambassador Classic basketball tournament. The Lady Trojans will play at 6 p.m. followed by the men at 8 p.m. on those days.



DEBBIE SCHWANKE/Colby Community College Haley Hake, (left) and Paige Roopchan performed Tuesday at the Colby Community College talent show.

Hall of Fame inductees Darvin Strutt, Dr. Larry and Joyce Washburn, Bruce Siemsen and Joyce Hansen will be recognized at a luncheon on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in the

Union. They will also be recognized at the game on Saturday evening. In addition, homecoming royalty will be announced at the Saturday games.

Fall harvest below average

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(corn) crop," said Hi-Plains Co-Op Manager John Strecker. "Milo's less than average, but not way less."

He said the corn crop is about 40 percent of normal, and milo is about 60 percent.

Eric Sperber, a manager at Cornerstone Ag, said some dryland corn was a complete loss. Irrigated corn yields have been average - which he described at 190 to 210 bushels an acre - or above.

Kiel Roehl is the northwest Kansas farm management economist for the Kansas Farm Management Association. He has heard a variety of numbers concerning corn and milo yields.

"Pretty easy to say dryland corn yields are low," Roehl said, "about like last year, probably."

This means yields anywhere from zero to 20 bushels an acre, he said. The dryland milo crop saw the same yields. The test weight for milo showed a lower density because of heat at the end of August.

Irrigated corn was also varied, he said, but in general much lower than farmers hoped for.

Farmer Mike Brown said he has seen yields of between 20 and 40 bushels an acre on his farm in southwest Thomas County. Dryland corn yields have ranged from nothing to 30 bushels, Brown said, and he does not have irrigated corn. He is a past board member for Thomas County Extension.

Major typhoon sweeps Philippines

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"I hope that means they were spared and not the other way around," he said. "My worst fear is there will be massive loss of lives and property."

Eduardo del Rosario, head of the disaster response agency, said a powerful typhoon that also hit the central Philippines in 1990 killed 508 people and left 246 missing, but this time authorities had ordered pre-emptive evacuation and other measures to minimize casualties.

He said the speed at which the typhoon sliced through the central islands - 25 mph - helped prevent its 375-mile band of rain clouds from dumping enough of their load to overflow waterways. Flooding from heavy rains

is often the main cause of deaths from typhoons.

"It has helped that the typhoon blew very fast in terms of preventing lots of casualties," regional military commander Lt. Gen. Roy Deveraturda said. He said the massive evacuation of villagers before the storm also saved many lives.

The Philippines, which is hit by about 20 typhoons and storms a year, has in recent years become more serious about preparations to reduce deaths. Public service announcements are frequent, as are warnings by the president and high-ranking officials that are regularly carried on radio and TV and social networking sites.

Provincial governors and mayors have taken a hands-on

approach during crises, supervising evacuations, inspecting shelters and efforts to stockpile food and relief supplies.

President Benigno Aquino III assured the public of war-like preparations, with three C-130 air force cargo planes and 32 military helicopters and planes on standby, along with 20 navy ships.

Among the evacuees were thousands of residents of Bohol who had been camped in tents and other makeshift shelters since a magnitude-7.2 earthquake hit the island province last month.

Relief workers said they were struggling to find ways to deliver food and other supplies, with roads blocked by landslides and fallen trees.

The storm "unleashed fierce winds and harsh rains that uprooted big trees and toppled electric poles and power lines," said Aaron Aspi, a spokesman for World Vision in Bohol.

From Samar, the typhoon battered Leyte, then the northern part of Cebu and nearby islands before lashing Panay - islands with some of the best beach resorts in the Philippines.

As of 8 p.m., the typhoon was

Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the following day, space available. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

Firemen selling tickets for benefit

The Colby Fire Department is selling tickets for a Henry lever-action .22-caliber rifle. The drawing for the rifle will be Tuesday at Colby High during a soup supper for Brennen Ostmeier's medical expenses. For information, talk to a firefighter or call the department at 460-4454.

Trinity Lutheran craft bazaar this weekend

Trinity Lutheran Church's annual craft bazaar will be open from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the church Fellowship Hall. The Lutheran Youth Fellowship will be selling calendars, notepads, Dillons grocery cards, baked goods, turkeys and plaques. There will be lots of goodies. Stop by and get a head start on Christmas. Questions, call Linda Pabst at 462-3497.

Free lunch offered at church on Saturday

Once a Month Lunch will be served from 11:30 to 12:30 Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. This free meal is always the second Saturday of each month. For questions, call the church at 462-6342.

Hunt breakfast will benefit Scout project

Hunters - and everyone else - are welcome to enjoy sausage gravy, biscuits and scrambled egg from 5:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the Colby United Methodist Church, corner of Pine and Franklin. Donation will benefit an Eagle Scout project. For information, call Jan Barnum at 462-5892.

Veterans honored at Hometown Show

Pickin' on the Plains will present a Hometown Gospel Show tribute to veterans at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Framm Theatre at Colby Community College. Tickets are \$10 at the door; children under 12 free with an adult. Veterans admitted free. For information, call the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau at 460-7643.

Landfill to close Monday for Veterans Day

The Thomas County Landfill will be closed Monday for Veterans Day. For questions, call Larry Jumper at 462-8139.

Prairie Land group offers budget food

Make your grocery budget go farther with food packages from Prairie Land Food. Buy regular food packages and special November packages like the Thanksgiving meal deal. Order must be placed by Monday at State Farm Insurance, 462-7525, or with Alberta Cameron at 443-3239 or Carol Raile at 443-3089.

Colby Grade School plans soup supper

Come to the Colby High School commons from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday for a soup supper and silent auction benefit sponsored by Colby Grade School for Jason and Leann Ostmeier. Their 20-month-old son Brennen is fighting rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare form of cancer. The winner of a rifle from the Colby Fire Department will be announced. For information about the rifle, call Fire Chief Bob McLemore 443-6065. Questions about the soup supper, call the school office at 460-5100.

Sign up now for holiday food basket

Genesis-Thomas County Food Bank plans to distribute holiday baskets for Thomas County families. If you'd like a basket, pick up a form at the office, 350 S. Range, Suite 13, from 10 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, the Pioneer Memorial Library, Thomas County Health Department and the state Department for Children and Families, or call 460-7930 and leave a message.

Genesis needs nonperishable food items and money to fill baskets. Bring donations to the office, 350 S. Range (open Wednesdays), Leroy's Printing downtown or participating churches. Checks may be sent to Genesis, Box 214, Colby, Kan., 67701. Organizations planning a food drive are asked to leave a message at the office, 460-7930.

For information, call Leisa Hansen at 460-2710.

Seniors plan potluck at Presbyterian Church

The group More Fun Together plans a potluck for people 50 or older who are alone, widowed, divorced, separated or have a partner in a nursing home at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverage will be provided. For information, call Wyn Duffey at 462-6342.

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