

Colby college to host candidates' debate

Colby Community College has been chosen as one of five sites to host a gubernatorial debate. The debate, scheduled for Sunday, will be part of the Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series. Candidates Kathleen Sebelius (Democrat), Tim Shallenburger (Republican), Dennis Hawver (Libertarian) and Ted Pettibone (Reform) will debate the issues beginning at 7 p.m. in the Cultural Arts Center located on the campus. The Kansas League of Women Voters is sponsoring the debate and will provide a moderator for the event. Those attending are encouraged to arrive early to submit questions to the candidates. The candidates will each be allowed three minutes for an introduction. The remainder of the debate will consist of questions from the audience. There is no charge to attend. The Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series is funded annually by anonymous donors. For more information, contact Tom Moorhous at (785)462-3984, extension 340.

Kansas district youth Alive director to speak

The Grace Assembly of God Church in St. Francis will be having a guest speaker at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. "The doors to our campuses are wide open," Travis Dumond, Kansas District Youth Alive director, said. "Students can legally share their faith, pray and hand out Christian literature on their campus. Let's focus on them, train them and send them." On assignment with the Assemblies of God Home Missions and Youth Alive, Mr. Dumond and his wife, Melissa, will be the guest speakers at the morning service in St. Francis on Sunday.

equips students to come together to pray for their campus, to encourage one another, to serve fellow students and faculty, and to present Jesus to all students before they graduate. The Dumonds are both graduates of Evangel University in Springfield, Mo. Shortly after their graduation, they accepted a youth pastorate at a church in Great Bend, where they served over four years before becoming the Kansas Youth Alive Director. They will be reaching youth on high school and middle school campuses all across Kansas. The public is welcome to hear the Dumonds share their vision for Youth Alive. For more information, contact the church at 332-2925.



He feels it is a must to reach this younger generation with the hope of Jesus. Taking the concept of world missions, as the best way to reach a people group is to train individuals from the group to go out and reach their people. Youth Alive takes that same approach by training students as missionaries to reach other students. "In doing this we not only effectively reach students on the campus for Jesus, but we also build up and train future leaders," Mr. Dumond said. Youth Alive is a student-led strategy of presenting Jesus, the message of hope, on public middle school and high school campuses. They champion the cause of campus ministry through every available means and network with local churches to reach every public middle school and high school within their sphere of influence. Youth Alive encourages and

State of Kansas adopts Amber Alert Plan

Kansas has adopted the Amber Alert Plan which may help save an abducted child and stop an abductor. Cheyenne County law officials attended a recent meeting so they will be trained in case a child in this area is abducted. Television and radio stations will use the alert "beeps" which also warn of severe weather to notify the public that a child has been abducted. There will be a description of the child and the clothes worn when last seen. Hopefully there will also be information about the abductor, the vehicle driven and any other descriptive information. The sooner the information is released, the better the child's chance of being found safely. The Amber Alert is activated by only local law enforcement agencies, who, after determining exactly what the situation is and gathering the information, goes to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. The Kansas Bureau of Investigation sends out the information to the media. The Amber Alert Plan was implemented in 1996 in Arlington, Texas after 9-year-old Amber Hageman was abducted and brutally murdered. Other states have adopted the system which has saved the lives of other children. Officers must meet the following criteria:

- There must be a confirmed child abduction.
- The child is 17 years of age or younger or has a mental or physical disability.
- There is a reason to believe the child is in danger.
- There is sufficient information to give the public.

More information about the Kansas Amber Alert Plan is available at ksamber.org. Those attending the Kansas Amber Alert training were: Eddie Dankenbring, sheriff; Cliff Flock, under sheriff; and Carol Gamblin, dispatcher.

Kanred Club recognized at September meeting

Kanred Family and Community Education of Bird City recently received an award from the Kansas Association for Family and Community Education for 80 years of outstanding service given by the Members of Kanred to their families and their community. Kanred FCE was formed in 1920 at the home of August Busse. It was named for the Kanred variety of wheat which was new to the area and superior to most wheat varieties of that time. Over the years, Kanred has had many community projects including helping with the erection of the shelter house at the city park. They furnished screens, windows, and doors for the new building. In the past, they have painted and cleaned the building. For many years they have decorated the graves in Griesler cemetery each Memorial Day. They have been active in the recycling program. Members of Kanred FCE work each year at the Antique Engine and Threshers Show. They are superintendents and hostesses at the Cheyenne County Fair. For the past 45 years, they have received the gold seal in recognition of service to their families and the commu-

nity. They received an award for this achievement from the State FCE Association also. Members of the Kanred FCE are Arlene Busse, Minnie Busse, Dorthy Mast, Jerry Cress, Wanda Dowdy, Carol Williams, and Treva Henry. They welcome others to join them in the fun, fellowship, and learning this club has provided for the past 80 years. Our next meeting will be Oct. 7, at Arlene Busse's at 2 p.m. Treva Henry will give the lesson "The benefits of Cranberries." She will discuss the history of cranberries, the health benefits, and will provide samples of cranberry treats to eat.

Quotes

"Tomorrow is the only day in the year that appeals to a lazy man."
— Jimmy Lyons

"The only kind of courage that matters is the kind that gets you from one moment to the next."
— Mignon McLaughlin

"If you think it's going to rain, it will."
— Clint Eastwood

Occasion

Cress family reunion

By Friday evening, Sept. 27, the City Park looked like a tent city as the offspring of Don and Rachel Cress began to gather. By the time sausage gravy and biscuits was prepared for Saturday morning breakfast, all had arrived. When the head count was taken it totaled 45 of the 53 possible. The youngest was two months old, and the oldest person was 70. The day was spent in touch football, volleyball, horse shoes, eating a 100 pound watermelon and Barbecue beef sandwiches. A hamburger and hot dog cookout was held in the evening followed by a silent

auction of articles brought by everyone wrapped in newspaper. Then a business meeting was held after which Grandpa Don and his ventriloquist figure did a skit based on the scripture, "I can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens me." The rest of the time before bedtime was spent around the camp fire visiting and roasting marshmallows and making smores. By noon Sunday, everyone was packed up and after ham and cheese sandwiches, left for their homes. Francis Hoyt was a special guest. "The family wishes to express appreciation to Bird City for such a great park," said Don Cress.

Club Clip

Bird City PRIDE

A September organizational meeting of Bird City PRIDE was held at the Senior Center. A quick review of the good works of past charter members was given. The trees planted, the shelter house updating and lawn care were only three things praised. Names of deceased members are many but still given honor for their labors of love for our town. A letter was read from the Community Club expressing their support and help to future work of PRIDE. This was appreciated and we look forward to building a better community together. The following were listed in brainstorming for future dreams and wishes: community rest rooms, cleanup project for the town, community growth and housing, removal of old unused buildings, need of a handyman business, welcoming committee, shelter house kitchen sink plumbing. If an idea strikes you, please come to the Senior Center the third Monday of the month and share it. You will be more than welcome. The annual Sept. city wide yard sales are a continuing success. Twenty-one sites participated in a very profitable and fun day.

South of McDonald by Sandy Binning

Pam Vyzourek and Tori and Cole Sramek attended a birthday party Sunday afternoon at the Brad Leitner home. They celebrated Lexi Leitner's sixth birthday. Lee and Pam Vyzourek spent Sunday morning at the Aaron and Lacy Sramek home. Kathy, George, and Debbie Banister attended the Cheylin volleyball matches Tuesday in Bird City. Friday evening, George and Kathy Banister attended the Cheylin-Tribune football game at Tribune. On Saturday, David and Amanda Banister attended the junior high volleyball tournament in Brewster. Jacob Hagler of Atwood was a Sunday dinner guest of Kathy and George Banister and family. Sunday afternoon guests of Amanda Banister were Cristi Anholz and Stephanie Hubbard. They helped her celebrate her seventeenth birthday. Bethel Goltl was a brief caller at the Garrett and Donna Binning home Thursday afternoon to make the acquaintance of Porsha Rene. Bethel and Lavern Goltl were Sunday afternoon guests of Irene Kehlbeck in Bird City.

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4-H Tab

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Fair broadband rules will benefit Kansans

Everyone agrees: broadband — or high-speed Internet access — is vital to the future success of Kansas. Broadband is a critical tool in today's global economic environment, and access to it is an important consideration for companies seeking to move or grow their businesses. The trouble is, broadband isn't as accessible as it should be. SBC Southwestern Bell has invested millions into Kansas' broadband network in order to provide its version of high-speed Internet access, Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) service to customers, yet because of uneven regulation, many Kansans can access broadband only through cable or not at all. In fact, cable companies control about 70% of the broadband market nationwide and in Kansas — not because they offer better products or services than their competitors, but simply because they face less regulation. Companies offering the same services should be regulated the same way. Why? Telecommunications companies like SBC which are trying to compete are burdened with dozens of costly rules and regulations. And state regulators are contemplating adding their own rules on top of the regulations already in place. Such heavy-handed regulation raises the price of providing DSL service, slows broadband deployment and hinders network investment. Above all, it creates an unfair competitive marketplace, which ultimately hurts customers like you. Companies offering the same services should be treated the same way. And less regulation will clearly mean more competition in broadband. It's time for our state's policymakers to level the playing field for high-speed Internet access. Talk to your legislators about this issue, and urge them to ensure that high-speed Internet deployment moves forward, by making the rules fair. Once they do, all Kansans will reap the rewards of real broadband competition — better prices, more choices, a stronger network and greater access.

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