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Spring sing



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Vicki Nickols' and Julie Ross' afternoon kindergarten classes at Colby Grade School performed "Sounds A Little Fishy To Me," at the grade school auditorium. The performance was directed by music teacher Jennifer Koel. Pictured are, first row, left to right: Jenna Ketchum, Jessi Aufrecht. Second row: Kali Kuper, Cheyenne Ford, Tate Herron. Third row: Haley Long, Ryan Bates, Betty Woolsey, Colton Rundel. Fourth row: Jordan Schutte, Kaden Staab, Brittany Eaton, Hannah Christlieb.

Shortfall could cost Colby College about \$242,000

By MAXINE NELSON
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Dr. Mikel Ary, Colby Community College president, told the college board at their meeting this week that the tax shortfall for the state of Kansas is expected to cost the college \$242,000 in anticipated revenue for the coming year. He said the Legislature is still considering what to do about community college funding.

He said he had decided to not pursue building a physical fitness center at this time, due to the shortfall in state aid.

Ary said the Thomas County Tuition Grant had been approved for a two-year trial period and is just completing the first year. The grant was based on a promise of more state aid for students, which has not arrived, and will be re-evaluated after next year.

Dean of Fiscal Affairs Kenneth Johnson said the board should consider a raise for classified personnel, since the faculty got an increase. The board briefly discussed the budget, but said they need information about what the Legislature is going to do about the budget before making a decision.

In other business:

- Dean of Instruction Gracemary Melvin told the board that use of Davis Memorial Library at the college has declined, probably due to the prevalence of computers on campus. She

said computer labs are available across campus, and are used heavily. She went through the program review notebook, which gives facts and figures for the different areas of instruction.

- The board approved agreements of affiliation in the field with hospitals which allow Colby College students to do clinicals.

- The board approved a contract with Kipp Nelson to teach lifeguard training for two credit hours, and also approved routine contracts with outreach teachers.

- Bills for \$688,217.08 were approved, which included transportation for sending six people to a Higher Learning Commission Convention.

- Ary said David and Lois Ferguson have been selected as honorary associate degree recipients and will be honored at a reception at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, in Room 108 of the student union.

- The board voted to approve a contract to lock in natural gas for \$4.40 per mm btu with ONEOK Energy Marketing Company, effective July 1-June 30. Last year they paid \$5.92 per mm btu.

- Ary said commencement will be at 2 p.m. May 11 at the Colby Community Building.

- Duane Dunn, president of Manhattan Technical College, and a 1977 graduate of Colby Community Col-

lege, will be the speaker.

- Trustee Curt Stephens reported on the Endowment Association. He said the auction had netted \$73,433.83. New officers elected were: Mark Wingard, president; Todd Burrows, president-elect; Velma Goodheart, secretary; Stan Edmundson, treasurer, and Darryl Stickel, treasurer-elect.

- He said Sandy Harper had resigned after six years on the Endowment board, with the possibility of joining again in the future.

- The board accepted the resignation of Sandy Murrell effective at the end of the 2001-2002 school year. She was a horse program instructor.

- After a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel, the board reconvened and approved an additional six days of sick leave with pay for Jody Engel.

- The board agreed to pay another \$6,000 to Claire Cornell who had agreed to rewrite a grant for \$7,400. She found that it took more time than anticipated, and requested additional funding.

- The board said they had been pleased with her work in the past which had netted a lot of grant money, and might want to use her again, and agreed to pay the requested funds.

- The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 6.

Governor's race

Sherrer says no, Glasscock unsure, agency to rule on Stovall's funds

By JOHN HANNA
Associated Press Writer

After one perceived contender closed and locked the door on running for governor, attention turned today to another possible candidate — and a potential source of money for a campaign.

Aides had described House Speaker Kent Glasscock as likely to re-enter the Republican race for governor, then backed away Wednesday. Glasscock started running last year but abandoned his fledgling campaign to become Attorney General Carla Stovall's lieutenant-governor running mate.

Stovall's departure from the race Monday immediately raised the ques-

tion of what happens to the money in her campaign account. Aides said Glasscock could claim any leftover funds, but the state Governmental Ethics Commission planned to meet today to rule.

That meeting was scheduled shortly before Lt. Gov. Gary Sherrer announced he wouldn't run for governor — or remain in government after his current term expires in January.

Glasscock had planned to make his plans known by Friday, and all previous indications were that he planned to re-enter the governor's race.

But now, Glasscock "feels he needs to make a decision that is right for himself and his family, as well as his party

and his state," spokesman Scott Holeman said Wednesday.

"I don't expect an announcement any time soon," Holeman said.

Republican moderates like Sherrer, Glasscock and Gov. Bill Graves, who is barred from seeking a third term, had hoped their wing of the GOP could unite behind a single candidate. For more than five months, starting in November, Stovall was their candidate.

Moderates said uniting would allow them to defeat State Treasurer Tim Shallenburger, the conservatives' preferred candidate.

Besides Shallenburger, the declared GOP candidates for governor are Wichita Mayor Bob Knight, who has

avoided ideological labels, and former Eudora schools superintendent Dan Bloom, who filed papers Friday. The only declared Democratic candidate is Insurance Commissioner Kathleen Sebelius.

On Monday, Stovall endorsed Glasscock, and her campaign account loomed as a potential source of cash for him. Her most recent report, at the start of this year, listed \$302,000.

Staff of the Governmental Ethics Commission said last week it was their informal opinion that Glasscock could claim the funds, partly because he had brought money to the campaign. Shallenburger disagreed.

Under Kansas law, when a candidate

closes or "terminates" a campaign account, the money must be returned to donors, contributed to charity, sent to a political party or donated to the state. In claiming the money, Glasscock would keep Stovall's campaign account open.

But when aides said Glasscock was weighing the effects of a campaign on his family, they echoed concerns Sherrer cited in deciding again not to run.

Sherrer considered running last year, then dropped the idea. He reconsidered as speculation about Stovall's plans grew last week.

The lieutenant governor said he had concluded he could win and was close

to running but decided that "I owe my family some things."

Sherrer declined to endorse any candidate Wednesday but said he, like Stovall, was unable to commit to campaigning and to serving "1,460 days" — a four-year term — as governor.

"I have found, to be very honest with you, too many days with my family that I've missed," he said during a State-house news conference.

He also ruled out running on another candidate's ticket, serving in the next administration or working as a lobbyist. "You'll be hearing me say, 'Do you want fries with that?' before you hear me say, 'Will you vote for this bill?'" Sherrer said.

The 'shadow' knows



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Fourth-grader Alli Jo Barton of Colby participated in job shadow day today, shadowing her mother, hospital pharmacy technician Johnnie Barton.

Briefly

Cooler weather looms

Today's forecast for the Colby area, issued Wednesday, called for highs only around 65-70, but then the National Weather Service this morning issued a forecast that said Colby could expect highs today in the middle 80s, and put off the cool down for still another day. Here, then, is how the weatherpeople now see things for the next couple of nights and days: Tonight, partly cloudy, then becoming mostly cloudy, lows in the middle 30s and northeast winds 15-25 mph with gusts to 35; Friday, cloudy, then becoming partly cloudy, highs only in the lower 50s and north winds around 20; Friday night, mostly cloudy, snow probabilities set at 30 percent, lows in the upper 20s; Saturday, a 40 percent chance of snow in the morning, then becoming partly sunny by afternoon, with highs in the upper 40s. Colby's high Wednesday was 85 and the overnight low this morning was 37. The soil temperature at the 4-inch depth is averaging 61 degrees. Precipitation remains at 0.13 inches for the month. The records for April 18: 92 in 1948 and 18 in 1953. (The temperatures and precipitation are provided by the Northwest Kansas Research-Extension Center, Colby.)

Parent/student meeting Friday

Parents and students are invited to a short, informational program from 4 to 6 p.m., Friday, in the Colby High School auditorium. The purpose of the program entitled, "Talking With Your Parents/Children About Alcohol and Drugs." The event is being co-sponsored by the Colby School District's Safe and Drug Free Schools, Thomas County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council and the Colby Parent-Teacher-Student Association. Organizers noted that this program is separate from the "Smackdown," which will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m., Monday, April 22, and focuses on parent/youth communication. Both programs are open to everyone.

Parking regulations revisited

With the warmer weather and as people begin turning their attention to recreational activities, the City of Colby is reminding its citizens that no truck, motor vehicle, camper, trailer, machinery or equipment can be parked on any street or alley within the city in excess of 48 hours, officials said. The police department is authorized to remove and impound any of these types of vehicles that would be in violation of this regulation, said Carolyn Armstrong, city manager.

Eisenhowers to speak in Colby

Colby Community College will host the Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series featuring David and Julie Nixon Eisenhower on Wednesday, April 24, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center. The Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series at Colby Community College is funded annually by private donations. There is no admission charge to attend either lecture. For information on the upcoming lecture by the Eisenhowers, call Tom Moorhouse at 462-3984. More details will appear in a later edition.

Archery shoot planned Sunday

The Northwest Kansas Bowhunters Association is planning an archery shoot beginning at 1 p.m., Sunday, at the archery range located north of Fike Park. The event is open to members and non-members, said Robb Ross, one of the coordinators. For questions or information, call Ross at 462-6318; Gordon Rasmussen, 462-6524; or Terry Stickel, 462-2801.

Middle school orientation next week

Parents of fifth grade students at Colby Elementary School or those planning to attend Colby Middle School next fall as sixth graders are urged to attend an orientation meeting Tuesday, April 23, at 7 p.m. For questions, call 465-5200.

Golden Plains to hold enrollment

Golden Plains School will conduct kindergarten enrollment and screenings for next year's kindergarten students on Thursday, April 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. Parents of children who will be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2002, should call the school at (785) 386-4560 for an appointment.

Orchestra to perform Sunday

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will close its 21st season with a "Children's Concert." This final performance will be given in the Oakley High School auditorium on April 21, starting at 3:30 p.m. Admission to the concert will be by Friends of the Orchestra membership or tickets available at the door.

Preschool screenings set in Selden

A free screening for preschool children will be held from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 25, at the Golden Plains Elementary School in Selden. To make an appointment or for questions, call the school at (785) 386-4560.

