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Colby College names new lecture chair

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The Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series, one of the most popular attractions at Colby Community College, has a new chairperson.

Dr. Mikel Ary, the college's president, announced this week that Cathy Gordon, art department chair at the college, has been selected to head the series, which has grown in stature and prominence in northwestern Kansas under the guidance of its recent chairs, Tom Moorhous and the late Vic Oelke.

The lecture series is funded annually by anonymous donors and issues invitations to a diverse corps of speakers who, through their presentations, have managed to stimulate and further the free exchange of ideas within the college, the community and the area.

"Through scholarly presentations from guest lecturers who have academic and/or public service careers that give added credence to their views, the program is intended to broaden the perspective and horizons of the college's various constituencies," said Debbie Schwanke, public relations officer at the college.

The lecture series has hosted several noted speakers, including Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., David and Julie Eisenhower, Susan Hall Daschle, Susan McDougal and Gen. Vernon Walters. In addition, the series sponsored a gubernatorial debate prior to the general election in the fall of 2002 and notably was the first debate of that campaign to draw all

five candidates for the office on the same stage at the same time. The site of the lecture series is the stage in the Frahm Theatre in the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center on campus.

Cathy Gordon teaches classes in art history, art appreciation, drawing, painting, design and computer graphics at Colby Community College. She also developed and teaches Internet art classes for the EduKan consortium, and, additionally, is chair of the Assessment Committee at the college and is a practicing artist who was awarded a grant from the Kansas Arts Commission to develop a traveling exhibition of her work.

Gordon earned her Master of Fine Arts degree from Fort Hays State University in 1989 and began teaching at Colby immediately after graduation.

"Cathy has served as a divisional chair at the college as well as in other specially assigned responsibilities," Ary said. "She has always performed in an exceptional manner and I look forward to the work she will carry out with the Max Pickerill Lecture Series."

Ary said he is very confident that she will lead in this matter as she has in so many other ways at the college. "We are fortunate that she has agreed to serve as the director of the lecture series," he said.

Gordon will assume her duties immediately. Other committee members are Judith Sears, Cal Williams, Alan Taylor, Michael Thompson and Schwanke.

Round and round they go . . .



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Jared Doye, Don Tedford and Nola Mosier enjoyed a few laps around the track at Dennen Field this morning. Work to resurface the track hasn't started yet, but Colby Superintendent Kirk

Nielsen said the work won't start until after the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life scheduled for Friday, Aug. 20 starting at 7 p.m. and continuing until 7 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 21.

Active duty guardsmen, reserve soldiers get vehicle tax break

By PATTY DECKER

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There's some good news for Kansas National Guard and reserve soldiers that have been called away from home, said Carmen Alldritt, director of vehicles for the Kansas Department of Revenue.

What this means for Thomas County guardsmen, said Donita Applebury, county treasurer, is that if someone is called to go overseas or to another location, they will be

exempt from paying the property tax on their vehicle.

The new law, which just went into effect, she said, still requires that the guardsman or reserve member still pay for the tag, but not property taxes.

For example, Applebury said that if the guardsman has a brand new vehicle, and is called to go overseas, that person wouldn't pay the property tax, which could amount to \$300 or more.

The person would still need to pay for the tags, which varies depending on the vehicle and could cost either \$33 or \$43.

A pickup tag would cost \$43, but vehicles weighing less than 4,500 lbs. would cost \$33, she said.

The old law was primarily for military members only and didn't include National Guard members or Ready Reserve members being called to active duty, said Alldritt.

"To be eligible, the vehicle owner

must be a resident of Kansas and either a regular member of the military or a member of the reserve who has been mobilized and is on active duty," Alldritt said.

The law defines deployed to mean the owner is performing duty, on orders, at a location that makes it difficult or impossible for them to return home to register a vehicle. That location may be in or out of state, or overseas.

Service members may receive

exemption for no more than two vehicles.

Applebury said she is expecting to see some of these applications in the near future since some of the guardsmen in Thomas County are being called to active duty.

The owners must fill out the Kansas Resident Military Personnel Affidavit for Motor Vehicle Exemption, which is available at any county treasurer or appraiser office, or at www.ksrevenue.org/pvd, and

submit it to their county treasurer's office.

Some counties may require additional documentation, such as proof of full-time military status and estimated time of separation, leave and earning statement, a copy of the owner's orders and/or the title, Alldritt said.

For questions as to eligibility, call the Thomas County treasurer's office at 462-4520 or the Department of Revenue at (785) 296-3621.

Colby Edson Bird City



Look for 80s to return

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. North winds around 10 mph. **Friday**...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Southeast winds around 5 mph. **Friday night**...Partly cloudy. Lows in the middle 50s. South winds around 5 mph. **Saturday**...Partly cloudy then mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 5 to 10 mph. **Saturday night**...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms then mostly cloudy after midnight. Lows in the upper 50s. **Sunday**...Mostly cloudy in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.

The numbers

Wednesday's high, 75

Low this morning, 48 (ties Colby's record low of 48 for this date set in 1964)

Records for Aug. 12, 107 in 1943 and 48 in 1964

Year ago today, 86 and 56

Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.03

August total, 0.79

Soil temperature, 72

The sources:

The forecast is from the National Weather Service, and other numbers are from the Northwest Research-Extension Center, Colby. A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Water use

• Aug. 11 = 1.321 million gallons.

Water advisories

• **Water Watch** is 3.5 million gallons for 3 consecutive days.

• **Water Warning** is 4.0 million gallons for 3 consecutive days.

• **Water Emergency** is 4.5 million gallons for 3 consecutive days.

Thomas County parade winners announced

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Fair parade: weekday or weekend?

For the second year in a row, the Thomas County Fair parade was held on the last day of the fair. Prior to that, said Audrey Hines, secretary/treasurer of the fair board, the parade was held on Tuesday to kick off the activities.

Which day works better? Hines said the board has heard pros and cons on having it during the week and on the weekend.

"Some people have said they like having the parade on the weekend

because it gives them more time to get floats ready," she said.

Some of the implement dealers; however, have said they prefer the parade being held on the weekday.

Hines did say that each year the fair board discusses all aspects of the previous fair and decisions can be changed as to parade dates and other activities.

Still, this year's parade was considered successful, she said, with more floats entered than in previous years.

Winners in all categories this year were also announced. In the antique vehicle division, Dale Deavers took

first; Mark Beringer, second and L.J. O'Neal, third place.

Organizations and personal floats saw Low Range Truck Club in first, Colby Shriners in second and Oakley Shriners took third.

Horses and cattle included Lucas Phillips in first, Janice Kruse, second and Madison Bartlett, third.

Truck Town came in first followed by Central Radiator in the business floats category, with Solomon Valley and Gem 4-H Clubs taking first and second, respectively, in the 4-H Club division.

The Colby High School band, drill team and cheerleaders were

also participating with the drill team taking first place.

Most unusual costume went to Arby's Oven Mitt, and Stephen Schmidt took first in best decorated wheeled vehicle, with Mitch Griffin and Cheyenne and Colten Miller coming in second and third.

Sacred Heart School was first in the school and church floats and the Wesleyan Church's float came in second. Each of the winners received a cash prize for their efforts and Hines said the fair board wanted to thank everyone who either took part in the parade or were among the spectators.

Briefly

Divorce Care classes begin next week

A 13-week Divorce Care course, which includes topics of forgiveness, financial survival, child care and new relationships, will begin Thursday, Aug. 19, at Colby Wesleyan Church. The course will help those who are separated or divorced understand and heal from the pain and loss that occurs from divorce, said Karen Merryman, one of the organizers. For questions or to register for the classes, call Merryman at 460-9077.

Horticulture Day planned this month

The K-State Research-Extension Center in Colby is planning a Horticulture Day from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 24, at 105 Experiment Farm Road. There will be speakers and displays with topics ranging from tomato and pepper trials and soil preparations to lawn care, general gardening and trees. Registration begins at 6 p.m., introductions at 6:15 p.m. with the program from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For questions, call 462-6281.

Commodity distribution set

United States Department of Agriculture commodities distribution will be from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Monday at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center at Fike Park.

For information, call 462-6744.

Heartland Share delivery set for Aug. 28

Heartland SHARE delivery is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 at Sacred Heart school gym. For information or to find out what qualifies a person to receive shares, call Gene Griffin at 460-3579.

Colby's community sign changes hands

The Kiwanis Club of Thomas County recently assumed responsibility for the community sign located on the northwest corner of Fourth Street and Franklin Avenue in downtown Colby. For pricing information, usage guidelines and reservation requests, persons are asked to call (785) 460-5060, said Phil DeYoung, one of the coordinators. Reservation requests can also be submitted via e-mail to: communitysign@mail.com

Blood drive planned Tuesday

The Thomas County Chapter of the American Red Cross is holding a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesday at the Colby Community Building. For information on donating blood, to volunteer or to schedule an appointment to donate, call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit www.redcross.org/br/centralplains.

