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Lecture series to highlight Robert Kennedy

The Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture series continues to bring familiar names to the Colby Community College campus, and the latest to join that list is from a family as well known as any in the country.



R. Kennedy

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., son of a former attorney general and Democratic Party presidential candidate, will speak on the environment and other issues as part of the lecture series at the college's Cultural Arts Center at 7 p.m. Thursday.

"Recently praised by *Successful Meetings* magazine as a man whose message supersedes his golden name, Kennedy has a reputation as a resolute defender of the environment," said Debbie Schwanke, public information officer at the college.

"He has successfully prosecuted governments and companies for polluting the Hudson River and Long Island Sound; winning settlements for the Hudson Riverkeeper; arguing cases to expand citizen access to the shoreline; and suing sewage treatment plants to force compliance with the Clean Water Act," she said.

During the summer of 2001 he sat in a Puerto Rican prison on trespassing charges as his youngest son,

Aidan Caohman Vieques Kennedy, was born. Sentenced to 30 days for his civil disobedience, Kennedy was in Vieques protesting the U.S. Naval bombing exercise that takes place there every year.

Kennedy serves as chief prosecuting attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper, senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council and President of the Waterkeeper Alliance.

He is also a clinical professor and supervising attorney at the Environmental Litigation Clinic at Pace University School of Law in New York.

Kennedy is credited with leading the fight to protect New York City's water supply. His articles have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Atlantic Monthly*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Esquire*, *The Village Voice*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Washington Post*, *Pace Environmental Law Review* and other publications.

Kennedy is a graduate of Harvard University and he studied at the London School of Economics and received his law degree from the University of Virginia Law School. Following graduation he attended Pace University School of Law where he was awarded a master's degree in environmental law.

There is no admission charge for the lecture. The Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series is funded annually by private donations.

For information, call Tom Moorhouse at (785) 462-3984, ext. 340.

Eggs-tra special item



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Pioneer Memorial Library sponsored its annual benefit auction Saturday with more than 80 people bidding on either the silent auction items or attending the live auction held at the facility. Burt Maxfield (standing at the podium) served as auctioneer while Anna Juenemann showed bidders one of the many items for sale. Seated were Melanie Ress and Jacob Huffles. Other girls help-

ing show the auction items were Laura Juenemann and Barbara Bickner (not pictured). More than \$2,600 was made from the auction with over 100 live auction items and 40 silent auction items available, said JoAnne Sunderman, librarian. "We were pleased with the proceeds and the generosity of those donating and bidding," she said.

Colby student wins 'If I Were A Mayor' essay contest

By PATTY DECKER

Free Press Editor

A Colby Middle School student was recently awarded first place in the northwest region for his essay entitled, "If I Were A Mayor."

The contest, sponsored by the League of Kansas Municipalities, decided on Nate Horinek's essay as the best overall in this area.

In addition to being honored at a recent Colby City Council meeting, Horinek was also presented an award from Gov. Kathleen Sebelius

at the League's City Hall Day in Topeka.

In his essay, Horinek detailed many issues he believed to be important if he were the mayor.

"I would definitely make a difference," he wrote.

"I wouldn't go through all of the

work of running if I wasn't going to make a difference."

Horinek's writings also included what his initial actions would be.

"The first thing I would do as mayor would be to make an e-mail address devoted to suggestions and comments.

"If I don't know what the people want and need, I cannot help them get it."

He further added that he would read his e-mail messages daily.

The next thing he would do, he

wrote, would be to start hiring a more elite crime fighting police force.

"With all the talk about terrorism, I think we need a better police force. All of the policemen and policewomen would have to be qualified and have a degree at a school for police training," his essay said.

Along with training, he said police would not be hired if they had any criminal record whatsoever.

As for paying to have this elite force, Horinek wrote that he would

get the money from residential taxes. Another area he saw as vital was cleanliness in restaurants, noting that inspections would be done once a week.

"My reasoning for this," he wrote, "is that everyone has been in a restaurant that hasn't been cleaned in a month.

"It is a health hazard and needs to be stopped."

Summarizing his beliefs on being the mayor, Horinek reiterated his point that he would try to make a

difference. Along with being honored by the governor, Horinek also received a certificate from Mayor Warren Hixson.

"We congratulate Nate for being the northwest regional winner," he said, and we are very proud of him and his efforts."

Other council members also acknowledged Horinek's accomplishments.

Horinek is a student in Deanna Hanzlick's seventh grade English class at the middle school.



N. Horinek

County commissioners hear health department requests

By TISHA COX

Colby Free Press

The Thomas County Commissioners dealt with health department matters at their meeting this morning.

Juanita Dewey, Thomas County Health Department administrator, discussed the costs of a trip to a seminar.

Commissioner Ron Evans want-

ed to make sure Dewey understood there was "no magic slush fund" for seminars and certification but he said she had all of the department's funds already figured out.

Dewey also wanted to know if she could look into getting a lactation counselor for the seven-county area of northwest Kansas because there isn't one available.

She also asked if she could solicit

donations from the community to set up a breast feeding room at the county health department.

"We have a room that we're not really utilizing that we would like to make productive," Dewey said.

The purpose of the room would be to give new mothers a quiet place where they could learn to breast feed.

Evans said he didn't see any prob-

lem with Dewey's request.

"You're doing well and you're starting to do something positive," he said.

Evans also reminded commissioners Duane Dawes and Glen Kersbrock there will be a demonstration Thursday at the courthouse from RS Digital out of Great Bend.

The company will be showing off its geographic mapping technology

for both the city and county, according to information at the meeting.

The commissioners also heard a report from landfill supervisor Larry Jumper.

Next Monday, the commissioners will open bids for a dirt removal project at the county landfill and also an executive session on nurse salary at the county health department.

Council approves municipal airport board recommendation

By PATTY DECKER

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The Colby Airport Board asked for the council's approval about negotiating an agreement for paving approach areas at the facility at a recent meeting.

Paul Steele, with the airport board, along with Mark Ostmeier, airport manager, presented the council with a schematic drawing of what they were requesting.

The council unanimously agreed to allow the airport board to present a proposal that would require hangar owners to pay a 50-50 percentage for paving the approach area by specific hangars.

The total cost for paving the approach areas was estimated at \$47,500 with the city paying half that amount and the other half by owners of the hangars.

Following the council's approval, Steele said he would go back to the owners and see if that would be something agreeable to them as well.

The only other stipulation made by the council would be that owners pay the cost up front for the improvements with the city taking its share from the capital reserve fund.

However, Carolyn Armstrong, city manager, said money from the reserve fund would be reimbursed

from "look back" funds with the federal government.

Either way there would need to be an increase in the mill levy for the airport, she said.

The total area that would need paving was 17,448 feet, according to information Steele provided. Mayor Warren Hixson said he believed it was a fair proposal to the hangar owners since it would also be improving their property as well.

"This is too important of a project," he said about the approach areas.

Steele said he would report back to the council once he has had a chance to speak with the six owners that would be affected.

In the event the owners agree to this plan, Joel Kriss, city attorney, could draft an agreement for participation, adding language that money would be needed up front.

Briefly

Chautauqua programming offered

"All True Travels and Adventures of Liddie Newton," a presentation by Ann Liston, will be given at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Pioneer Memorial Library. The program is one of several events leading up to Kansas Chautauqua "Bleeding Kansas: Where the Civil War Began" in June.

Pep bus to Salina offered

Colby High School is planning to send a bus for staff, students and basketball fans to Salina on Wednesday for the girl's state basketball game at 6:30 p.m. if there is enough interest. The school needs at least 25 people. The bus will leave at 2:45

p.m. from the parking lot at the high school. The bus will return to Colby immediately following the game. To reserve a seat, call 460-5300.

The deadline to sign up will be at 3:45 Tuesday. Students will need to get permission slips turned in by this time as well.

Fair board to meet

The Thomas County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday at the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds. Items on the agenda include a Thomas County Extension Agent report, financial report and bills, committee reports on buildings and grounds, the carnival, rodeo, parade, demolition derby, races, fair book and advertising.

The board will also discuss barbecue bids and contest rules for the queen and princess contest. The meeting is open to the public.

Deadline for Walk Kansas nears

Registration for the Walk Kansas program are being accepted until Wednesday, said D'Ette Scholtz, Thomas County Extension agent. "Walk Kansas is a fun, health and fitness program sponsored by the K-State Research and Extension," she said. The event runs from Sunday, March 14 until Saturday, May 8. Registration forms are available at the extension office, 350 S. Range, Colby. For questions, call Scholtz at (785) 462-4582.



Nice outlook

Colby, Oakley, Hoxie area
Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph. **Tuesday...**Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. West winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the southwest in the afternoon. **Tuesday night...**Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. South winds around 10 mph shifting to the west 5 to 10 mph after midnight. **Wednesday...**Partly cloudy. Breezy...Cooler. Highs in the mid 50s. North winds 15 to 25 mph. **Wednesday night...**Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

The numbers

Sunday's high, 56
Low this morning, 29
Records for March 8, 82 in 1899 and -4 in 1967
Year ago today, 40 and 26
Precipitation past 24 hours, 0.00

March total, 0.74

March snowfall, 1 inch

Soil temperature, 39

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.

