

# Oakley High School to hold mock crash

A mock fatality crash scheduled for Friday at Oakley High School will help show many Kansas teens the importance of always driving safely, wearing seats belts and obeying all signs and signal, said Tom Hein, with the Kansas Department of Transportation office in Norton.

Students participating in the event will work with emergency responders and other key members from the community to reenact a fatality traffic crash, he said today. While the participants will be

acting and playing out the seriousness of such an incident, the reality of the message sent to those observing can be very effective in changing deadly behaviors.

In 2003, 119 teens were killed in vehicle crashes and 5,359 were injured in Kansas. In addition, a teen was involved in some type of vehicle crash every 14 minutes somewhere in the state, Hein said.

“There are too many senseless injuries and deaths on our nation’s roadways,” said Kansas Highway Patrol Superintendent Col. William

Seck. “Mock crashes graphically illustrate the fact that people can die or be seriously injured for life in a car crash. We hope teenagers remember this demonstration every time they get in a vehicle and always buckle up.”

This mock crash is taking place as part of the nationwide safety awareness campaign Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day, Seck said. The campaign, officially designated on Oct. 10 each year, focuses attention on reducing traffic fatalities across the U.S. More than 43,000 people died last year in traffic crashes — that’s about 117 fatalities every day.

“Each and every driver needs to make it their goal to drive safely as well as ensure that their passengers arrive safely,” said Secretary of Transportation Deb Miller. “Buckle up and be attentive — those two things can mean the difference between life and death.”

Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day encourages everyone — drivers, passengers, pedestrians or bicyclists — to take extra caution every day and make safety the top priority.

Other Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day events include:

- From Friday to Sunday, people attending the Fan Walk area at Kansas Speedway can visit a transportation-safety booth where safety materials and promotional items will be distributed. Also featured will be the Kansas Highway Patrol’s roll-over vehicle. The demonstration vehicle simulates the effect of a roll-over crash on an unbelted crash dummy and on a belted crash dummy, providing a vivid reminder of the importance of seatbelt and child safety restraint use and other safe driving practices.

- On Saturday, child safety seat check lanes will be set up in Wal Mart parking lots throughout Kansas.

In Goodland, the event will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wal Mart at 4301 Vine St. In addition, winners of a Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day poster contest will be presented their awards during an event Oct. 11 in Phillipsburg. A total of 467 students entered the poster contest in Kansas.

## NOTICE OF PLACES AND DATES FOR REGISTRATION

In compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2310, notice is hereby given that the books for registration of voters Thomas County will be open at the following place and time specified:

The County Clerk’s office during regular office hours from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

At 5:00 P.M. on October 18, 2004 the books will close and remain closed for the voters of Thomas County until the day after the general election.

A citizen of the United States who is eighteen (18) years of age and upwards, or will have attained the age of eighteen (18) of age at the next election, must register before he or she can vote. Voter registration books close 14 days before an election.

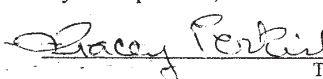
When a voter has been registered according to law their registration shall continue to be valid until one of the following occurs:

- (1) The voter changes name by marriage, divorce or legal proceedings
- (2) The voter changes residence.
- (3) The voters name has been purged according to law.

If any of the above has occurred, you must re-register.

Any person may apply in person, by telephone, or by mail to the County Election Officer to be registered. Such application shall be signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and seal this 30th day of September, 2004.

  
Tracey Perkins  
Thomas County Election Officer

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## Shakespeare Club begins its new year

Colby Shakespeare Club met on Friday, Sept. 10 at the home of Helen Frahm with twelve members and one guest attending the first fall meeting of the year.

Vice President Jeanne Thyfault called the meeting to order and, after the Collect and Pledge of Allegiance, presented the members with the new lovely yearbooks. The minutes were read and approved and a treasurer’s report was given.

Phyllis Elliott read thank you notes from Smart Start/Kids Port and Genesis for the donations made to them. The money for Genesis will be used to restock their shelves and Smart Start purchased a new tricycle. Amy Kendrick will notify members about the highway clean-up in conjunction with Pi Gamma.

Ruth Lowenthal gave an interesting program on World War II Shadow Women based on the book *Sisterhood of Spies* by Elizabeth McIntosh. The author was an Office of Strategic Services and CIA operative. The majority of the 21,642 Office of Strategic Services people worked behind desks all around the world and were call the “invisible apron strings” but 900 of them served overseas and engaged in risky espionage. Included in the overseas group were Josephine Baker who was awarded the “Medal of Resistance,” Elizabeth Hall who traveled the French countryside disguised as a milk maid and received the “Distinguished Service Cross for Valor,” and Julia Child, later a culinary expert, who remembered her fondest

### Club News

memories in the service in East Asia. In 1945 President Truman dissolved the service and two years later the CIA was born.

The Sept. 24 meeting was hosted and co-hosted by Sheila Frahm in her lovely home. Two guests joined nine members and answered roll call of “I wish Colby would....” Kathy Calliham, acting president, presided over the meeting. Lois VanHorn gave an interesting club history of last year’s meetings and programs. Sheila Frahm presented an informative program entitled “The Topeka Connection.” Sheila is the Executive Director of the KACCT (Kansas Association of Community Colleges and Trustees) for the nineteen community colleges in Kansas. She works with the college presidents and trustees. Several topics were mentioned: this being an election year in Topeka as well as in D.C.; attending the Republican convention and hearing President Bush’s acceptance speech mentioning community colleges; and one of “the issues” in the Kansas legislature being school finance. Currently in the Kansas House of Representative are 80 Republicans and 45 Democrats; the Senate has 30 Republicans and 10 Democrats. A delicious dessert was served following the program.

Ruth Lowenthal will host the October 8th meeting, co-hosted by Lois Starns, and the program by Jane Bandy with some of her memorized poems.

## Expected bumper crop could pose problems

HUTCHINSON (AP) — Projected bumper crops of corn, soybeans and milo are good news for farmers, but the expected huge harvests pose some old problems producers haven’t had to deal with while they suffered through several years of drought.

As Kansas elevators empty their bins to make room for the new crops, they are discovering that an overburdened railroad industry is struggling to provide enough rail cars to ship the stored crops out.

“They have trouble getting them here on a timely basis,” Mark Kieffer, president of the Farmer’s Cooperative Co. in Haviland, said of the railroads.

“They’d tell us they’d be here next Tuesday, and usually they would show up on a Saturday.”

Railroad officials say they’re poised to break national shipping records, and the harvest represents only a part of the increased demand.

Railroads, which move more than 40 percent of U.S. freight, also are transporting big shipments of consumer goods needed during the holiday season, said Ed McKechnie, executive vice president of WATCO, parent company of the Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad.

“We are seeing historical de-

mands with everything — cement, lumber, wallboard, scrap steel,” McKechnie said

“Then you are going to see fall harvest strong this fall. This is the most volume railroads have ever moved.”

Kansas has 1.1 billion bushels of commercial and on-farm storage space, officials said. But the state is expected to produce 420.5 million bushels of corn — 40 percent more than a year ago — on top of expected record soybean and milo crops.

## Sacred Heart auction nears

The annual Sacred Heart Church and School auction in Colby will be held on Saturday, Oct. 16 at TNT Auction, 200 N. Franklin in Colby.

The evening will begin with a fully-catered meal starting at 6 p.m., followed by a silent and oral auction.

## Ryun’s ads questionable

By JOHN HANNA

AP Political Writer  
TOPEKA (AP) — When Republican Rep. Jim Ryun used an image of Osama bin Laden in a television ad questioning whether Democratic challenger Nancy Boyda supports American troops abroad, he also sparked questions about his own campaign.

Ryun said his advertisement was a response to Boyda’s accusations that Ryun worked to prevent a crackdown on fraudulent insurance sales on military bases. If she questioned his commitment to the troops, he argued, she faced a bigger issue: her participation in protests against the Iraqi war before it began last year.

But in a race that isn’t viewed nationally as highly competitive, using bin Laden’s image is especially harsh — the equivalent of using a nuclear bomb to clear out a colony of prairie dogs.

The tactic could signal that Ryun is worried, or that he wants to prevent Boyda’s challenge from becoming serious, or that he’s irritated with her criticism.

“It’s logical that no one supports Osama bin Laden,” said Katie Kidwell, a 20-year-old political science student at Washburn University of Topeka.

“To see his face flashed up there — I was just kind of in disbelief.”

Ryun’s ad, which began airing on TV stations in Topeka and Pittsburg on Sept. 18, notes Boyda helped last year to organize anti-war rallies — weekly events in Johnson County. She also participated in a Washington rally sponsored by ANSWER Coalition, a national group referring to U.S. involvement in Afghanistan.

The ad flashes bin Laden’s pic-

ture in describing ANSWER as “opposed to the hunt” in Afghanistan for the al-Qaida leader.

## Welcome Dr. Srinath Tadakamalla (Dr. T)!

A welcome will be held at Citizens Medical Center on Wed., Oct. 6th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Citizens Medical Center Board Room. The public is invited!



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