



# Sebelius calms fears over vaccine's safety

WASHINGTON (AP) — Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius appealed anew Wednesday for widespread inoculation against a surging swine flu threat, calling the vaccine "safe and secure."

Sebelius unconditionally vouched for the safety of the vaccine, saying it "has been made exactly the same way seasonal vaccine has been made, year in and year out."

Appearing on morning news shows to step up the Obama administration's campaign for vaccinations, Sebelius said that "the adverse effects are minimal.... We know it's safe and secure.... This is definitely is a safe vaccine for people to get."

Sebelius was asked on CNN about surveys showing many parents were wary of getting their children vaccinated for fear the vaccine has been too hastily prepared and wasn't safe. She replied that it was targeted specifically at the H1N1 virus and was "right on target with an immune response."

The secretary appeared as new cases of the flu, particularly among younger people, have been appearing recently. Some 600 people have died so far

from the flu in this country, and the government has targeted roughly 90,000 sites to receive the swine flu vaccine by the end of this month.

"This flu is a younger person's flu," Sebelius said on NBC's "Today" show. "Kids have no immunity to the flu... children are great carriers of bugs and viruses."

Because of the danger of easy transmission, especially in school and day-care settings, Sebelius said, "We strongly urge parents to take precautionary steps. Flu kills every year... and we've got a great vaccine to deal with it."

"There's going to be plenty of vaccine," the secretary said. "It's rolling off the production lines right now ... ahead of schedule, and that's good news... By the end of October we should have a substantial amount available and begin to vaccinate a wider population of folks."

Said Sebelius: "There's no question the disease is out there, which is why today we're rolling out PSAs... to make sure people take steps to help pre-

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# College radio station instructor brings new ideas to the airwaves

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Colby Community College radio instructor Joe Vyzourek has made several changes to the college radio station, KTCC FM, since he took over the job last fall.

This semester, the station has added a call-in sports show hosted by broadcaster Rich Epp and Trojans sports broadcasting students Jesse Rhea, Brett Messinger and Kevin Griffith at 4 p.m. every Monday. The group discusses high school, college and pro sports, he said.

Vyzourek, 32-years old, has also made some changes to the music format. He said he has taken off some songs and added about 1,500 to the playlist. "I noticed we were hearing the same songs over and

over again," Vyzourek said.

He said he has the staff starting at 6 a.m. and the station operating 24 hours a day this year. The students didn't need to be at the station until 7 a.m. the two years before Vyzourek arrived.

"You have to be at work before 6 a.m. at commercial radio stations," Vyzourek noted.

The station has also started doing voice tracking this year. This means staff can pre-record a show and it can be played any day, he said, and the audience won't know the show isn't a live broadcast. Vyzourek said this saves the radio station money and it will free people up to do different things.

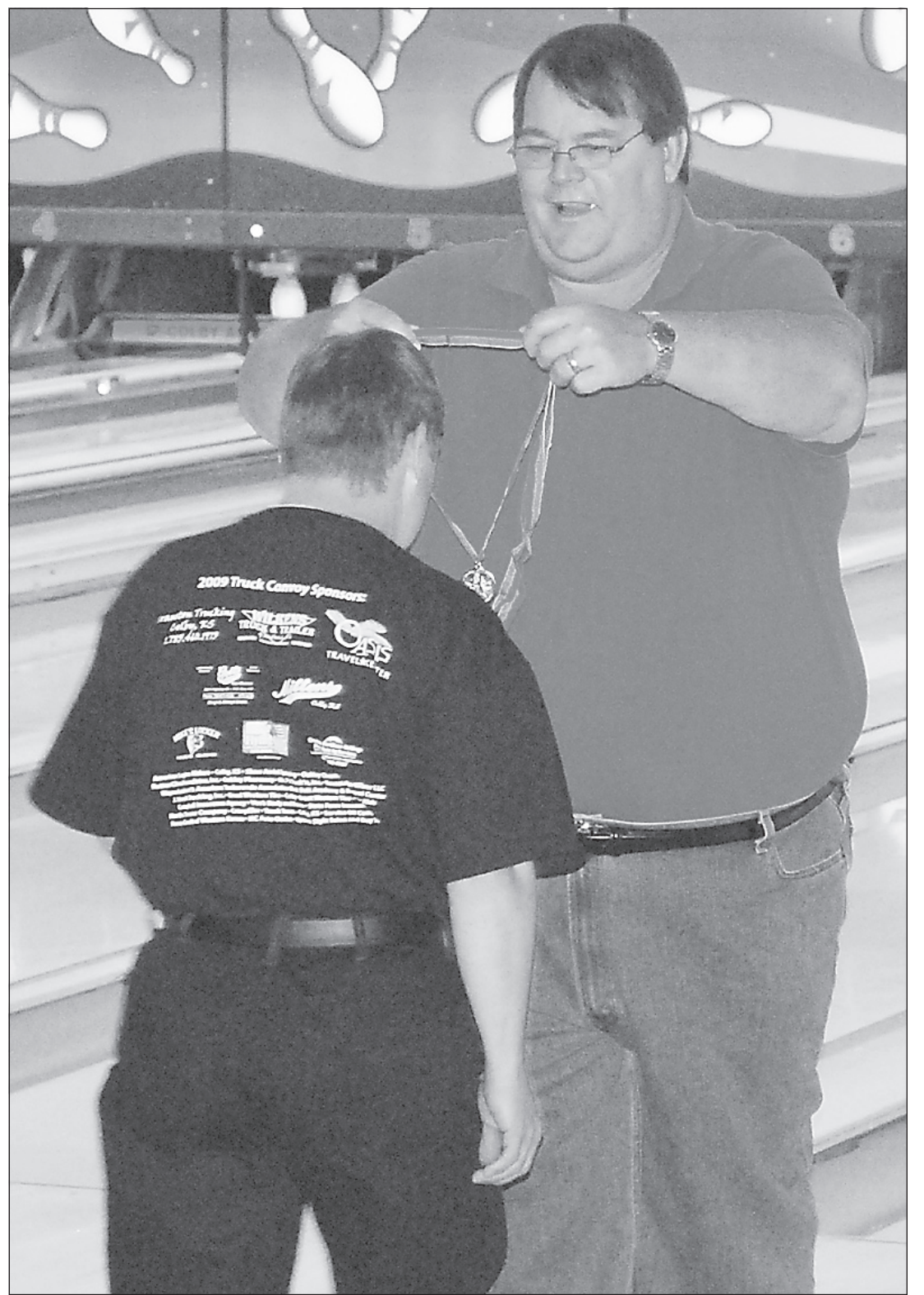
Someday, Vyzourek said he would like to see the station broadcast in high definition. High definition radio is different than high-definition television, he ex-

plained, because if you own a high-definition radio, you will still get regular channels.

On high-definition radio, people can get three things broadcast simultaneously from one station, said Vyzourek. He said this means people who had high-definition radio would have three options to choose from on the T92 college station.

Vyzourek came to the college with a solid reputation in the radio industry. The Kansas Association of Broadcasters named him the small-market disc jockey of the year in 2004 and 2006. He has managed to achieve all this despite being blind. Vyzourek became blind when he was three years old. His blindness is due to being born prematurely.

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Special Olympics bowling team coach Doug Maley hangs a gold medal around Mark Reuber at the regional bowling tournament at Colby Bowl on Saturday. The tournament also served as a qualifier for November's state tournament.

# Special Olympics bowlers hit the lanes for tournament

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Balls were rolling and pins were falling on Saturday at the Special Olympics Kansas regional bowling tournament.

Regional Director Kim Pianto said 57 bowlers and about 25 volunteers gathered at Colby Bowl for the tournament. Some of the teams were bused in or driven in by family members from as far away as Hays.

The bowlers played two games, with awards handed out for the top scorers on each lane. The regional games served as a qualifier for the state games, known as the Fall Sports Classic, which

will be in November in Johnson County. Pianto said there will be about 10 athletes from the west region that will attend the state games.

The event included teams from Colby, Atwood, WaKeeney and Hays.

Doug Maley, a team coach from WaKeeney, said bowling allows the athletes a fun, independent activity. Special Olympics Kansas offers year round sports and training, including bowling, basketball, track and field, aquatics, power lifting and softball.

The West Region of Special Olympics Kansas has a large area to cover, so another regional bowling tournament will be held in Dodge City on Saturday.



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Colby Community College Radio instructor Joe Vyzourek worked at the station in Ferguson Hall on Monday. Vyzourek was hired to be director of the KTCC T92 FM college radio station since last fall.

# Catholic school plans benefit Saturday

Members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church are making preparations for their 12th annual benefit auction at 5 p.m. this Saturday at City Limits Convention Center.

"We have had tremendous support from local businesses in the past," said Kim Brier, parish secretary and auction committee member. "We invite them to participate again this year to help make it another successful event."

The auction is a benefit for Sacred Heart School, which serves the 525 Catholic families registered with the church. Brier said school enrollment is about 140, from preschool and kindergarten through fifth grade.

The theme this year will be the "Nifty Fifties," recalling a time of record players, drive-in movies and rock 'n' roll, Barbie dolls, the Hula Hoop, *I Love Lucy*, *Ozzie*

and *Harriet and the Mickey Mouse Club*.

Brier said the auction committee is looking for contributions of any size. People may donate cash or an item or service, she said.

Individuals and businesses that contribute will be listed on the sale bill distributed to businesses and the parish, she said, and it will

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### Seniors plan potluck Monday

The group More Fun Together plans a potluck dinner for people 50 or older who are alone, widowed, divorced, separated or who have partners in nursing homes at 6 p.m. Monday at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share. Table service and beverage will be provided. The building is handicapped accessible with an elevator by the east doors. For information, call the church at 462-6342.

### Publisher will talk about debt

Dr. Larry Bates, an economist and publisher of the *Monetary and Economic Review*, will speak at 6:30 p.m. next Wednesday at the Brewster Community Church about the debt-based economy and how it affects the country. For information, call Mike Pinkelman (785) 694-2720.

### Sign up for food package

Prairie Land Food sign up for October will be through Friday at the State Farm Insurance office, 95 E. Fourth St. Delivery will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Sacred Heart School Gym, 1150 W. Sixth. For information, call Gene Griffin at 460-3579.

### Book fair is Thursday, Friday

Sacred Heart School will have a Scholastic Book Fair from 3:40 to 7:45 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday in the gym. For information, call Sister Loreta at the school at 460-2813.

### County van off for half a day

The Thomas County transportation van will run only from 12:30 to 4 p.m. on Friday because the driver will be off. For information, call County Clerk Shelly Harms at 460-4500.

### Soup, auction to help family

A benefit soup dinner and auction Saturday at TNT Auction will raise money for the family of Rusti Hopper, who died Sept. 8. The dinner will begin at 11:30, with the auction following at 1 p.m. The Bruce Bandy Barbershop Quartet, the Bugbee Sisters, Blake and Brandon McLemore and Tom Harrison will entertain. Items up for auction include a king-size quilt, a set of tires, bags of seed corn, a boy's bike and many others donated by area businesses and individuals. Friends say the family needs help with medical and funeral expenses. For information, call Sharon Woofter at 269-7180.

### Kiwanis plans pancake feed

The Colby Kiwanis Club will hold a pancake feed from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 220 N. Lake Ave. The cost

will be \$4 per person for all you can eat. Tickets are available from any Kiwanian. For information, call Kenton Krebbiel at 462-7904.

### 125th planning group to meet

The Thomas County 125th Celebration planning group will hold its monthly meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday at the Prairie Museum of Art and History. The group will hear from the logo/theme, education, beards/bonnets and keepsakes committees and continue planning events for the county's 125th anniversary next year. For information, call Mike Baughn at 674-2278, Terri Crampton at 462-3388 or Sheila Frahm at 462-6948.

