

Family

Irish performance Saturday at college

Are you a fan of Irish singing, music, and dance? Well, you are in luck! Tony Kenny and Stars of Jury's Irish Cabaret (from Dublin) will take the stage at the Colby Community College Cultural Arts Center in Colby at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

In the world of Irish music, Kenny needs little introduction. As Ireland's "Entertainer of the Year" for three consecutive years,

he has performed around the world as a singer and pianist. He has released 25 recordings, including seven gold and two platinum discs throughout his career.

Kenny tours the United States every fall with his cast of dancers and musicians.

Admission for this program is by Western Plains Arts Association Season Ticket or at the door, adults, \$15, students K-12, \$8.

Musical fair coming to Hays on Saturday

HAYS — From violins and cellos to street rhymes and sing-a-longs, the String-a-Palooza musical fair and extravaganza will provide lots of entertainment for children at the Memorial Union at Fort Hays State University.

String-a-Palooza, organized by the Western Kansas String Academy and the Alpha Pi chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, starts at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14.

Maria Anthony of Lawrence will do two half-hour children's concerts. Anthony uses guitar, flute and bodhran, an Irish frame drum, for accompaniment in her performances, which include stories, sing-a-longs, humor and poetry. She uses costume, rhythm and rhyme. Programs include translation from Gaelic, songs about children by children, otherwise known as "street rhymes," and movement activities.

Her first concert will begin at 9:30 a.m. This concert will concentrate on pre-school-aged children while her second, at 11:30 a.m., will be for children of all ages.

She has been performing since 1982 and has produced four recordings of traditional and original music with violinist and singer Megan Hurt as well as the folk-rock band "Uncle Dirty Toes."

There will be hands-on booths

and exploration activities for children from 10 to 11 a.m. Exploration centers available will include an "instrument petting zoo," a "drumming circle," "make your own RainStick," a preschool song circle, "exotic string instruments" and an electric instrument experiment station.

For children in kindergarten or older, violin and cello lessons will be offered at 10:30 a.m. Children in the second grade or above can participate in guitar lessons as well. For these half-hour sessions, instruments will be provided to introduce children to the art of playing a musical instrument. Call the academy by Thursday to reserve a seat.

At 11 a.m., a musically illustrated reading of Pete Seeger's story "Abiyoyo!" will be performed by the academy's intermediate and advanced orchestra, playing music written by Krista Connelly, a Hays junior. Dr. Doug Drabkin, associate professor of philosophy, will narrate.

Registration will be in the Sunset Lounge at 9:15 a.m., but visitors are welcome to come and go as their schedules allow.

For information, contact Cathy Drabkin, executive director of the academy, at (785) 628-5363 or at caddrabkin@fhsu.edu.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Friday
6:17 a.m. — Caller sick at 770 Dylan Dr. Turned over to Citizens Medical Center.

12:29 p.m. — Assisted sheriff's office on call at Country Club Drive and Brookside. Report.

2:12 p.m. — Dog at large caught at 1665 W. Fifth. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.

3:11 p.m. — Arrest warrant served on Thelma Sue Rock by

Oakley police.

7:23 p.m. — Erratic driver westbound on U.S. 24 turning north in alley west of Franklin. Located and spoke to subject.

8:13 p.m. — Removed animal from road on N. Range.

Shooting class starts for 4-H

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program for bb-guns and air rifles will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday at the 4-H building. The first session will be in the classroom. Meetings will be held each Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. for 4-H members nine years old and older. For questions, call Mike Wetter at 460-0808.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$4.20
Corn (bushel)	\$3.46
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.50
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.51



Ann Scheufler and Ethan Walker

Colby grad to wed in McPherson church

Ann Scheufler of Sterling and Ethan Walker of McPherson plan to marry Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, at the Free Methodist Church in McPherson.

The bride is the daughter of Lee and Margaret Scheufler of Sterling. She is a 2006 graduate of Sterling High School and will graduate from Kansas State University in May with a degree

in dietetics.

The groom is the son of Boyd and Sharon Walker of McPherson. He is a 2004 graduate of Colby High School and will graduate from the University of Kansas School of Nursing in May.

The couple will live in Kansas City.

Farm Service pays out

Conservation Reserve Program annual rental payments were issued the first of October to Kansas farmers and ranchers for a total of \$122.8 million for 3.1 million acres enrolled on 49,834 contracts.

Across the country, said Adrian J. Polansky, state executive director of the U.S. Farm Service Agency, participants received \$1.7 billion on about 33 million acres. He said Conservation Reserve is the largest public-private partnership for conservation and wildlife habitat in the United States.

Landowners in the program plant long-term, resource-conserving cover to improve water quality, control soil erosion and enhance habitat for waterfowl and wildlife. In return, the agency pays annual rental and cost-share payments on 10- to 15-year contracts.

Polansky said final payments under the 2009 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program now are being issued. About \$308.8 million will be paid this month, with producers having received an advance payment of 22 percent earlier in the year.

Payment statements will be mailed from the Kansas City Ac-

counting Office for the entire country and not from the agency's county office. Owners may receive an electronic payment in their bank account before they receive their statement in the mail, he said.

Because of a glitch found in the new web-based payment system, some Conservation Reserve assignments to lenders were not applied, the agency says. Anyone receiving a check in error needs to contact their bank, the agency said.

Because of another error, landowners should review all their payment statements for all farms in all counties to determine if the total final direct payments equals the total direct payments less total advance payments. If there is any discrepancy, they need to contact the county office.

4-H Club

The Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club met Monday, Nov. 2, with 25 members present. President Sarah Lamm called the meeting to order and Hannah Strange led the club in the flag salute before they ate a pot-luck dinner.

Kinley Ziegelmeier led the club in fun game called, "What Time is it Mr. Wolf?"

Roll call was answered with members having to name something related to Thanksgiving.

Kayle Shields led the club in singing "If You're Happy and You Know It."

Jory Koon read the minutes of the last meeting before Rachel Lamm reminded people to come to the front of the room when giving announcements.

Council Representative Rachel Lamm said pizza sales would begin in December. This is one of the club's biggest fundraisers. It was announced that the club would build the pizzas on Sunday, Feb. 14.

Kimberly Gerstner gave a project talk titled "A Trip of a Lifetime," about her trip to Japan. She also showed a slideshow of pictures from her trip.

Community Leader Donna Lamm handed out club awards which included a \$10 Sonic card for the members who did record books.

New members Amanda Barnum, Carter Stanley, Jenna and Shelby Crampton, and Piper and Bailey Koeperich, were initiated.

The meeting was adjourned after Vice President Brennan Ziegelmeier announced next month's meeting would be Monday, Dec. 7, at the 4-H building.

— Brook Ziegelmeier

Deaths

Shirley Griggs

Shirley Griggs, 70, Colby, died Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Services are pending with Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, (785) 462-7979.

Head to visit Brewster Lions

Lions District Governor William "Bill" Fairchild will make an official club visitation to the Brewster Lions Club at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at Hunter Hall in Brewster. All club members are encouraged to be present.

Fairchild has been district governor since July 1. He has retired from the Larned School District, where he served as transportation manager, bus driver and trainer, first aid trainer, and driver improvement program instructor. He is a charter member of the Kansas State Pupil Transportation Association.

Judge takes guilt public

BEDFORD, Pa. (AP) — In exchange for no jail time, a woman and her adult daughter have agreed to stand outside a Pennsylvania courthouse holding signs saying they stole a gift card from a 9-year-old girl on her birthday.

Fifty-six-year-old Evelyn Border and 35-year-old Tina Griekspoor stood outside the court for 4 1/2 hours Nov. 3. They held signs that read: "I stole from a 9-year-old girl on her birthday! Don't steal or this could happen to you!"

Bedford County District Attorney Bill Higgins says they swiped a gift card the girl set on a shelf while an employee helped her.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Tuesday, Nov. 3, were first, Barb Ulmer; second, Sarah Jane Barrett; third, Ken Ptacek; fourth, Dave Ulmer; fifth, Mary Kersenbrock.

Thank You!

Colby Grade School would like to thank Wal-Mart for their donation for the Teacher of the Year. Various teachers received Wal-Mart gift cards to be used for teaching supplies. We would also like to thank Midwest Energy and the Thomas County Community Foundation for the numerous grants received. Their contributions will help fund supplies for various activities throughout the school year.

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Sunday -Thursday 7:00

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