



Colby students graduate



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College recognizes longtime professor at commencement

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Presentation of a professor emeritus award produced two standing ovations at the Colby Community College commencement Saturday.

Math instructor John Olson presented the award, noting that there have been many outstanding teachers over the school's 45 years.

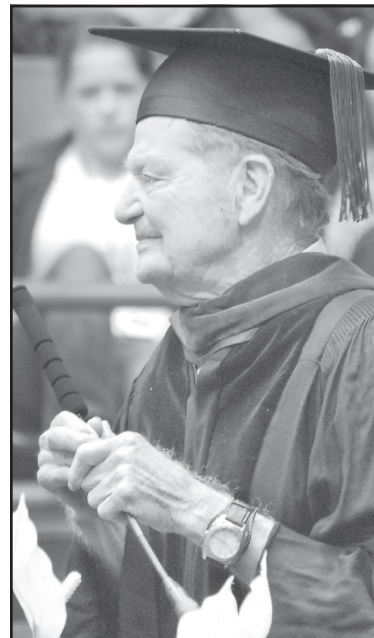
"One of those individuals went on to become the face of the college, and his name became synonymous with the college," Olson said.

That man, he said, is chemistry professor Max Pickerill. Olson gave a short speech, then presented Pickerill with a plaque naming him as the college's first professor emeritus.

"And on it, the simple remark he has made, 'I teach students,'" Olson said, to which Pickerill replied, "Amen."

Pickerill saluted the faculty, staff and students for their success.

"You are our bread and butter,"



Max Pickerill was named as the first professor emeritus at the Colby Community College graduation Saturday.

he said, "and sometimes a little jam on it."

Pickerill said no one goes into teaching to get rich, but there are

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Skylyne Fulwider looked at her program during the speeches at Colby Community College's commencement Saturday at the Community Building. Fulwider, from Hays, graduated with an associate's degree in science.

Heartland graduates told to guard integrity

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Heartland Christian High School graduated six seniors on Saturday in a ceremony at the school's gymnasium.

Graduating were Kasey Donley, Danyelle Mazanec, Mary Beth Myers, Jeremy Myers (a cousin of Mary Beth), Daniel Grace and Mysti Rothfuss. Rothfuss was valedictorian and Mary Beth Myers was salutatorian.

The commencement started with Heartland board member Craig Myers, uncle of Mary Beth and Jeremy, welcoming everyone. Then Lona Donley, Kasey's mom and Heartland kindergarten teacher, sang "You Are a Masterpiece" by Sandi Patty.

After the song, a "senior tribute" video featured pictures of each student accompanied by a song. The first shots of each graduate were either pictures of them as babies or young children and the last were more recent.

Pastor Gene Rothfuss of Wesleyan Church, Mysti's father, gave the commencement speech after the video. He was introduced by board member and boy's basketball coach Randy Regier.

"You're at an awesome place in your lives," Rothfuss told the



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Heartland High senior Jeremy Myers spoke during commencement Saturday at the school gymnasium as fellow graduate Kasey Donley waited for her turn at the mic.

graduates. "You can do or be almost anything."

The pastor encouraged the grads to guard their integrity and have a positive attitude.

"People can steal from you and ruin your reputation, but they can't take your integrity," he said.

Mysti Rothfuss and Donley followed with speeches of their own. Each graduate eventually got on

the microphone and thanked everyone who had helped them get through school.

Craig Myers and his brother Mark, Jeremy's father and chairman of the Heartland board, passed out diplomas. Regier presented the Heartland class of 2010 and ended the commencement with a prayer.



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Colby High School graduates (from left) Dalton Garcia, Gunner Gawith, Skylar Brogan and Seth Bredemeier walked out of the Community Building gym to the sounds of "Pomp and Circumstance" at the school's graduation Sunday.

Eagle grads recall journey; old teacher says to stay on track

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An accomplished class of 2010 graduated from Colby High School on Sunday.

Principal Don Krebs introduced the seniors, saying that all together, the students have been awarded more than \$625,000 in scholarships from civic groups, colleges and the military.

"You're going to hear many, many more accomplishments from this class in the years to come," he

said. The class's five valedictorians, who all tied for the top grade point average, took turns speaking.

Anna Juenemann said the class had spent countless hours on activities, performed at the top level in state competitions and attended national championships. Above all, she said, she hopes the class is remembered as good role models for other students.

Juenemann made special note of the class's philanthropy, saying they had voted to donate what was

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Briefly

Piano students to give recital

Students of Pat Ziegelmeier will perform in a spring piano recital at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College. Selections will include solos and duets. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Ziegelmeier at 460-5518.

Methodists plan youth camp

The Colby United Methodist Church will have enrollment for its Summer Youth Program from 4 to 6 p.m. today and Tuesday at the church. The program, for children age 3 through sixth grade, will run Monday to Wednesday each week from June 7 to July 7. For information, call the church at 460-2761.

Expert to talk about diabetes

Dr. Phillip Challans of Wichita will give a free diabetes update at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Citizens Medi-

cal Center. Challans is taking over for Dr. Richard Guthrie, who is unable to be here. For information, call Jeanene Brown, director of education, at 460-4850.

High school teams selling meals

The Colby High School forensics and debate teams are selling tickets for their Celebrity Servers fund raiser Saturday at Montana Mike's. Tickets are \$15 for either a center-cut sirloin dinner or a grilled chicken dinner. Part of the ticket and all tips will go to the teams for their trip to the National Championships on May 28. For information, call coach Nancy Rundel at 460-5300.

Golf club plans tournament

A one-couple golf tournament - which has golfers in pairs rather than foursomes - to raise money for Meadow Lake Golf Club will begin at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the course, 1085 E. Golf Club Drive in

Colby. Registration will be at 10 a.m., with tee-off at 10:30. Cost is \$60 per couple. Cart rental is available, and lunch and snacks will be provided. Call the club at (785) 460-6443.

Treasurer still closing at 3:30

The Thomas County treasurer's office is closing at 3:30 p.m. through Friday, May 28, while employees work on software conversion. Treasurer Donita Applebury said the office will go back to the regular 4 p.m. closing time earlier if possible. For information, call the office at 460-4520.

Register for youth program now

Registration is open for students in fourth through eighth grades for a free Youth Chautauqua Camp from June 1 to 5 at the Prairie Museum. The camp, presented by Dr. Joyce Thierer and Dr. Ann Birney of "Ride into History," will offer kids a chance to research and then portray Thomas County personali-

ties from the 1930s under the Chautauqua tent. Call the museum at 460-4590 for information.

Moran's staff plans office hours

Staffers from Congressman Jerry Moran's will hold open office hours from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Thomas County Courthouse on Tuesday, May 25. Chelsey Gillogly, district representative for Mr. Moran, will be in the commissioners' room to meet with area residents who have opinions about the federal government or are experiencing difficulties with Social Security, Medicare, Veterans Affairs or other issues. For information, call Gillogly or Rachel Robben at (785) 628-6401.

