

'Respect Life' speaker is Catholic journalist

National radio talk-show host and author Teresa Tomeo will be speaking Saturday and Sunday at St. Mary Queen of the Universe Parish in Russell.

On Saturday, she will be keynote speaker at the Bi-Annual Salina Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Council.

On Sunday, she will be speaking at the Salina Diocese's Respect Life Conference.

Tomeo's daily morning radio program, *Catholic Connection*, can be heard on KVDM Divine Mercy Radio 88.1 FM in Hays.

On both Saturday and Sunday, she will draw from her per-

sonal testimony as well as her work as a Catholic journalist.

On Saturday she will speak on "Handmaids of the Lord: Rediscovering the Dignity of Women," examining the roles of women in the church. As one of only 250 women in the world invited to Rome to take part in a Vatican congress on women, she also shares her insights from the 2008 Rome gathering.

Sunday's talk, "Bringing America Back to Life," continues Tomeo's critical examination of the main stream media.

For information, go to salina-diocese.org/.

Garden path twists and turns, even in a season that's hot and dry

I suppose everyone has some kind of a funny story to tell about their gardening experience. Maybe not "ha ha" funny, but perhaps more like "strange" funny.

Most of us who dig in the dirt in the backyard would have difficulty finding anything funny about this summer's gardening experience.

There just can't be too many laughable incidents to talk about when the tomatoes refuse to set on in the searing heat and the sweet corn seems to be unusually smutty. I talked to a lady in Cheyenne Wells a couple of weeks ago who wasn't laughing about her cucumbers that were so bitter she finally just pulled up the vines.

And then there was this gardener in Decatur County who thought he was buying cucumber plants at the store last spring and they turned out to be zucchini. He wasn't laughing! Or how about the gardener in Thomas County who



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

decided to raise her own broccoli plants because she had some seed leftover from last year.

The little plants thrived and she planted a dozen very healthy plants at the proper planting time in her garden. As luck would have it, it was carryover cabbage seed she had planted, not broccoli seed. So what do you do when you have a lemon? You make lemonade, or in this case, something even better. The gardener secured a crock, and happily created many jars of homemade sauerkraut. And she now knows that cabbage seed, and the resulting plants, greatly resemble broccoli seed and the resulting plants. End of story with a

happy ending.

I have a watermelon story to contribute to the cause. Early last spring, I saw a watermelon variety available that caught my eye in the J.W. Jung seed catalog. It was a small five to seven pound yellow watermelon called Golden Crown. It was described as having bright red flesh with small black seeds, and was an All America winner in 1991. The catalog happily announced that "this melon tells you when it is ripe because the rind turns a rich golden yellow color when it is ready to pick!" Why hadn't I noticed this one years ago? We all know how difficult it can be to know for sure when a watermelon is ripe. But this one tells you by turning color!

One problem. What the seed catalog didn't tell me was that the little melons are yellow when they set on, and are yellow while they are growing, and, as adver-

tised, yellow when they are ripe. So, how yellow? They've always been yellow for crying out loud. I picked one when I thought it was the right size and the proper shade of yellow. Yeah, green as a shamrock. So I decided to wait a couple of weeks before I tried another.

I waited too long. While heading out to the garden early one morning, I noticed a couple of turkeys chowing down on something of there. Of course, it was the little yellow watermelons. The turkeys knew when those little yellow watermelons were dead ripe. Those two turkeys have been hanging around all summer, always getting a drink from the birdbath, but never bothering anything.

I'll not plant those little yellow watermelons next year, or the year after, or ever. I might plant a few zucchini in their place. Even a turkey won't eat zucchini!

Kansas Book Fest to showcase authors

The second annual Kansas Book Festival, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Kansas Historical Society in Topeka, will showcase current authors and books and will promote the importance of reading. It is free and open to the public.

"Our mission is to promote literacy and encourage a life-long love of reading," Kansas First Lady Mary Brownback said. "We believe that we achieved that in our first festival last September and are excited to see where this year's event takes us. We have a great lineup of locally and nationally known authors and illustrators that kids and adults will enjoy."

More than 30 authors will take part in the festival, including local favorites such as Matthew Polly, Harriet Lerner and Thomas Fox Averill.

Candice Millard, author of the *New York Times* bestseller "Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Mad-

ness, Medicine and the Murder of a President," will be presenting. Kansas City author and illustrator Shane Evans will attend; he has illustrated books for Shaquille O'Neal, Holly Robinson Peete and Taye Diggs and won the 2012 Coretta Scott King award for his book, "Underground."

One of the day's key presentations will be made by 91-year-old Chester Nez along with the help of his co-author. Nez is one of the original Navajo Code Talkers from World War II. The awards ceremony for the Kansas Notable Book winners will take place at noon.

Along with the author presentations there will be book signings, outdoor entertainment and activities for children of all ages.

To see the full list of authors or for event, sponsor or vendor information, visit www.kansasbook-festival.com.

Scholarship program increases levels

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation has announced an increase in the scholarship stipends for the coming academic year. Four of the five scholarship categories will increase by \$1,000 and the Leader to Tomorrow will increase by \$1,500.

The foundation will make 280 scholarships available in five categories to students in 26 northwest Kansas counties. Students from an accredited high school, registered independent, private or home school are eligible to apply.

Scholarships available

Ten Leaders of Tomorrow scholarships with annual stipends of \$6,500 renewable for three additional years. Recipients must attend an accredited four-year public, private or church-related Kansas college or university.

Fifty Hansen Scholarships with stipends of \$4,000 renewable for one additional year. Recipients must attend an accredited four-year Kansas college or university.

One hundred Hansen Student scholarships for \$3,000 renewable for one additional year. Recipients must attend an accredited community, public, private or church-related college or university in Kansas.

To qualify for the scholarships, a student must have taken the ACT test and have a composite score of 21 or higher and have at least a 3.5 average. The student should be an active participant in extracurricular school and community activities, display good citizenship, leadership and moral integrity.

Students planning to enter the competition for the scholarships must register at their school and take the qualifying test at locations to be announced. Information on all scholarships has been sent to qualifying area schools. Tentative test dates have been set for Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 12 and 13, 2012.

One hundred Hansen Career and Technical Education scholarships, \$2,000 non-renewable, are available to encourage high school seniors who seek competence through career training. An applicant for the scholarship must complete an application form available from high school counselors. The scholarship committee is interested in the student's character, activities and goals. Applicants for the scholarship are not required to take a qualifying test. A 3.5 average is not necessary. Recipients may enroll in any career and technical educa-

tion program, in any Kansas school, as long as it is not leading to a four-year degree.

In addition to the scholarships offered to high school seniors, the foundation will also award 20 Community or Technical College Transfer scholarships of \$3,000 each to Kansas community or technical college students. Students must have completed a minimum of 32 hours of college credit by the spring of 2013 and technical college students must have completed an associate of applied science degree before transferring to an accredited four-year Kansas college or university. Each transfer scholarship may be renewed for one year. Students may obtain application forms at the office of the dean of student services at the community college or technical college student services or it can be downloaded at www.hansenfoundationscholarships.com.

The foundation is in its 38th year of service to the young people of Northwest Kansas through the late Dane G. Hansen of Logan.

All students interested in the scholarship program are encouraged to go to www.hansenfoundationscholarships.com for current information.

Leadership class starts

The Leadership Thomas County Board of Directors announced the names of class members for the 2012 adult program on Wednesday.

Participants are Chris Halbleib, Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball; Ashley Wright, First National Bank; Lance Krannawitter, Colby Grade School principal; Kylie Freeman, Farm Bureau Financial Services; Marilee Gundlach, Udderly Delicious Yogurt; Doug Reinert, rehabilitation services staff coordinator at Citizens Medical Center; and Tara Schroer, Colby Community College library director.

The class met for their opening retreat Tuesday and Wednesday at Prairie Museum of Art and History. Co-directors Cindy Black

and Leilani Thomas said they feel this is going to be a dynamic class. After skill building activities and discussion, Chris Griffin took the class on a tour of the museum and back room which is not often opened for the public. The second session will be Wednesday at Shepherd's Staff in Rexford. The group will be touring McCarty Dairy on their return trip.

The class is already discussing their class project for youth and their trip to Wichita to attend the Kansas Leadership Center's Leadership Summit, which brings facilitators and members of community leadership programs together. Kansas is the only state in the union to have a leadership center.

Contest seeks 'green' photos

Whether photography is your passion, your hobby or a pastime, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment invites Kansans to participate in the second annual Kansas Green Teams photo contest, celebrating the beauty and unique character of our state. Winning photos will be displayed on the home page of the Green Teams website. Both amateur and professional photographers are welcome to participate.

All photos must be in color and taken in Kansas within the last three years. The subject must be relevant to Kansas in one of the following contest categories:

- Wildlife
- Recreation
- Historical buildings and monuments
- Weather

Photos may be submitted as prints or in digital format. Go to www.kansasgreenteams.org/photography-contest for rules and submission information. Entries must be postmarked or received by Thursday, Sept. 20.

The Kansas Green Teams program began in 2007 to promote and support environmentally responsible practices. If you and your organization are interested in joining, go to www.kansasgreenteams.org.

Kansas Kids learn Internet safety

A statewide program aimed at keeping kids safer on the Internet reached 65,605 participants during the recently-completed fiscal year 2012, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said.

The Netsmartz program is presented throughout the state by the Kansas Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs through a legislative ap-

propriation. The interactive educational program was developed by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and Boys and Girls Clubs of America for children ages 5 to 17, their parents, teachers and law enforcement officers.

It uses age-appropriate, interactive activities to teach individuals

how to be safer online. In 2011 the program reached 60,585.

The programs are presented by specialized trainers throughout the state in classrooms and after-school programs.

To learn about the program, call the Attorney General's Office at (785) 296-2215 or visit www.ag.ks.gov.

Mayor gives up parking spot

LOGANSPORT, Ind. (AP) — The mayor of Logansport has decided to turn a parking spot he created for his yellow Corvette after receiving a parking ticket into a spot for handicapped individuals visiting the City Building.

Mayor Ted Franklin tells the *Pharos-Tribune* (bit.ly/Qneqbr) he made the decision because the issue had become a "distraction" because of media attention. He created a parking space in July in the area previously reserved for police, putting up a sign reading "Mayor Parking Only." He did that after he was ticketed by police

when the nose of his Corvette was sticking into a no-parking zone.

Franklin says it's time to grow up and to "stop playing the game."

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake Bridge winners for Tuesday were: first, Kevan Taylor; second, Lyle Worthy; third, Margaret Denneker; fourth Sarah Jane Barrett; fifth, Jean Snyder; sixth Cookie Koenig.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$8.16
Corn (bushel)	\$8.03
Milo (hundredweight)	\$13.59
Soybeans (bushel)	\$15.61

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

We want your local news: e-mail to colby.editor@nwksas.com

Thank You

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. The outpouring of your support was helpful and gratifying. Vic would have been touched and proud of you, his beloved patients and friends. And don't you know he would have loved the memorial in front of the clinic. You blessed our lives in so many ways. Thank you.

The family of Dr. Victor H. Hildyard II

Dr. Victor H. Hildyard II

Dr. Victor H. Hildyard II was born March 22, 1947 in Lawrence, Kansas, the son of Victor H. and Vivian Aleen (Henderson) Hildyard. He passed away July 3, 2012 at Logan County Hospital in Oakley, Kansas at the age of 65.

Dr. Hildyard graduated from Cherry Creek High School in Denver, Colorado in 1965; and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas in 1969. He then went on to graduate from the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Denver, Colorado in 1973; and completed an internship at the Hennepin County Hospital at the University of Minnesota Medical School in 1974. It was then that Vic's real life passion began as he moved to Colby, Kansas and began practicing medicine at Colby Medical and Surgical Center; taking care of his many patients for over 38 years with a love, care, concern and compassion that will be deeply missed.

Dr. Hildyard was preceded in death by parents, Dr. Victor H. and Vivian Aleen (Henderson) Hildyard and his brother, Bruce Hildyard. Survivors include his wife, Brenda K. Hildyard of the home; his daughter and son-in-law, Krystal E. and Dr. Seth W. Bolling of Beverly Hills, California; his two sisters, Karen Conner, and husband, Robert, of Montrose, Colorado, and Sandra H. Squibb of Colby, Kansas; his brother-in-law, Darrell Prather of Tempe, Arizona; his nephews, Jason Squibb of Denver, Colorado; Trevor Squibb, and wife Deanna, of Dallas, Texas, and Brian Connor, and wife, Vicki, of Firestone, Colorado; his nieces, Seannette Corkill, husband, Rick, of Vancouver, Washington; Kathy Owen of Aurora, Colorado; and many fellow colleagues, patients and friends.

He married Brenda K. Graefe on August 21, 1982, in Colby, Kansas and together they shared a life of happiness, filled with optimism, laughter and faith until the very end. Vic was a great father to his daughter, Krystal;

and was proud of his son-in-law, Seth; he loved them both very deeply.

Dr. Hildyard was many things; he was flat-out funny and had a contagious sense of humor. He was unpretentious and down to earth; he was upbeat, an optimist, always happy with a smile on his face. Dr. Hildyard's lifelong devotion was the care of his many patients. If you were his patient, you had the best advocate and he was your loyal friend. When he wasn't taking care of his patients, he enjoyed gardening and you could find him in the back yard among the many trees he planted. He loved every holiday and celebrated them in a big way. On Halloween he grew the pumpkins, carved and decorated them and enjoyed handing out candy to the children who came by the house. He will long be remembered by young and old, alike, for all of the years that he and Brenda's front yard was adorned at Christmas time with wonderful moveable characters, a lighted star so high on an antenna that it could be seen for blocks and a nativity scene that depicted "the reason for the season".

A celebration of Dr. Hildyard's life was held on Monday, July 9, 2012 at 2 p.m. at the Colby High School Auditorium with Pastor Mark Carlton officiating. Pianist was Mrs. Pamela Carlton and soloist was Pastor Mark Carlton. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. Theodore J. Clark, Randy Dechert, Steve Lampe, Rod McFee, Dr. Edward Ted Parks, Jerry Pierce, Dr. Joseph C. Rainwater, Wes Rummel, George Tubbs, Jim Tubbs, Carl Woofter, Mike Woofter, and Vern Wranosky.

In closing this tribute to his life, we leave you with one of Dr. Hildyard's favorite sayings "Do the next right thing".



GEM LIONS CLUB ANNUAL HOG ROAST

Gem Community Bldg. • Aug. 22, 2012 • 5 - 8 p.m.

BLUE GRASS, FOLK & COUNTRY MUSIC

Our usual performers will provide an evening of great music.

Horseshoe Contest

Raffling Off 16 Halves of Hog • Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20
(16 chances to win with each ticket)

FREE WILL DONATION (for meal) NET PROCEEDS USED FOR
Community Betterment Projects - Bring us your used Eyeglasses & Hearing Aides

A special thank you and recognition to the following businesses for donating hogs:

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| FRONTIER AG. Mingo | FRONTIER AG. BREWSTER | FRONTIER AG. BRETON |
| HI PLAINS COOP | AMERICAN IMPLEMENT | GOULASCH |
| FRANZ CHIROPRACTIC | GOLDEN HARVEST SEEDS (Tom Sloan) | |
| CPS GOODLAND (Bill Shields) | ZIEGELMEIER FARMS (Carl & Matt) | |