

Youth Outdoor Skills Day scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 28

The second annual Youth Outdoor Skills Day is planned for Sept. 28, 2002 near Colby, said Leonard Hopper, wildlife biologist in Colby with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

Last year's event saw 50 youth under the age of 16 participate in events designed to give them practical experience in certain outdoor skills.

"This is an opportunity for parents and youth, both sons and daughters, to

spend a day in the great outdoors," he said. Skills that youth participated in last year included shot gunning, archery, map and compass reading, and muzzle loading, Hopper said.

All who participated said they had a good time and learned from those volunteers that enjoy their particular sport.

In addition to learning news, a lunch of Elk burgers was prepared and served by Larry and Cheryl Cox, of Colby

"Adults and youth alike had a lot of

fun and all learned something to take home with them that day.

"The enthusiasm seen during last years event made us realize this is an event that will continue for several years," Hopper said.

This year's Youth Day will be at the same location, Sheriff Tom Jones farm, just like last year and all the events will be the same, except there will be a game calling demonstration and perhaps a trapping and snaring demon-

stration. Elk is not available this year for the lunch meal but a buffalo burger lunch will be served.

"There is no charge for the youth day so just bring yourself and your parents and have a fun day," he said.

Hopper, along with Benny Young, also with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks in Colby, are encouraging those wanting to attend to call their office and get a registration/liability release form, which needs to

be returned as soon as possible so that planning for the event can continue.

"We also require a hunter education card for participants and those who attended the recent class, which was held the week of Aug. 26 are now qualified.

Any young person that is interested in participating or any adult that would like to volunteer to help can call Hopper at (785) 462-3367 or Young at (785) 462-7602 for information.

"If you get an answering machine leave your name and address and the information will be sent to you," Hopper said.

The event is sponsored by the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks, Pheasants Forever, Thomas County Sheriff, Thomas County Attorney, Wal-Mart, Pirates Den, Colby Archery Club, Local Area Hunter Education instructors and other private individuals.

Pet Adoption

The Colby Animal Clinic has three adult dogs ready for adoption.

One of the dogs is a four-year-old male, mixed breed, weighing approximately 30 lbs., white, intact, friendly and quiet.

There is also a four-year-old female terrier mix, weighing about 35 lbs., black and white, also friendly and quiet. The third dog is a five-year-old Border Collie.

If interested in adopting one or more of these animals, call the clinic at 462-8621 or stop by 810 E. 4th St., Colby.

Student News

Emily J. Bailey

Emily J. Bailey of Colby was honored earlier this summer with the Community Stars Award for her volunteerism. She is a 2002 graduate of Colby High School and is currently attending Colby Community College.



Emily Bailey

Bailey's award was given on behalf of Gary Sherrer, lieutenant governor, in an effort to recognize the outstanding volunteer contributions of Kansas high school students to their communities.

"While I was in Washington, D.C. for a national Lt. Governor's meeting," Sherrer said, "I had the opportunity to attend an America's Promise presentation."

At that meeting, he said he realized that much more could be done to recognize the unselfish service given by high school students.

"Youth are important resources for their communities," Sherrer said, "and those who give back are more likely to do well in school and become productive citizens. They also are less likely to engage in destructive behavior such as drug and alcohol abuse."

Bailey, along with 135 other students across the state, received a congratulatory letter from Sherrer, a certificate of recognition from the State of Kansas and an engraved gold star for their efforts.

"These student have given thousands of hours of their time to activities such as spending time with the elderly, mentoring troubled youth, sup-

porting Big Brothers/Big Sisters programs in their communities, working with the Special Olympics, volunteering everywhere from children's homes to hospitals to food kitchens," he said.

He also said that being a former high school teacher, he has always taken an interest in the work of Kansas high school students.

"Nothing has impressed me more than witnessing students unselfishly giving of themselves to their communities," he said.

Bailey is the daughter of Paul and Marilyn Bailey, also of Colby.

Eric S. Seemann

Eric S. Seemann was one of only a few students

across the state, who earlier this summer, was selected to receive the Governor's Scholar Award for his academic successes.

Seemann's recognition by Gov. Bill Graves was given only to the top academic one percent of Kansas high school seniors, said Gary Musselman, with the Kansas State High Activities Association.

"Today's high school scholars are tomorrow's leaders," Graves said at a special event honoring students across Kansas. "I am pleased to be able to recognize the talents, skills and abilities they bring to their schools, communities and families."

This program, said Musselman, is coordinated for the governor by the Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force and funded by dona-

tions from the Kansas Banker's Association and other private sector businesses in Kansas.

Musselman said the task force was formed about 19 years ago to strengthen public confidence in education and there are eight organizations that are in the membership.

Those entities include the American Association of University Women, Kansas Association of School Boards, Kansas Congress of Parents and Teachers, Kansas Department of Education, Kansas-National Education Association, Kansas School Public Relations Association, Kansas State High School Activities Association and the United School Administrators of Kansas.

Seemann is a 2002 graduate of Colby High School and is currently attending Colby Community College. He is the son of Shorty and Dona Kulhanek and Gary and Joy Seemann, all of Colby.

Travis Siebert

WICHITA — Travis Siebert of Colby was one of 32 students selected to attend the annual Dreyfus Chemistry Camp held at Friends University in Wichita.

The students, officials said, were involved in a variety of hands-on science experiments emphasizing laboratory skills, the scientific method and information resources.

Room, board and educational expenses were provided by a grant from the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation in New York and by Friends

University.

Offering background about the university, officials said, Friends University is a private, comprehensive, liberal arts university located in Wichita. Founded in 1898, the university provides a non-denominational Christian environment for students of all ages.

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