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Sentenced to probation, sex offender program

Juenemann pleads guilty in shower room case

By MICHELLE L. HAWKINS
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The District Courtroom at the Thomas County Courthouse was filled with parents, coaches, school representatives and students on Friday afternoon as Adam F. Juenemann of Brewster walked somberly in to take his seat before Judge Richard Ress.

Juenemann has been locked in the county jail for six months after he was caught shooting video tapes of unsuspecting young girls in a shower room at Brewster High School during a junior varsity volleyball tournament on Sept. 28.

Coaches, who had to identify victims on the video, reported over 50

girls were taped in the two-day time frame of the tournament. These girls come from five school districts including Colby, Jennings, Brewster, St. Francis and Cheylin (Bird City).

In a plea bargain with the state of Kansas, Juenemann pleaded guilty to charges of eavesdropping, criminal trespassing and criminal damage to property — all misdemeanors.

Judge Ress questioned Juenemann, “You did do what you are being charged with?”

Juenemann replied, “Yes sir”.

For Juenemann, who was 23 at the time of the video taping, the guilty plea will mean two years of

consecutive probation and completion of an intensive sex offender rehabilitation program. The six months he has already served in the county jail will count towards the two years.

If the rehabilitation program is not completed, Juenemann will return to prison to serve the remainder of the two years. Ress also noted the rehabilitation program could run well beyond the two-year probation time, but would still need to be completed.

In addition, Ress granted the request of Thomas County Attorney Allan Taylor for Juenemann to pay restitution to Brewster schools and to also pay for any out of pocket

expenses incurred by the victims, such as counseling.

Calvin Williams, Juenemann’s attorney, requested there be no fine given, due to the amount of financial responsibility he would already have to pay.

“I would ask to waive the fine so what money we do have can go to the other things we need to take care of,” Williams said.

Ress denied the request and fined Juenemann an additional \$1,000.

“We just can’t tolerate this stuff,” Ress said.

Ress also warned Juenemann that any contact with the victims would be a violation of his probation.

Before adjournment, Ress re-

minded Juenemann if the terms were not completed he would go back to jail.

“You know what you have to look forward to,” Ress said. “You need to make a change.”

As Juenemann was escorted through the back door and his parents left the courtroom, several mothers of girls who had been video-taped shed tears and sat stunned at the leniency of the sentence.

“We need to examine the laws of the state of Kansas,” said St. Francis head volleyball coach Kent Kechtner. “Video voyeurism doesn’t receive the penalty it needs to.”

Thirty-two girls from St. Francis were taped, and assistant coach Susan Dinkle said the effects of the situation on the girls was very dramatic. “Now when the teams travel, the girls insist the locker rooms are thoroughly checked before they use them,” she said.

One parent said she found the effects to not just be in the locker room situations. “They are always worrying that someone is watching them,” she said.

Laura Rush, volleyball coach and athletic director at Brewster, said many of the girls have been coping with the situation in different ways.

“It is just sad they have to deal with this at their age,” she said.

Brown, Montgomery want Ward III seat

By PATTY DECKER
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Colby’s Ward III will have a contested race in Tuesday’s election. The polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

Jim Brown and Monti Montgomery are vying for the position currently held by Darrel Follis, who chose not to seek re-election.

Montgomery, 47, said he believes Colby is a good community and has a “tremendous future,” of which he would like to be a part of.

“Colby has been good to me,” he said, “and I would be good to it.”

Among his attributes for running, Montgomery said he graduated from Leadership Thomas County and has served on many state healthcare organizations. He is currently the administrator of Lantern Park Manor and single.

His educational background includes graduating from McDonald High School, Colby Community College and earning a bachelor of arts degree from Fort Hays State University.

Brown, 46, said he believes he could also serve the city well, being no stranger to council boards. He cited among those, the Colby Municipal Airport Advisory Board for 10 years and also the Convention and Tourism Board.

“When I learned that Darrel Follis was going off the council, I decided to run,” he said.

His educational background includes graduating from Ogallala, Neb. High School, Southeast Community College in Milford, Neb., and continues his career in diesel technology at Central Detroit Diesel in Colby.

Brown and his wife, Tami, have two sons: Josh, 23 and Zach, 19.

There is also a race for the Wad II position. The candidates are Beverly Eicher and Tom Rundel. Francis Britton, who currently holds the seat, did not seek re-election..

The other two seats on the council are held by Ken Bieber and Todd Barrows, who are both running unopposed.

Council to meet Tuesday

The Colby City Council will meet on Tuesday night in the council chambers at City Hall at 7:30 p.m.

In new business, the council will hear the recommendations of the airport board on bids for the Airport Management Services contract.

On the consent agenda, the board will consider the parade route for the Thomas County Fair on Aug. 2, at 10 a.m. The route will travel south

on Franklin Avenue from Fike Park to Cedar and then west on Cedar to the county fairgrounds.

The council will also take up Mayor Warren Hixon’s appointments to various boards, including the airport board, board of building appeals, recreation commission, tree board and the board of zoning appeals.

The meeting is open to the public.

‘Ah, just right!’



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Brandon Johnson tested the water in one of the hot tubs on display at the Better Home and Living Show on Saturday to be sure the temperature was just right. Hot tubs along with barbecue grills, mowers, appliances, musical instruments, water features, home

decor and much more lined the stage and floor of the Colby Community Building, while more hot tubs and RVs were on display outside. The show is sponsored by KXXX/Q100 and was open Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Coalition warplanes pound Baghdad, other Iraqi sites

By MEG RICHARDS
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U.S.-led troops fought pitched battles with Saddam Hussein’s Republican Guard within 50 miles of the capital today as coalition warplanes pounded the city and dozens of other Iraqi positions in advance of the battle for Baghdad.

U.S. troops with the 3rd Infantry Division pushed into the Euphrates Rivertown of Hindiyah early today. Iraqi soldiers fired from behind

brick walls and hedges with small arms and rocket-propelled grenades, and U.S. troops returned fire with 25mm cannon and machine guns.

At least 35 Iraqis were killed and U.S. forces captured several dozen others who identified themselves as members of the Republican Guard. Their uniforms carried the elite unit’s triangular insignia and they said they were with the Nebuchadnezzar Brigade, based in

Saddam’s hometown of Tikrit.

Iraq Foreign Minister Naji Sabri questioned the legitimacy of the strikes and called on coalition soldiers to surrender.

“America and Britain have no choice but to surrender and withdraw,” Sabri said. “They will not leave our land safe and sound if they continue to be stubborn in their aggression. We will confront them with all we have ... No one will be safe.”

“We will turn our deserts into a big graveyard for the Americans and British,” he said.

Coalition attacks on leadership and command and control centers in Baghdad were carried out simultaneously by multiple B-1, B-2 and B-52 bombers, according to U.S. Central Command.

A 2 a.m. missile strike on the information ministry touched off a fire at the nearby 28 April Shopping Center, named for Saddam’s birth-

day. A telephone office was struck.

With constant bombardments on the capital and ground forces advancing from the south, west and north, U.S. military leaders defended the pace of the effort, answering criticism that they had underestimated the vigor of Iraqi resistance. “We have the power to be patient in this, and we’re not going to do anything before we’re ready,” said Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Briefly

Church open for prayer

Rev. Carol Rahn, pastor for the First Presbyterian Church in Colby, has announced the church will be open daily from 9-9 while the country is at war. Those wishing to pray or have quiet meditation may use the church at 515 W. Fourth Street.

Notes from Heartland School

Heartland Christian School will hold kindergarten roundup on April 11, from 8:20 to 11:30 a.m. at the school, 1995 W. Fourth Street. All students entering kindergarten for the next school year are invited to attend with their parents. To reserve your child’s place or to receive additional information, contact the school at 462-6419 before April 7. Families wanting to know more about the school are invited to attend an informational meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, April 7.

Association plans annual meeting

The Colby Community College Endowment Association will hold its annual meeting on Monday, April 14, at 5:30 p.m.

All members are urged to attend. It will be held in the Fireside Lounge in the Robert Burnett Memorial Student Union. For more information, contact Nick Wells at (785) 462-4684.

Grass clippings to be picked up

The City of Colby will begin picking up grass clippings on Tuesday. They must be at curbside by 8 a.m. along with regular household waste, said Gerry Bieker, public works director. In addition, grass to be picked up must not be mixed with any solid waste, he said. For questions call 462-4420.

Brewster school carnival scheduled

The Brewster School Carnival, sponsored by the class of 2003, will be held Saturday at the school from 4 to 7 p.m. Games include plinko, football throw, basketball toss, dunking booth, cake walk, duck pond, tattoo parlor and more. There will also be a silent auction and bingo with prizes donated by area businesses. All are welcome to attend.

Preschool plans enrollment


Puddle Duck Preschool is planning its enrollment for Wednesday and Thursday, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the school, 520 W. 5th St. in Colby. For questions, call Amy Jennings, director at (785) 462-2603 or (785) 462-8388.

Turkey permits arrive

Spring turkey permits are now available at the Thomas County Clerk’s office, 300 N. Court Ave., Colby. For questions, call 462-4500.

Jennings scholarship offered

Anyone who has ever graduated from a Thomas County high school to include Golden Plains, Brewster and Colby and, and wants to further their education for a career in rural medicine, are encouraged to apply for the Dr. Jeff Jennings scholarship, being made available through Citizens Foundation, the fund raising arm of Citizens Medical Center, Inc. The scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,000.



Very warm

Tonight...mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s. West wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday...mostly sunny and warmer. Highs in the lower 80s. West wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday night...mostly clear and warm. Lows in the lower 40s.

Wednesday...mostly sunny and continued warm. Highs in the mid 80s.

Wednesday night...mostly clear. Lows near 40.

The numbers

Sunday’s high, 62

Low this morning, 32

Soil temperature, 44

Year ago, 62 and 32

24-hour precipitation, 0:00

Month’s precipitation, 1.38

Records, 91 in 1946 and 0 in 1901

