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College rodeo gets under way

It should be good rodeo weather this weekend for the Colby Community College National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Rodeo.

The National Weather Service is predicting sunny skies with a high temperature of 88 today, 75 Saturday and 85 Sunday.

The action got started this morning with slack events – for riders who don't make it into the evening events. Today's events included men's calf roping, steer wrestling and team roping along with women's breakaway roping, goat tying and barrel racing.

The slack events end at 3 p.m. today and continue from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday Evening events begin at

7 p.m. tonight and Saturday. Finals for the top 10 riders in each event will begin at 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Men's events also include bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding and bull riding.

Tickets at the gate are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Advance tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children and are on sale at Vanderbilts and the college campus bookstore. Stock will be provided by the Hudson Rodeo Company with Deone Hudson, Sharon Springs, as producer of the event.

More than 500 riders from 24 two- and four-year colleges will compete. The Central Plains region is the largest of the 11 regions in the association.

Crews started setting up for the Colby Community College rodeo on Thursday (above, left). Slack events began today. Colby rider Luke Jones (above) competed in the calf roping event this morning.

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Colby author Matt Ludwick (right) signed a copy of his book, "Can You Hear What I Hear," for Sheila Frahm in the Colby Community College library Sunday.

Author recounts struggle with hearing loss in new book

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Colby High boy's tennis coach Matt Ludwick's new book "Can You Hear What I Hear," about going through school and navigating through life with a hearing impairment, is currently available at the Colby Community College library.

Ludwick, who is also an assistant coach for the Colby Middle School football teams, was signing

his book at the college library on Sunday. Ludwick said the book covers all his life experiences before he got to Colby.

"It's an educational book," he said. "This is about the impact of teasing kids."

The author said he has a moderate to severe hearing impairment in both ears and said he had to find new ways to learn to make up for his hearing problem.

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Allergist to talk about food in October lecture at college

Robyn O'Brien, food industry analyst and author, will be the first speaker of *The Max Pickerill Lecture Series* at Colby Community College for this academic year.

O'Brien is the founder of the AllergyKids Foundation, an organization with the goal to restore the health of the one in three American children who have allergies, autism, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder or asthma.

Her talk, "You Eat, Right?" will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 5, in the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center on the college campus.

O'Brien earned a Fulbright grant and completed her Masters of Business Administration on a full scholarship. She served as a food industry analyst prior to the birth of her four children.

Her book, "The Unhealthy Truth: How Our Food

is Making Us Sick and What We Can Do about It," will be reviewed at 7 p.m. on Thursday at Pioneer Memorial Library in Colby. Sept. 30. Thomas County Emergency Management Director Susan McMahan will lead the discussion about the book.

As highlighted in her book, using resources and skills that she developed as an equity analyst on a team that managed billions in assets, O'Brien diagnoses the recent deregulation of the American food system that allowed chemicals and additives into the American food supply in order to enhance profitability for the food industry – chemicals that have either been banned or labeled from foods around the world.

O'Brien has been named by *SHAPE Magazine* as one of 2009's "Women to Shape the World." She was



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Party plans to file ethics complaint

By John Milburn
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TOPEKA (AP) – The Kansas Republican Party intends to file a complaint with the state ethics commission alleging illegal cooperation between Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tom Holland and a new political action committee, the group's attorney said Thursday.

Clay Barker, general counsel for the state GOP, said the complaint about the Holland campaign and

the Kansas Moderate Majority Committee would be lodged Friday with the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission.

"Once they see the complaint, they may think twice about following this course of action," Barker said.

Holland faces Republican U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback in the November general election.

The Associated Press obtained a copy of the complaint, which alleges that the PAC and Holland's campaign improperly cooperated

over television ads by the PAC attacking Brownback, which began airing Wednesday evening.

Under Kansas law, if a PAC and a campaign coordinate their activities, the PAC is limited to spending \$2,000. If there is no coordination, the PAC can spend an unlimited amount of money. The complaint alleges that the ads cost the PAC far more than \$2,000.

Holland's campaign has denied any cooperation with the PAC

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Salute to Working Women

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Briefly

Church plans to cook pancakes

The Colby Berean Church will hold a pancake feed from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 210 Lake St. Donations will be accepted for the church's missions. For information, call 460-2763.

Walk for Alzheimer's Saturday

Come cheer on the teams in the Alzheimer's Memory Walk at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Fike Park. The Memory Walk is a nationwide fund raiser for the Alzheimer's Association. Money raised will go to research and care. For information, call Brittney Johnson at 462-2104.

Church holds anniversary event

The Colby Berean Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a reception at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at

the church and a special service at 10:45 a.m. featuring retired pastor Fran Harwerth. Everyone is invited. For information, call Ron Boller at 460-0164.

Evolution-creation talk Sunday

College View Baptist Church plans a talk on evolution and creation at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the church. Robert Martin, founder of the Institute for Research on Origins in Topeka, will speak. For information, call Wes Barnett at (361) 459-9348 or e-mail him at wesb@st-tel.net.

Coach plans fitness camp

Colby High School boy's tennis coach Matt Ludwick is planning to start a fitness camp for adults. Ludwick will hold an informational meeting for the camp 8 p.m. Monday at Colby United Methodist Church. For information, call Ludwig at 462-2271.

Legion has answers for vets

The Colby American Legion will offer a session for all veterans and families who want to learn more about veterans benefits at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Village Inn. The session is part of the American Legion-Veterans Affairs Tour, including state and district Legion officer. For information, call Charles Yunker at (785) 232-9315.

County office to close Tuesday

The Thomas County treasurer's office will close Tuesday so the staff can attend motor vehicle registration training. The office will resume normal hours Wednesday. For information, call the office at 460-4520.

College club plans art sale

The Colby Community College Art Club is plan-

ning an art sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the kiva

area of the Bedker Memorial Complex. All of the art is from college students. Money from the sale will help pay for the club's trip to Chicago at the end of September. For information, call Rebel Jay at 460-5459.

Flu shots available Wednesday

The Thomas County Health Department will have a flu immunization clinic from 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the 4-H building on the Thomas County Fairgrounds. For information, call 460-4599.



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