Rosel to emcee talent show, lead parade

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Liberal native and former Miss Kansas Adrienne Rosel will emcee this year’s Pancake Day Talent Show and also serve as grand marshal for the parade. This will mark Rosel’s second time to emcee the talent show, and talent show chairman Sally Fuller noted that Rosel is a crowd-pleasing host.

“Because of her knowledge of Liberal and the talent show, she makes an excellent emcee who relates well to the crowd,” Fuller said. “She emceed the show the year she was Miss Kansas and had an engaging stage presence that everyone, audience and performers alike, seemed to enjoy. She kept the show moving at a nice pace throughout the evening while entertaining the crowd with stories of her years growing up here.”

Rosel has fond memories of her childhood in Liberal. She got her start at Liberal’s Dance Images and made her performing debut on the James Maskus Auditorium stage. A graduate of the University of Kansas, Rosel was Miss Kansas in 2005. After her year of service as Miss Kansas, she moved to New York City where she performed with the USO of Metropolitan New York, entertaining active duty military and their families. Last summer she starred in the musical production of “TEXAS.” She is currently the marketing director for “TEXAS.”

The annual talent show is set for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4 in the James Maskus Auditorium at Liberal High School. Advance tickets are $7 and are on sale at First National Bank. Tickets will be $10 at the door. The Talent Show is sponsored by the Lions Club. For more information, call Sally Fuller at 626-0170.

The Pancake Day Parade is set for 2:30 p.m. on Pancake Day, Feb. 5. Entries for the parade are still being accepted. The parade is sponsored by the Rotary Club.

For more information, call Rhonda Crawford at 626-1320 or e-mail her at rhondac@fnbliberal.com.
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Kansas needs to do a better job in the fight against cancer, health leaders said Monday.

And the announcement of a new alliance of hospitals with Kansas University was seen by many as a watershed moment in that fight.

“We have a lot of room for improvement,” said Dr. Roy Jensen, director of the KU Cancer Center, noting that reductions in cancer seen elsewhere in the nation are not nearly as great in Kansas. But Jensen and other leading doctors said the formation of the Midwest Cancer Alliance will enhance cancer treatment statewide.

“These new partnerships signify a great beginning and hope for all who are afflicted with this disease,” Jensen said.

Midwest Cancer Alliance will include Stormont-Vail HealthCare of Topeka; Goodland Regional Medical Center; Hutchinson Hospital; Mount Carmel Regional Medical Center, Pittsburg; and Kansas University Hospital, Kansas City, Kan.

The alliance is aimed at increasing cancer care trials and drug development and will serve as the outreach arm of the KU Cancer Center.

“Access to the latest advancements in cancer care is very important for patients who are fighting this horrible disease,” said Dr. Gary Doolittle, MCA medical director.

MCA partners will have access to second-opinion and consultation services through “tele-oncology,” which will allow patients to see a KU Cancer Center oncologist without having to travel.
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Honor roll students from Columbus are JacqueIn Dawn Bowin, senior, she is the daughter of Thomas and Mavis Bowin. Bowin is a Liberal Arts Undergraduate. She is a graduate of Columbus Unified High School.

Amanda Kay Carpino, prof 1, is the daughter of Craig Carpino. Carpino is a Pharmacy Professional. She is a graduate of Columbus Unified High School.

Morgan L. Cheeseman, freshman, is the daughter of Bruce and Joie Cheeseman. Cheeseman is a Liberal Arts Undergraduate. She is a graduate of Columbus Unified High School.

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Area students who made the KU Honor Rolls were: from Walnut, Katie Marie Blackbourn, daughter of Marion and Deborah Blackbourn, a Liberal Arts Undergraduate Sophomore, 2007 Fall Honor Roll, she graduated from Girard High School; from Erie, Tracy Renee Spielbusch, daughter of Edward and Kimberly Spielbusch, Education Undergraduate Senior, 2007 Fall Honor Roll, an Erie High School graduate; and from Thayer, Garrett Allen Welch, son of Sherry and Jeff Welch, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Junior, 2007 Fall Honor Roll, received a GED from the State of Kansas.
We were not in session on Monday in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King Day. Bills were introduced daily and committees have begun their work.

This year several committees are meeting in the Docking State Office Building due to the renovation of the state capitol building. Fortunately, the tunnel is open this year between the two buildings and we don’t experience going out in the bad weather.

Complete daily calendars are available at the Legislature’s web site: www.kslegislature.org along with other useful information.

If I can ever be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact me. My schedule is busy, but I will always take time to meet with people who would like to visit with me about issues. My office telephone number is (785) 296-7698. My office is located in room 760 of the Docking State Office Building.

**Introduction of Bills**

I introduced two new bills this past week: (1) To provide sales tax relief for repair and rebuilding of businesses damaged by the Southeast Kansas flooding and (2) To request assistance in achieving sales tax exempt status for Resource Conservation and Development projects in the state. These bills will be referred to appropriate committees for hearings in the near future. I am also working on legislation for all 105 counties.

**Pharmacists Shortage**

One serious concern in relation to the health care industry in Kansas is a growing shortage of pharmacists. Several Kansas counties currently have no pharmacy services and the problem will only worsen as pharmacists retire. Kansas currently offers only one pharmacy school program: through the University of Kansas in Lawrence. Governor Sebelius is recommending the expansion of the University’s School of Pharmacy including new facilities in Wichita.

Pharmacists are the most accessible source of health information to consumers and are valuable health care professionals. We must do what we can to ensure that every Kansas community has access to this resource.

**Technical Authority**

Last session, the legislature passed a law to create the Post Secondary Technical Authority, with an objective of improving technical education in Kansas. This week the House Education Committee heard from Joseph Glassman, chairman of the newly formed Authority, about their progress. The Authority is composed of representatives from businesses, government and technical education. Their task is to reform our technical education system to be more uniform, while using industry assistance in creating standards of excellence so students can work toward certification by discipline.

**Teenage Driving**

The House Transportation Committee is working on a bill delaying when teenagers can start driving. SB 294, as passed by the Senate last session, would enact a graduated driver’s license system. The bill would modify the various permits and driver’s licenses and would raise the age at which most Kansans can obtain a learner’s permit from 14 to 15, although 14-year-olds could still get such a permit for farm work. The learner’s permit would allow the teenager to drive with adult supervision. The bill would create a farm instructional permit for 14-year-olds to prepare them to take the driving test for a farm permit. The bill would raise the age at which someone can get a restricted license from 15 to 16. It also would raise the age at which someone could get an unrestricted license to six months after turning 16, instead of immediately at age 16.

**Tyson Discontinues Slaughter Operation in Emporia**

Tyson Foods plans to cut 1,500 jobs in Emporia when it closes its slaughter operations within a few weeks. The elimination of slaughter operations
will result in the reduction of 1,500 of the 2,400 jobs currently provided at the Emporia Plant. This was indeed sad news for Kansas. Tyson Foods said the decision was part of a strategy to optimize its commodity meat business as the industry struggles with over capacity and not enough cattle. The company said the Emporia facility will still be used as a cold storage and distribution warehouse and will process ground beef.

Living Donors
On Jan. 30 the House Tax Committee will hold hearings on a bill to allow a tax credit for living organ donors (i.e. kidney donor). Living donors accrue great monetary expenses and typically use most of their vacation time to donate organs.

Immigration Goals Announced
Issues associated with illegal immigration – both nationally and statewide – continue to create serious problems in Kansas. This week, House Democrats outlined initiatives to address these issues in the 2008 legislative session.

Demand Accountability: Send a strong message to the federal government that it must secure our borders, provide solutions for the immigration status of the 12-plus million undocumented immigrants that currently reside in the United States.

Take Responsibility: Continue to crack down on employers who knowingly hire undocumented immigrants by increasing sanctions on those businesses.

Offer Opportunity: Expedite citizenship status for immigrants who serve honorably in the United States Armed Forces.

Teacher Shortage and Retention
Legislators continue to often hear about the teacher shortage. Along with teacher shortages, there is also need for increased teacher retention. We have a responsibility to transform these challenges into opportunities, creating a brighter future for our children and our state.

Bioscience Research
With leadership from our Bioscience Authority we are bringing significantly more medical research to Kansas. The greatest impact for economic activity generated by research lies in the animal health industry. There is no doubt that bioscience research is a worthwhile investment for Kansas, and I look forward to exploring this further throughout the session.

Keep in Touch
It is a special honor to serve as your state representative. I value and need your input on the various issues facing state government. Please feel free to contact me with your comments and questions.

Editor's Note: State Rep. Shirley Palmer's office is located in the Docking State Office Building, Room 760 in Topeka and the telephone number is (785) 296-7698. Her home telephone number is (620) 223-4105.

Guest Pastor
On Thursday morning Rev. Shane Kastler, Pastor of the First Christian Church in Pleasanton, was my guest and served as speaker for the Thursday morning prayer breakfast at my request. He was also guest chaplain for the day and delivered the opening prayer for the House of Representatives Session. His wife Erin, Jessie and Cathy Secrest and Jackie Taylor also accompanied him.

Ice Storm Disaster
This week Governor Kathleen Sebelius sent a letter to President George W. Bush requesting he declare a federal disaster for a number of Kansas counties impacted by the severe ice storms that swept the state beginning Dec. 10, 2007 and continued through Dec. 19, 2007. Preliminary disaster assessment teams estimate damages to public infrastructure resulting from these storms is in excess of $170 million. Approximately $148 million is in damages to Kansas Rural Electric Cooperatives and municipal utilities. The governor also requested hazard miti-
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Local high school graduates listed, by hometown, include:

Denton (Doniphan West High School) — junior Leigh Ann Massey.

Hiawatha (Hiawatha High School) — senior Blake Gergepaul Barrett, junior Kelly Elaine Rockey, sophomore Chelsea Marie Rosenberger, senior Jordan Isaac Sanner (Horton High School) and junior Maggie Louise Searight.

Horton — junior Matthew Wayne Dunlap and senior Whitney Nicole Ryan.

From Powhattan (Hiawatha High School) — senior Brianna Rae Barnes.

Robinson (Hiawatha High School) — senior Clarence Wayne Hall.

Sabetha (Sabetha High School) — senior Anna Elizabeth Aberle, senior Madeline E. Allen, sophomore Margaret C. Allen and senior Bradley David Girton.

Wetmore (Wetmore High School) — freshman Jareb Tyler Stallbaumer.
Lawrence — Jareb T. Stallbaumer of Wetmore, a freshman at The University of Kansas, has been named among 231 student athletes named to the Athletic Director’s Honor Roll at KU for 2007.

KU honored Stallbaumer and 230 other student athletes named to the honor roll during halftime of the KU-Iowa State men’s basketball game, held Jan. 23 at Allen Fieldhouse. Stallbaumer, son of Kenneth and Joyce Stallbaumer and a graduate of Wetmore High School, is participating in men’s track and field while majoring in pre-pharmacy studies at KU.

Student athletes enrolled in at least 12 credit hours who achieved a semester grade-point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale during spring or fall 2007 were eligible for the honor. Among those with special recognition are 73 students who earned 4.0 GPAs in one or both semesters.

The Athletic Director’s Honor Roll recognizes students in intercollegiate baseball; men’s and women’s basketball; football; golf; rowing; soccer; softball; swimming and diving; tennis; track and field; and volleyball. KU is a member of the Big 12 Conference.

“The student athletes who represent our program and the University of Kansas are an outstanding group of young people,” said KU Athletic Director Lew Perkins. “They give every ounce of energy to compete in their sports and then they go home, completely tired, and study. We have every reason to be extremely proud of all their efforts — especially their work in the classroom this past fall.”

Honorees represent 28 Kansas counties and 39 other states and countries.
Mary Martin Art Gallery at the Bowlus Fine Arts Center from March 2 through April 18.

There will be an artist reception for Roach at 2 p.m. March 9 in the gallery. At 3 o’clock March 9 David Parks will talk about his father’s accomplishments in Creitz Recital Hall at the Bowlus.

In conjunction with the Iola Reads selection Kansas Humanities speaker J. Edgar Tidwell from the University of Kansas will present “Gordon Parks’ Learning Tree Experience” at 7 p.m. March 31 in the Allen County Community College Theater. Following Tidwell’s presentation students in an oral interpre-

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