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Hundreds crowd park for ‘Daze’

By **PATTY DECKER**
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Hundreds of people attended this year’s Heritage Daze activities, which included the Cruise to the Past Rod Run, the Prairie Iron Antique and Class Tractor and Vehicle Show and lots of booths and activities for children and adults.

This was the first year that a combination of annual events were held on the same weekend and it was successful, said Leilani Thomas, of the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Bev Biel, one of the Rod Run coordinators, also said the committee was pleased with the turnout and number of cars registered.

“We had 191 vintage cars here and, except for the wind, the weekend was enjoyable,” she said.

In addition, Biel said that 15 clubs were represented at the Rod Run with Platte Valley Auto taking home the traveling trophy and club participation award with 22 cars.

The following local awards and sponsors were also released.

In the Mayor’s Choice, Breezer and Wanda Cruise of Loveland, Colo. was the winner with a 1934 Plymouth, sponsored by BankWest.

The City Manager’s Choice was Nikki and Bill Cappel of McCook, Neb. with their 1971 Volkswagon convertible, sponsored by BankWest. The Police Chief’s Choice was a 1932 Chevy from Loveland, Colo., owned by Ron Hanstrom, sponsored by BankWest.

The KXXX-KQLS Radio Choice went to a 1952 Chevy from Centennial, Colo. The car is owned by Sandy and Jack Calahan.

The Paint Choice was presented to Marty Valdez of Pueblo, Colo., for his 1934 Plymouth sedan with the award sponsored by Lyle’s Body Shop.

The Chevy Choice, sponsored by



While attending Heritage Daze in Colby on Saturday, Nicholas Lawson took a turn at the wheel of one of the John Deere tractors on display.

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Frontier AutoPlex, went to Matt Murray of Goodland for his 1969 Chevy Chevelle. Frontier AutoPlex also sponsored the award for the Mopar Choice, which was a 1933 Plymouth sedan owned by Cracie Catrell of

Woodland Park, Colo.

The Pickup Choice went to Trent and Pam Lindstedt of North Platte, Neb., for their 1956 Ford pickup. The award was sponsored by Van’s Body and Frame.

Tubbs and Sons sponsored the Ford Choice that went to Rocky Dawe of Salina for his 1961 Ford Starliner, and the Engine Choice

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Colby couple has a week to remember

By **PATTY DECKER**
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It was more excitement than one Colby couple could stand last week when their car was totally engulfed in flames on Interstate 70 one day, followed the next day by being recognized in Ann Landers’ syndicated column.

“It was just too much for both of us,” said Jane Bandy, 73, who along with her husband, Tom, 76, are hoping for less adventures this week.

“We were just driving nonchalantly down the Interstate and the engine stopped,” she said. “Tom tried to start it again and while gunning the motor, we both noticed smoke coming out from under the hood, so we unfastened our seatbelts and decided we better get out. Within seconds flames were shooting out,” she said.

“We were shocked,” Jane said, “because the car had a fairly new motor put in just two years earlier and we never imagined something like this could happen.”

But that wouldn’t be the only “first” for the Bandy’s.

No sooner had they recuperated from that near disaster, the next day proved to be as eventful as the day before, yet in a totally different way.

Jane said that she is an avid newspaper reader and has subscriptions in Colby, Salina, and Denver. She said she is also a faithful reader of Ann Landers and has been enjoying the periodic columns about “dumb crooks.”

Although she said she likes reading the column every day, the thought of actually writing a letter herself has never really crossed her mind, until, she saw a funny story in one of her

newspapers about a dumb crook.

To her astonishment, her letter appeared in the Monday, June 3 edition of the Denver, Salina and Hays newspapers with the letter signed, “Jane in Colby, Kan.”

“Since this was the first time I had ever sent anything in, I was so surprised to see my letter,” she said. “Actually, I had kind of forgotten about it since I had sent it to the Chicago address many months earlier.”

In answering Jane’s letter, Ann Landers wrote: “We all could use a good laugh these days,” followed by the story about a 30-year-old man who had his pants down on a major street in Florida and, after being spotted by the police, managed to catch his pants on fire after putting a cigarette in his pocket while running away from them.

The gist of the article was that the man was answering nature’s call on the street and when police arrived to stop him, he didn’t know what to do with the lit cigarette so he stuck it in his pocket and started running with smoke and ashes trailing behind him.

The man was eventually arrested.

“I really wondered if the story was true or not, but then again it was so dumb that I figured it probably was true,” she said. “I also thought it was about as funny as some of the other stories submitted to Ann Landers, so I decided to send it in.”

Even though the couple enjoyed being recognized in a syndicated column and that they escaped their burning car unscathed, they said that such excitement is more than they bargained for in one week.

“We are hoping for some uneventful weeks after all this,” she said.

Israel wants U.S. to go slow on talks

By **STEVE WEIZMAN**
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon goes into his latest meeting with President Bush determined to leave his imprint on evolving U.S. plans for Mideast peace expected to be announced in a few weeks.

Sharon is meeting with Bush today and congressional leaders on Tuesday. He is counseling a gradual approach in which substantive talks do not begin until the Palestinians halt attacks on Israelis, where the pace of negotiations is linked to continued calm and the most intractable disputes between the two sides are put on the back burner. The Palestinians and most Arab countries want a timeline for negotiations and a pre-stated date for Palestinian statehood.

Hours before Sharon’s appointment

with Bush, Israeli troops moved into the West Bank town of Ramallah and surrounded the compound of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, an army spokesman said. The unidentified spokesman said the soldiers were deployed to prevent gunmen from entering the compound but did not enter it themselves. Palestinians officials said Arafat was inside the compound and was unharmed.

One Palestinian was killed and two wounded in exchanges of fire, Palestinian doctors said. Two soldiers were also wounded, the army said.

On Sunday, Sharon ruled out an Israeli pullback to the country’s 1967 borders, the crucial element of a Saudi peace proposal endorsed by nearly all other Arab states and by the United States.

“Israel will not return to the vulnerable 1967 armistice lines, re-divide

Jerusalem or concede its right to defensible borders,” Sharon wrote in a guest column in The New York Times.

“Defensible borders” were guaranteed by a U.N. Security Council resolution after the 1967 Six-Day War that also demanded that Israel withdraw from lands captured during that war. The Arabs interpret that to mean from all captured territory; Israel, which has returned the Sinai peninsula to Egypt and given autonomy to Palestinians in some areas, says that is not so.

In March, the Arab League adopted a Saudi proposal for pan-Arab peace with Israel in exchange for return of all captured territory: the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, the Golan Heights and traditionally Arab east Jerusalem.

“We’re not ready to lay down a specific calendar, except for the fact we need to get started quickly, soon, so that we can seize the moment,” Bush said.

Oops! In reality, just how far is it to Colby?

By **TOM A. DREILING**
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While traveling the state’s highways, most of us read billboards and rarely question their message.

One Colby resident spotted a billboard that left him in awe: it moved the City of Colby out of the state of Kansas!

How can that be?

Here, in his own words, is the Colby resident’s — Postmaster Jim McDonald — explanation:

“While driving back to Colby from Salina on Thursday, I was confronted with a item of news that seems to have been missed by all of

the newspapers in Kansas, including our local Free Press.

“I was driving on I-70 in a construction zone a few miles east of Russell around mile marker 187.

“I had been in the construction zone for several miles and I was diligently obeying the speed limit, much to the disdain of several vehicles lined up behind me.

“There was no work going on anywhere in sight, so I was able to do more sightseeing than normal, since I was going much slower than normal.

“I happened to spot one of the billboards advertising ‘Colby, Oasis on the Plains.’ I admired how attractive the

sign was, but also noticed at the bottom of the billboard there was a smaller sign stating Colby was 194 miles away.

“Now I have noticed you have had several articles about moving houses or barns in your paper, but you somehow missed the fact that the entire city of Colby has somehow been moved 60 miles west on I-70. We are now not even in the state of Kansas.

“I would think that the movement of an entire city should at least get a small blurb on the back page, but maybe not.

“Just thought you might like to know about this shortcoming.”

Burnham family worships as they await reunion; memorial service set

ROSE HILL (AP) — The family of slain missionary Martin Burnham gathered Sunday to worship at Rose Hill Bible Church, founded by his grandfather decades ago.

His daughter, Mindy, sang in the choir as her two brothers and other family members joined parishioners. Martin’s brother, Doug, led the congregation in joyful hymns.

His uncle, Ralph, reminded church members of Martin’s last devotion at the church before returning to the Philippines, and his message to them to follow God where ever that takes them.

Pastor Robert Varner told the congregation that Martin and his wife, Gracia, went to the Philippines to take

the word of God to those who had not heard it.

“In a sense everyone should envy him because he was doing God’s will to the end,” he said.

Meanwhile, the Philippine military stepped up its attack Sunday on Muslim rebels considered more vulnerable now that they no longer held hostages

as human shields.

The new offensive began after troops ambushed the rebels Friday on the main southern Philippine island of Mindanao.

Filipino nurse Ediborah Yap, 45, was also killed in the same attack that killed Martin Burnham, 42.

Gracia survived with a bullet wound

in her thigh.

The 43-year-old woman was expected to arrive in the United States on Monday.

Her husband’s body has been flown to a U.S. base in Japan.

The memorial service for him has been rescheduled to 10 a.m. Friday at the Central Christian Church in

Wichita, with burial at the Rose Hill cemetery.

After the service, Doug Burnham said the children have spoken to their mother on the phone.

“It was a very emotional time,” he said. “But it was very healing for them to hear her voice again,” Burnham said Sunday.

Briefly

Cooler weather forecast

A turn to cooler weather is forecast for the Colby region for this week, says the National Weather Service. And the noise you hear out there is a roar of approval. Tonight, partly cloudy, a 20 percent chance for thunderstorms, lows in the upper 50s and northeast winds up to 15 mph. Tuesday, partly sunny, highs in the mid-80s, north winds 10-20, becoming east late. Tuesday night, partly cloudy, a 20 percent chance for thunderstorms, lows in the mid-50s. Wednesday, highs in the mid-70s and Thursday’s high in the upper 70s. Lows Wednesday night and Thursday night will be in the mid-50s. Colby’s high Sunday was 98, it was 97 on Saturday and 98 on Friday. This morning’s low was 65. Precipitation remains at 0.56 inches for the month. The soil tempera-

ture at the 4-inch depth has climbed to 79 degrees. The records for June 10: 105 in 1902 and 41 in 1979. *(The temperatures and precipitation are provided by the Northwest Kansas Research-Extension Center, Colby.)*

Internet service down

Internet service for customers of nwkansas.com “upstream” to the Internet was down beginning at 11:10 a.m., as engineers for Southwestern Bell worked to fix a “network issue.” Bell officials said the problem affected customers who were in the Wichita or Topeka area or connected through those cities. There was no specific indication how long the Internet would be down, but the Bell official said the engineers were aware of the number of customers af-

ected, and were working to resolve the issue as quickly as possible. The Internet had been slow and erratic much of the day Saturday, with the problem eventually pinned down to a fault on the Southwestern Bell system. Internet Service Manager Tom Betz came from home and reset a router in Goodland twice in the morning. This seemed to clear up the problem for a while, but it kept coming back. The problem was reported to Southwestern Bell, which said it also had a trouble report from one of its people on the main Internet line to Goodland.

Carnival on board’s mind

The Thomas County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday in the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds. Everyone inter-

ested in a Thomas County home-owned carnival is invited to attend, with the intent of getting a carnival in place for next year.

Barbershop singers wanted

The Tumbleweed Chorus of Northwest Kansas and Eastern Colorado is looking for men of all ages who would like to sing. In an effort to raise awareness about the singing group, chorus members are sponsoring a cook-out on Thursday, June 13, at 6:30 p.m., at the Colby United Methodist Church. “This will be a good opportunity for people to find out what barbershop harmony is all about,” said John Collett, president of the chorus. For information or questions, call Collett at (785) 899-7531.

