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**ABOVE:** Kayla Scholtz welcomed her dog, Buddy, as he exits the tunnel obstacle at the dog agility show earlier this week at the Thomas County Fair. Kayla and Buddy, a 9-year-old Russell Terrier, reserved grand champion agility at the show. **BELOW:** Seth Bredemeier escorted his dog, Levi, walking a plank during the dog agility show. Seth and Levi have been participating in dog shows since Seth was 3 years-old.



## Agility winners named

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It was up and away for six dogs and their owners who participated in the dog agility show Monday night at the Thomas County Fair. Some of the dogs flew rapidly through the course, some had to be guided, and some had to be coaxed.

The course included obstacles such as hurdles, a teeter totter, a single large hoop, and a group of hula hoops, a square tunnel and a round tunnel, walking the plank, a command to stay, and more. The weave poles were reserved for a more advanced class.

The obstacle course was initiated as an Eagle Scout project by Troy Bielser who oversaw construction of the course with the help of fellow scouts, friends and family.

Those participating in small dogs

15 inches or less, points and ribbons, were: Seth Bredemeier and Levi, 180 and blue; Kayla Scholtz and Buddy 197.5, purple; Case Rundel and Carlos, 189 points and blue; Brady Rundel and Dascho, 188 points and blue. Kayla received grand champion.

Dustin Splattstoesser and Molly were the only participants in the medium category, 15-20 inches. They received 182 points, blue and grand champion.

Jenny Dickman and Smoke participated in large dogs 20 inches or more. They received 198 points purple and grand champion.

Overall grand champion agility dog went to Jenny Dickman, and Kayla Scholtz, received reserve champion.

Leann Fellhoelter of Menlo was the judge.

# Pickin' on the Plains volunteers applauded

It has been a very busy and exciting month for the Convention and Visitors Bureau. The 7th Annual Pickin' on the Plains festival is over and has been deemed a huge success. The core committee is very pleased, but the success would not be possible without the many volunteers who helped set up, take down, sell tickets, park cars, hang posters, run the sound equipment and help to promote this event. We thank each and every one of them.

We were very pleased that KCPT Public Television 19 from Kansas City Missouri was in town to videotape the Pickin' on the Plains Festival. It was a part of a show called "KC to Kano: An Uncommon View from I-70" which will air in December.

We would be remiss if we did not thank each of the entertainers who have provided talent for the Picnic in the Park series. We are very blessed in this community to have so much talent. Our thanks go to Shawna Eberle, the McLeMore Family, The Wagoner Family, Larry Booth, Anna Peptis, Sappa Strings, Larry Booth, Pat Ziegelmier and Shad Sanders and his sister. A special thank you to Bill Summer for providing sound for many of these performers and to the Colby Free Press for their joint sponsorship of this series. We thank all of you who attended both the Bluegrass Festival and the Picnics in the Park and who support our many events. Smoky Hill TV, Channel 3, has also been in Colby. Twenty-one of our

## On the Road

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citizens stepped forward to volunteer to video "A Day in the Life of Thomas County" covering all facets of our county. They are now in the process of editing the tapes and creating the show which will be aired August 24 at 7 p.m.

League swim meet, softball tournaments and now the fair round out a very busy July. Do support the fair and 4-H youth.

We have more excitement coming our way. Aug. 8, 9 and 10 will be the Krazy Daze downtown. The Chamber of Commerce will be serving free watermelon Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. in the 400 block of North Franklin. We will be holding the Welcome Back Picnic on Aug. 19 for Colby Community College students in Fike Park at noon. Work is proceeding on the Travel Information Center.

Applications have been mailed to nominees for the 2002-2003 Leadership Thomas County Program. Letters have also been mailed to some of the larger employers requesting nominees. If you are interested in the program and have not received an application, we invite you to call or stop by the Chamber of Commerce for an application.

Completed applications are due Aug. 23, 2002 and announcement of the new class will be Sept. 16.

Leadership Thomas County recognizes future leaders, provides opportunities for leadership skills development and to gain greater knowledge of Thomas County in order to stimulate interest in taking leadership positions. The course consists of seven sessions beginning in October and ending in April. The very participatory program strongly emphasizes leadership capacities including facilitation, collaboration and visioning while learning about issues such as community development, education, government, agriculture and rural health care. Again we

encourage you to apply for this very vital program.

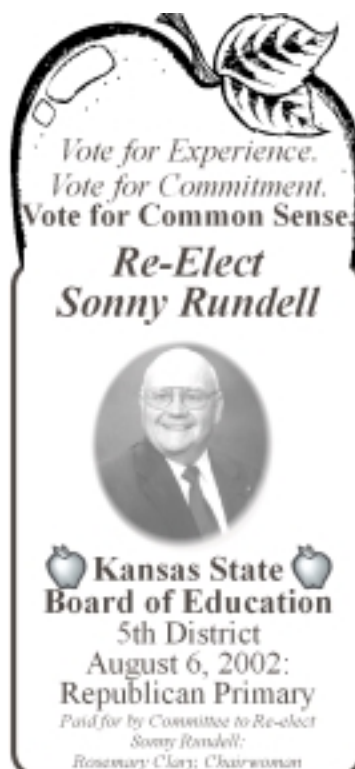
The state association of RC&D's meeting is being held in Colby at the Ramada Inn on Aug. 14, 15 and 16. There will also be a Range Management Introductory School sponsored by RC&D Aug. 27-29 at the Ramada Inn. We welcome these folks to Colby and the Colby Community College students to Colby.



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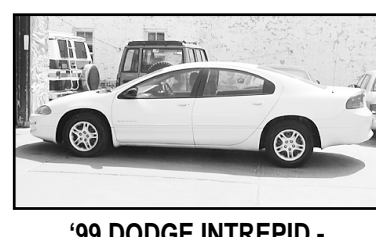
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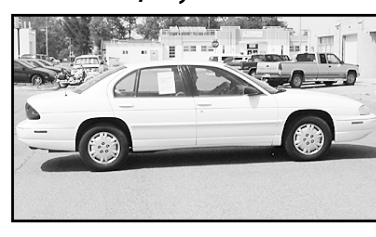
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