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# County cautious on class

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A proposal to hold an emergency medical services training class in Colby raised more questions than it answered.

Kathi Wright, director of the Thomas County Emergency Medical Services and Gary Winter, a trainer from St. Francis, asked the Thomas County Commissioners at their Friday meeting for financial assistance to hold the training class in Colby.

The proposed class would be offered through Colby Community College and would be partially broadcast through I-TV to students in Goodland.

Depending on the number of students enrolled, the amount needed from Thomas County would be anywhere from \$1,600 to \$3,800, Wright said. Not all of the students would be from Thomas County. The commissions had questions and concerns over why this wasn't needed in the past, but is now.

Commissioner Glen Kersenbrock asked, "How did we get along all these years without it?"

Wright said that in the past the EMS training had been done in Hoxie. By moving the training to Colby, it would be more convenient and allow more students to participate.

Commissioners decided to table the discussion until Tuesday's meeting.

At Tuesday's meeting, Kersenbrock told Wright, "I don't think it is the responsibility of the county to pay the balance for tuition costs."

Wright said that the majority of the costs involved were not going to be used on tuition, but rather to buy training materials for the class.

Since training costs can be accounted for out of the EMS budget, Commissioner Ron Evans told Wright to get a list together with all the training materials that were going to be needed for the class.

In other business:

- The commissioners approved giving \$200 to the Silver Haired Legislature, the same amount as in year's past.
- An invitation was extended by Lynette Koon to the commissioners to attend a recycling meeting in Dodge City at the end of September.

- Thomas County will be hosting the Kansas Department of Health and Environment landfill operator training conference at Colby Community College on Sept. 19-20.
- The 911 contract was renewed for the amount of \$300.

## WeatherWatch Colby-Oakley area

**The numbers**  
Tuesday's high, 89  
Low this morning, 60  
Year ago today, 91 and 54  
Temperature at 11:15 a.m. today, 84  
Colby's 24-hour rainfall, 0.00  
Oakley's 24-hour rainfall, 0.00  
Soil temp at the 4-inch depth, 75  
Records for Sept. 4, 107 in 1899 and 36 in 1974

**The forecast**  
Look for today's temperature to move into the lower 90s. Tonight, clear, lows in the lower 60s, south winds 10-15 mph. Thursday, sunny, highs in the lower 90s, south winds 10-20 mph. Thursday night, clear, lows in the upper 50s. Friday, sunny, highs in the lower 90s. No mention of precipitation in the forecast. *(Temperatures and precipitation are from the Northwest Research-Extension Center, unless otherwise noted. Forecast is from the National Weather Service.)*

**Colby Water Usage**  
• Sept. 3 = 2.163 million gallons

**Levels of Concern**  
**Watch** Level 3.5 million gallons  
**Warning** Level 4.0 million gallons  
**Emergency** Level 4.5 million gallons  
(Three consecutive days)

## Newest sign in town



Scott Crawford worked this morning to put up announcements for the first time on the new marquee in front of Heartland Christian School. Classes started last week in their new location on West Fourth Street in the former Colby Plaza.

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# More charges are pending in rooftop ruckus

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More charges are pending against a Goodland man who resisted arrest early last Saturday morning after a rooftop party complaint prompted authorities to investigate the situation at 145 E. 5th St. in Colby.

Isaiah Ray Sattler, 20, is now facing charges of trespassing and criminal damage to property for his alleged role in damaging the slate tile roof of the apartment complex, said Gary Shull, Colby Police Department investigator. Those charges are in addition to battery on a law enforcement officer, obstructing official duty by resisting arrest, and criminal damage to property after he failed to stop when Colby police officers ordered him to do so, Shull said.

The new charges stem from a roof inspection that was done following the

confrontation. According to Shull, an inspector on Tuesday discovered damage to the roof that may be in excess of \$500 and related to the incident.

"As soon as the damage estimate is in, we will complete our reports and forward them to the Thomas County attorney," Shull said today.

The confrontation escalated after Sattler ran from the scene after failing to stop in the apartment complex. He was later captured with the help of the K-9 unit nearly two hours later in the 300 block of N. Lincoln in Colby.

Sattler has a previous felony arrest in November of 2000, also in Thomas County for a violent crime committed against a person, he said.

Sattler is currently out on a \$5,000 continuing bond and will appear in Thomas County District Court on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 11 a.m.

# Graves, Shallenburger meet; no endorsement

TOPEKA (AP) — They said they were closer politically after a private meeting, but Republican Gov. Bill Graves still wouldn't endorse GOP gubernatorial nominee Tim Shallenburger.

Both Graves, a moderate, and Shallenburger, a conservative and the state treasurer, emerged from an hour of discussions Tuesday making conciliatory statements. Graves even suggested, "We'll get it all worked out."

Shallenburger added, "You know, I'm not sure there's a hang-up."

Yet Graves wouldn't declare his support; Shallenburger said he doesn't know whether he'll get an endorsement. The two men said they would meet again to continue their discussions. Graves was to leave Wednesday

on a five-day trade mission to Japan, while Shallenburger planned to take his campaign to the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, through next week.

The governor said he won't be rushed into declaring support for Shallenburger in his campaign against Democratic nominee Kathleen Sebelius, the insurance commissioner.

"To be thorough and thoughtful, I think that's probably a good trait," Graves told reporters after the meeting.

Shallenburger dismissed the idea that he is having to work unusually hard for Graves' support.

"It's his decision," he said. "I think that he wants to make sure that if he says that he's for Tim Shallenburger, that, just like any other Kansan, he wants to know where I stand."

# High Plains celebration has full agenda Saturday

By PATTY DECKER  
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The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its first "Celebration on the High Plains," on Saturday from 10 a.m. until midnight, said Gerry Fulwider, executive director and one of the coordinators of the event.

The idea behind the celebration, he said, is to offer a regional event to showcase all the good things about living on the high plains, while at the same time involving other towns in the area.

"We are making this a family event to celebrate what we are in northwest

Kansas," Fulwider said today.

Feature performers will include Ty England at 7 p.m., who is originally from Oklahoma and at one time was the lead guitarist for Garth Brooks.

England now performs with his own band and many might remember his performance in Colby during the mid-1990s at the Thomas County Fair when he pleased the crowd with his country-style music, Fulwider said.

Another well-known performer, Cyndi Thomson will be performing at 8:30 p.m., and was recently recognized with her first gold album in country music, Fulwider said.

"This 24-year-old country singer and songwriter spent her childhood years in Tifton, Ga., and is looking forward to performing here," he said.

Along with the featured performers, Jada Johnson-Tubbs, with Chamber promotions, said there will be lots of other activities throughout the day to interest the entire family.

"There will be skydiving demonstrations, taekwondo demos, dancers, Buffalo Soldiers, old-west gun shows, regional performers singing every hour for 45 minutes, a beer garden, food vendors, carnival and business vendors," she said.

All the daytime entertainment is free, Johnson-Tubbs said, and at 5 p.m. for the evening concerts, there will be an admission charge.

The entertainment scheduled includes Shawna Eberle at 10 a.m.; the McLemore Family at noon; The Happy Wanderer at 1 p.m.; Margie Broeckelman at 2 p.m.; Anna Peptis at 3 p.m.; Shannon Myers at 4 p.m.; and tickets for the concerts begin at 5 p.m. with Lipriddle; 6 p.m., Beach; followed by England and Thomson.

The entertainment tickets are \$15 in advance for adults, \$5 for youth; and \$40 for the entire family. At the gate,

ticket prices will increase to \$20, \$8 and \$50 respectively.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at Farmers and Merchants Bank, KQLS/KXXX, Donelan's Jewelry, First National Bank (all branches), Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, Farmers State Bank of Oakley, Southwind Plaza or Dave's His Shop.

"We urge everyone to come out on Saturday and celebrate this very special event with something for everyone," Fulwider said.

For questions or information, call 462-3401.

# Council told amusement group making progress in buying rides

By DARREL PATTILLO  
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Dick Parnell, representing the Thomas County Amusement Association, told the Colby City Council at its Tuesday night meeting that the association had purchased a ride called the 'Zipper' and was making progress in its efforts to purchase rides for the home-owned carnival.

"We're looking at a total of eight rides," Parnell said. "Four kids and four adult rides," he said. Parnell also told the council that the association had

applied for a grant from the Thomas County Community Foundation.

"I'm making the rounds, trying to raise money," Parnell said. "We're getting fantastic support from community. We've already lined up some sponsors to adopt rides."

In other business:

- A request for a handicapped parking sign was tabled, as the concerned party failed to show up at the meeting with the requested parking permit.
- The city is negotiating with the Union Pacific Railroad to purchase the

right-of-way for the land at the viaduct. The railroad's price for the right-of-way is \$6,200. They have rejected the city's offer of \$2,500. Joel Kriss, attorney for the city, told the council that he would research the details of the current arrangement the city has with the railroad, in particular whether the city was granted a permanent right-of-way. The matter will be brought back to the council at a later meeting.

- City Manager Carolyn Armstrong informed the council that water conservation efforts in the city have been suc-

cessful, and that the council should consider lifting the excess water charges in October. "With the rains and people making the effort to conserve water, the city is doing very well," Armstrong said. "I'm very proud of the citizens of Colby for helping to conserve water." Armstrong also pointed out that even before the rains, a significant drop in the daily water usage was evident. Council member John Bremenkamp agreed, saying "I'm very impressed with the people of Colby. It's remarkable the job they've done."

- Armstrong told the council that during the storm last week, a substation transformer was struck by lightning. The city has purchased a rebuilt transformer and is having the damaged one rewound. The total cost will be \$69,000, and will come from the Electric Fund.

"It's a good idea," Bremenkamp said. "Even if you pay for a spare and never use it, its still a good investment."

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

## Briefly

### Actors sought for fall production

The Colby Community College drama department will be conducting auditions for the fall production of *Scapino!* by Frank Dunlop and Jim Dale on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 4-5. Auditions will begin at 7 p.m. in the Cultural Arts Center on the Colby College campus. The auditions are open to students and the community, said Walter Yuhre, drama instructor, and will consist of reading from the script. "Actors who have prepared monologues are invited to perform their audition pieces," he said. The play will feature roles for both men and women between the ages of 18 to 65 with performance dates of Nov. 7, 8 and 9. Those selected from the audition will begin rehearsing on Tuesday, Sept. 17. For questions or information, call Yuhre at 462-4783.

### Mosquito spraying continues

City of Colby crews are continuing to spray for mosquitoes for the remainder of the summer. Anyone who would like to be notified when crews will be in their area can call Jo Strange, executive secretary to the city manager, at 462-4410. In addition, the city is urging residents to check their yards and empty anything that is holding stagnant water, such as cans, swimming pools, tires, etc., to keep the mosquito population to a minimum.

### Youth activity in September

The Community Awareness Team is sponsoring a "Coffee House Night" in the City Limits conference room, Saturday, Sept. 14, from 8 to 11 p.m. The activity will feature an open microphone

for youth to share poetry, music or other talents, and refreshments will be served. For questions, call 462-8152.

### Rexford Pride plans final flea market

The Rexford Pride Organization is sponsoring its last Farmers' Flea Market of the years on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For questions, call Evelyn Johnson, (785) 687-3925.

### Crafters needed for fall event

Plans for the annual Colby Girl Scout Craft Sale are now underway, said Jan Barnum, coordinator. As in year's past, Barnum said crafters are needed for the event, which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Colby Community College.

