

Family

Babies

Carter Levi Rohr

Catherine Ann Marie Rohr of Colby announces the birth of her son, Carter Levi Rohr, born June 11, 2008, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Carter weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz., and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Bill and Lisa

Rohr of Colby. Great-grandparents are Marjorie and the late Thomas Mowry, Sr. of Colby and the late Elmer and Irene Rohr of Goodland. Welcoming Carter home is his brother, Ethan Rohr, 3.

Book reveals fear of ID theft

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If you have never been touched by identity theft, you can probably count yourself lucky. You can also probably count on having some sort of incident in your life, whether it is a lost driver's license or massive fraud involving credit cards, personal ID's and more. Identity theft is a terrible personal violation. You could end up spending an enormous amount of time trying to restore your reputation. And in many cases you will probably end up losing money, possibly significant amounts.

The term identity theft is actually a misnomer. You can't have your identity "stolen," but someone using your name could ruin your credit or even commit crimes that point to you.

The newest Jeffery Deaver book, "The Broken Window," takes identity theft to a whole new level. Lincoln Rhyme and Amelia Sachs, recurring characters in Deaver's books, run across their most difficult case so far.

A predator is gathering information about individuals so he can slowly take over their lives. Through the use of a data mining company he is able to garner enormous amounts of information about these people, then uses the information to implicate them in a series of murders, leaving the police completely unaware that several different murders have been committed by the same person. And the suspects who claim they are innocent, really are.

When the villain feels the hunt getting too close, he uses his knowledge about the lives of those chasing him to throw massive roadblocks in their way - a police officer is charged with drug abuse, a wife of another officer is picked up as an illegal alien even though she and her parents and grandparents were all born in the United States. The plot, filled with the usual Deaver twists and turns, puts Rhyme and Sachs to the ultimate test to try to solve the case.

Besides the villain in the story, the secondary villain is an all too real data mining company. Deaver warns us in this chilling tale about the computers all over the world that contain vast amounts of information about every aspect of our lives.

Create your own layaway

By Heloise
Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: Now that many stores have stopped having in-store layaway, I thought of a new way to put items on layaway. Most retailers now offer rechargeable, prepaid credit cards or rechargeable gift cards. Simply purchase one, put a little money on it and write what it is being used for on it. Then put more money on it every week until you can purchase what you want.

It's also a good way to save up for holiday gifts without worrying about the regular monthly bills. — Jonathan, via e-mail
This is a fabulous idea. Be sure to check the terms of the card, since some might charge a service fee to reload or might have a monthly surcharge.
This would be a great way to save for that special purchase. — Heloise



Edward Schmitt and Hadassah Smith

Couple to marry July 12

Hadassah Jane Smith, daughter of Pamela Barnes and Richard Woolley of Lyons, Colo., and Bruce and Maryann Smith of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and Edward Allen Schmitt son of Bev and the late Dallas Schmitt of Newman Grove, Neb. will be married at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 12, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby.

A dinner and dance reception will follow at 4 p.m., at T&T Jones Auction. The couple is inviting all friends in the community to come celebrate with them.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat	\$8.74
Corn	\$7.11
Milo	\$11.98
Soybeans	\$14.09

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July Fourth starts summer off

By Leilani Thomas
Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau

Summer is officially here as we enjoy swimming, baseball and backyard barbecues.

There are plenty of events to keep us busy as well. We begin July 4th with the Kiwanis Fireworks Show at about 10 p.m. following free hot dogs and watermelon at the 4-H Building hosted by the Colby Lions Club. The feed will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The 13th Annual Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass Festival will be held July 18-20 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. This promises to be a great time with outstanding musical groups including Goldwing Express and Retro Rangers from Missouri; Sons and Brothers,

High Atmosphere, Sappa Strings and Palmer Divide from Colorado. Local favorites return including the McLemore Family, Larry Booth and New Old Timers. Marshal Allen Bailey returns as emcee with some cowboy tunes thrown in as well. Shows will begin Friday evening at 6 p.m., Saturday at Noon and Sunday at 9:30 a.m. with the Gospel Sing-a-long and Cowboy Church. Youth Contest will be held Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. and there will be Music Workshops from noon-4 PM on Saturday. Tickets are available at the Chamber office, Pastimes and F & M Bank at Dillons. Lots of good food, children's crafts and games and wagon rides complete a full weekend of foot tappin' music and fellowship.

The 2008 Thomas County Fair is a favorite for many and takes place July 28- Aug. 2. The 4-H exhibits and shows are a highlight for many of the youth, but the evening's entertainment brings the crowds to the Fairgrounds. Monday you may enjoy a concert by Tammy Hall and Slab Dance with Wild Ride following the Concert. PRCA rodeo competition will be held Tuesday and Wednesday evenings with Mutton Busting preceding the rodeos. Thursday brings the demolition derby followed by the Modified Shoot out

and super stock races Friday and Saturday. Barbecue will be held Wednesday evening, Antique Tractor Show and EMS Barbecue on Saturday. The Fair parade will be held Saturday morning at 10 AM running from Fike Park to the Fairgrounds. Carnival and games will run each evening beginning at 7 PM by the Thomas County Amusement Association. A full, full week of fun for all!

Don't forget Picnic in the Park will be held each Wednesday during July with great entertainment each and every week. The crowds have been great this year which is wonderful for the performers who so willingly give of their time and talents. The picnics are sponsored by the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Bureau and Colby Free Press. What a great way to spend a lunch hour.

We welcome Tim Moeder aboard as the newest member of the Convention and Tourism Committee replacing Steven Reed. The Committee is currently working on a new design program for our billboards which we hope to have up by late summer.

The Calendar of Events for July, August and September is completed and is available at the Chamber office, motels, many banks, City offices, Library and Courthouse

We encourage all of you to look around Thomas County and nominate the 8 wonders of Thomas County. This is to help all of us to be more aware of the "wonders" we have in our own backyard. Nominations can be natural setting, attraction, historic location or building, or unique business. Applications are available in the Colby Free press or online at 8wonder.hdnews.net/thomas. The final 8 wonders will be announced Aug. 29.

We want your local news e-mail to pdecker@nwkansans.com

DOC'S
on-call

Presented by
Gary D. Slavens, M.D.

UNDERSTAND THE RISKS OF MRSA

You've probably heard of MRSA, which stands for methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus. MRSA is a bacterium that can develop into an infection. Once seen only in hospitals, MRSA has started to spread in communities. (The kind found within the community is not as virulent as the one in hospitals) While many people have the bacterium on their skin, it can only affect a person if it enters through an opening such as a cut. Most cases of community-acquired MRSA are not drug resistant. Unlike many other infections, MRSA can be spread via skin-to-skin contact. If you suspect that a cut you have is infected, see your doctor for further testing. As the sample to be tested specifically for MRSA.

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NOTICE OF TESTING OF THOMAS COUNTY ELECTRONIC/ELECTROMECHANICAL VOTING SYSTEMS

Notice is hereby given pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4411(b) that testing of the automatic tabulating equipment will be conducted on Friday, August 1, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave., Colby, Kansas 67701 to ascertain that the equipment will correctly count the votes cast for the General Election, to be held on the 5th day of August, 2008.

Shelly A. Harms
Shelly A. Harms, Thomas County Clerk/Election Officer

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