

Spring is sprouting activities for Colby, Thomas County

We are all in the mood for spring now, and Easter is always a reminder that spring is indeed here.

Several new publications are available for you and travelers at the Colby Visitors Center. Scenic Byways of Kansas, featuring a poster of native wildflowers, and the Kansas Great Outdoors Guide are both magazines published by the state Travel and Tourism Division.

The new 2009-2010 Kansas Visitors Guide and Kansas State map can be yours also. If you're planning a Kansas trip, brochures are available from communities statewide.

We finally have the new web site launched in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Alliance. Go to www.oasisontheplains.com for a wealth of information.

We were in Topeka for the Travel Industries Association of Kansas Legislative Day on March 12. We had the opportunity to hear a speaker from the U.S. Travel Association discussing the "bailout backlash." Many large companies are canceling their meetings and conventions even though they are financially viable. This is causing loss of jobs and occupancy for motels.

We are not seeing that in Kansas yet; in fact, Colby's guest tax collections are about even with last year's. Numbers at the visitor center were up for February. This is the best news we have had in some months. Make travel a part of your plans in the next few months.

The final session for the Leadership Thomas County Youth Program was Wednesday at Colby Community College. Students worked in teams, performing "teach backs" with activities and debrief of a capacity or leadership skill they had learned. Capacities chosen by the students included performing community, consensus building, timeline and collabora-



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oration. Dr. Michael Thompson's class worked with the leadership class and helped to critique their presentations. Dr. Thompson also presented a program about critical thinking.

The class still will be performing their class project. They plan to plant trees in Thomas County with emphasis on the Colby ball fields. They are working with the Tree Board. They are also want to buy books for Thomas County school libraries.

Plans are being made to offer Leadership Thomas County alumni classes two sessions called Capacities 101. The class is open to all alumni but should be of special interest to those who graduated prior to 1999, when the curriculum changed. The classes are scheduled for Monday, June 1 and June 8, in the evening.

Please mark your calendars for May 14 when the Leadership Thomas County board will co-host Business After Five with Homeland Realty. We hope to see you all.

Many exciting events are taking place during the month of April. At 7 p.m. Wednesday, we welcome the Harlem Globetrotters to the Community Building. If you've not seen the Globetrotters live, this is your chance for a great evening of entertainment.

The Chamber of Commerce Mini-March Madness Basketball Clinic and games for grades 2 to 5 will be next Friday. The fun begins at 4:30 p.m., with the games beginning at 6 p.m. The Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt will take place Fike Park at 10 a.m. next Saturday, April 4, weather permitting. If the hunt cannot be held that day,

it will take place the next Saturday, April 11.

The Colby Community College Endowment Dinner and Auction will be at City Limits Convention Center next Saturday. The theme this year is "How the West was Fun." Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the auction beginning at 7 p.m.. That's just the first week.

Tuesday, April 7, is election day. Forums will be held on Tuesday for college board candidates and Wednesday for Colby School Board and City Council candidates. Both forums are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. You should attend these if you want to be an informed voter.

Easter is April 12; if traveling, please do so safely. The Colby High School Prom is Saturday, April 11. National Library Week begins Monday, April 13. Pioneer Memorial Library is celebrating with a book review and lunch every day at noon. Janice Haney, Thomas Ewing Jr. and Jim Gray, all Kansas authors, will be at the libraries, with other reviews given by Joanne Sunderman and Ann Miner throughout the week.

KXXX Radio presents Little Texas in concert at 7 p.m. Friday, April 17, at the Community Building. The Chamber of Commerce annual meeting and dinner is Saturday, April 18, at City Limits Convention Center. The M & M Sisters will again be entertaining. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. Call the Chamber to make your reservations.

The stock car races begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Thomas County Speedway. The Thomas County Historical Society annual meeting and "White Glove Tour and Virtual Blog" will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the museum. Finally, the Western Plains Arts Association will present Colorado Children's Chorale at 7:30 p.m on April 26 at Colby High School.

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WEEKDAYS

MARCH 31 - APRIL 6

	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBV/ABC 4 (6)	Good Morning Kansas		Good Morning America				The Martha Stewart Show		The View		Millionaire	News
KSNK/NBC 8 (8)	News Cont'd		Today						Live With Regis and Kelly		Today	
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News Cont'd		The Early Show				The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
K15CG (2)	Arthur	Martha Speaks	Curious George	Sid the Science	Super Why!	Clifford-Red	Martha Speaks	Caillou	Sesame Street		Dragon Tales	Word-World
ESPN (28)	Sports-Center	Varied	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
USA (37)	Varied Programs		Walker, Texas Ranger		JAG		JAG		Movie		Varied Programs	
TBS (38)	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Movie			Home Improve.		Home Improve.
WGN (39)	Changing	Believer Voice	Hillbilities	Hillbilities	7th Heaven		Matlock		In the Heat of the Night		Nash Bridges	
TNT (40)	Angel		Charmed		Charmed		ER		Las Vegas		Las Vegas	
DSC (42)	Paid Program	James Robison	Paid Program	Paid Program	How It's Made	How It's Made	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Overhaulin'		Overhaulin'	
A&E (47)	Third Watch		Crossing Jordan		The Sopranos		American Justice		Cold Case Files		Cold Case Files	
HIST (48)	Varied Programs											
NICK (55)	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Dora the Explorer	Dora the Explorer	Go Diego	Backyardigans	Wonder Pets	Ni Hao, Kai-lan	Olivia	Dora the Explorer	Backyardigans
DISN (56)	Handy Manny	Mickey Mouse	Einsteins	Tigger & Pooh	Mickey Mouse	Handy Manny	Imag. Movers	Einsteins	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Movie	
FAM (58)	Sister, Sister	Sister, Sister	Sabrina-Witch	Sabrina-Witch	Step by Step	Living the Life	The 700 Club		Gilmore Girls		Full House	Full House
HALL (60)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Touched by an Angel		Touched by an Angel	

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLBV/ABC 4 (6)	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Rachael Ray		News	Access H'wood	News	ABC Wld News
KSNK/NBC 8 (8)	News		Days of our Lives		The Ellen DeGeneres Show		The Doctors		Jeopardy!	Deal or No Deal	News	NBC News
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News	Bold-Beautiful	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Dr. Phil		Oprah Winfrey		News	Evening News
K15CG (2)	Reading Rainbow	Barney-Friends	Varied Programs			Lions	Arthur	WordGirl	Fetch! Ruff	Cyberchase	Maya & Miguel	Business
ESPN (28)	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Outside-Lines	Baseball Tonight	NFL Live	Rome-Burning	Around the Horn		SportsCenter	
USA (37)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		NCIS		NCIS	
TBS (38)	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Just Shoot	Just Shoot	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	King of Queens	King of Queens	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Friends
WGN (39)	WGN Midday News		Be-witched	Be-witched	Dream-Jeannie	Dream-Jeannie	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Scrubs	Scrubs	Becker	Becker
TNT (40)	Without a Trace		Law & Order		Law & Order		Charmed		Charmed		Bones	Varied
DSC (42)	Deadliest Catch		The FBI Files		A Haunting		Deadliest Catch		Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Cash Cab
A&E (47)	CSI: Miami		Crossing Jordan		The Sopranos		American Justice		Cold Case Files		Cold Case Files	
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels		Varied Programs									
NICK (55)	Ni Hao, Kai-lan	Varied	SpongeBob	OddParents	Varied Programs				SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh
DISN (56)	Movie Cont'd	Phineas and Ferb	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Varied Programs							
FAM (58)	Sister, Sister	Sister, Sister	Sabrina-Witch	Sabrina-Witch	Full House	Full House	What I Like	What I Like	Gilmore Girls		My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids
HALL (60)	7th Heaven		7th Heaven		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Golden Girls	Golden Girls

TUESDAY

MARCH 31

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBV/ABC 4 (6)	News (N) (CC)	Entertainment	Accord-ing-Jim	Accord-ing-Jim	Dancing With the Stars (Live) (CC)		Cupid Pilot (Series Premiere) (N) (CC)		News (N) (CC)	Nightline (N) (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)	
KSNK/NBC 3 (8)	News (N) (CC)	Wheel of Fortune	The Biggest Loser		Recent winners return.		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)		The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News (N) (CC)	Inside Edition	NCIS Dead Reckoning (N) (CC)		The Mentalist Russet Potatoes (N)		Without a Trace Daylight (N) (CC)		News (N) (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late	
K15CG 2	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Doctors on Call	Second-Health	Frontline Sick Around America (N)		Nova Last Extinction (N) (CC) (DVS)		World News	Romance	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
ESPN 28	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Final -- Teams TBA.		Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Final -- Teams TBA.		Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Final -- Teams TBA.		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		NFL Live (N) (CC)		College Gmday	
USA 37	NCIS Split Decision (CC)		House Euphoria (Part 1 of 2) (CC)		House Euphoria (Part 2 of 2) (CC)		House No Reason (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
TBS 38	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Family Guy (CC)	Family Guy (CC)	Family Guy (CC)	Family Guy (CC)	The Office (N)	My Boys (N)	The Office (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Sex and the City	Sex and the City
WGN 39	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Star Trek: The Next Generation (CC)		Star Trek: The Next Generation (CC)		WGN News at Nine (N) (CC)		Scrubs (CC)	Scrubs (CC)	The Bob & Tom Show (CC)	
TNT 40	(5:30) Movie: Something's Gotta Give *** (2003) Jack Nicholson. (CC)		Trust Me Thanks I Needed That (CC)		Trust Me Thanks I Needed That (CC)		Trust Me Norming (N) (CC)		Saving Grace But There's Clay (CC)		Trust Me Thanks I Needed That (CC)	
DSC 42	Dirty Jobs Taylor Shellfish Farms. (CC)		Dirty Jobs Tar Rigger (CC)		Dirty Jobs Bologna Maker (CC)		Wreck. Nation		Dirty Jobs Tar Rigger (CC)		Dirty Jobs Bologna Maker (CC)	
A&E 47	CSI: Miami A Grizzly Murder (CC)		The First 48 (CC)		The First 48 Double Time (CC)		Manhun- ters	Manhun- ters	Manhun- ters	Manhun- ters	The First 48 (CC)	
HIST 48	Modern Marvels Night (CC)		How the Earth Was Made (CC)		How the Earth Was Made Yellowstone		The Universe The Milky Way galaxy.		Bible Code II: Apocalypse		How the Earth Was Made (CC)	
NICK 55	iCarly (CC)	iCarly (CC)	Pen- guins	Kids Choice	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Family Matters	Family Matters	Home Improve.	Home Improve.
DISN 56	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Movie: Beethoven's 4th ** (2001) Judge Reinhold. (CC)		Phineas and Ferb		Wizards-Place	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	That's- Raven	Life With Derek	Cory in House
FAM 58	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		The 700 Club (CC)		Room-mates	Sophie (CC)
HALL 60	7th Heaven in the Blink of an Eye (CC)		7th Heaven (CC)		Movie: A Kiss at Midnight (2008, Romance) Faith Ford, Cameron Daddo.		Murder, She Wrote (CC)		Golden Girls		Golden Girls	

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 1

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	News (N) (CC)	Entertainment	Scrubs (N) (CC)	Better Off Ted	Lost (N) (CC)		Life on Mars Life Is a Rock (N) (CC)		News (N) (CC)	Nightline (N) (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)	
KSNK/NBC (8) (8)	News (N) (CC)	Wheel of Fortune	The Chopping Block (N) (CC)		Life A politician is shot to death. (CC)		Law & Order Falling (CC)		News (N) (CC)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)		Late Night
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (N) (CC)	Inside Edition	I Get That a Lot (N) (CC)		Criminal Minds Masterpiece (CC)		CSI: NY Sex, Lies and Silicone (CC)		News (N) (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman		Late Late
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Coming Home	PBS Previews	Jerusalem: Center of the World The history of Jerusalem and its historic sites.				World News	As Time Goes By	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
ESPN (28)	High School Basketball		High School Basketball: McDonald's All-American Game. Miami. (Live)				NBA Basketball: Houston Rockets at Phoenix Suns. (Live)				SportsCenter	
USA (37)	NCIS The Weak Link (CC)		House Alone (CC)		NCIS Kill Ari (Part 1 of 2) (CC)		NCIS Kill Ari (Part 2 of 2) (CC)		Movie: The Skeleton Key **½ (2005, Suspense) Kate Hudson. (CC)			
TBS (38)	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld The Note	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	My Boys	Movie:
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Coach (CC)	Coach (CC)	Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)	WGN News at Nine (N) (CC)		Scrubs (CC)	Scrubs (CC)	The Bob & Tom Show (CC)	
TNT (40)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)		Movie: Underworld **½ (2003, Horror) Kate Beckinsale, Scott Speedman. (CC)				Bones The Salt in the Wounds (CC)		Trust Me Thanks I Needed That (CC)		Trust Me Norming (CC)	
DSC (42)	MythBusters Shark Week Special 2		MythBusters Shark Week Special 2		MythBusters: Jaws Special (Part 1 of 2)		MythBusters: Jaws Special (Part 2 of 2)		MythBusters Shark Special 2008 (CC)		MythBusters: Jaws Special (Part 1 of 2)	
A&E (47)	CSI: Miami Triple Threat (CC)		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter (CC)		Bounty Hunter	Exter-minators	Exter-minators	Exter-minators	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels Doodsey Tech 1		Predator X Paleontologists discover the fossilized remains of a giant predator. (CC)				UFO Hunters The Greys Conspiracy		UFO Hunters The UFO Before Roswell			
NICK (55)	True Jackson	True Jackson	Pen-guins	SpongeBob	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Family Matters	Family Matters	Home Improve.	Home Improve.
DISN (56)	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Movie: Read It and Weep (2006) Kay Panabaker. (CC)			Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Life With Derek	Cory in House
FAM (58)	That '70s Show		Movie: Holes **½ (2003) A woman forces juvenile delinquents to dig at a camp. Sigourney Weaver. (CC)				America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		The 700 Club (CC)		Whose Line?	Whose Line?
HALL (60)	7th Heaven The Color of God (CC)		7th Heaven Halloween (CC)		Movie: What I Did for Love (2006, Romance-Comedy) Jeremy London. (CC)				Murder, She Wrote Dead Man's Gold		Golden Girls	Golden Girls