

# Picnics, fireworks and pickin' make a busy month in Colby

Summer is here and we have already had the longest day of the year. Of course, many of us think of the Fourth of July as being about midway through the summer season. Activities are varied and numerous during this month.

Registered visitors at the Colby Visitor Center were up through May and continued strong through June. As this is being written, we do not have final figures for June, but travel does seem to be stronger this year. We want to welcome Bonnie Werth from Donelan Jewellers to the Convention and Tourism Committee. Bonnie is replacing Phil DeYoung, and we want to thank Phil for his service.

The quarterly calendar of events for June, July and August is out. Copies are available at any of the motels, the city building, courthouse, library, banks and the *Colby Free Press*.

Picnic in the Park continues in July with performances by Scott Cameron on Wednesday, Lenay (Rundel) Marteney on July 8, the Sappa Strings on July 15, Dan Keller on July 22 and Larry and Taylor McLemore on July 29. This is a great lineup of entertainers. You will want to join us every week for a very pleasant lunch hour.

The Kiwanis Club of Thomas County will hold its annual Fourth of July fireworks display at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. The display usually begins shortly after 10 p.m. The High Plains Lions Club will be holding its annual barbecue at 6:30 p.m. in the 4-H Building, and the *Free Press* will sponsor the Cointest at 7 p.m., right after dinner.

The 14th Annual Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass Festival will be held Friday to Sunday, July 17-19, at the fairgrounds. A strong group of performers includes Marshal Allen Bailey returning as encee, and returning from previous year, the Ozark Alliance, Sons and Brothers, the New Old Timers, Larry Booth, the Sappa Strings and the host band, the McLemores.

New to this year's festival is Driven, a band of young men in-



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### • On the Road Again!

cluding Brandon and Blake McLemore. The Martins and Kenny and Amanda Smith are also first-time performers. Kenny and Amanda Smith received the 2008 GMA Dove Awards nomination.

Shows will be Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday. The final day begins with Cowboy Church and a gospel sing-a-long. Advanced tickets are available at the F and M Bank branch at Dillons, Plum Creek Ltd. and the Chamber of Commerce office.

The Thomas County Fair is the final week of the month, July 27-Aug. 1. Highlights include the pro rodeo on Monday and Tuesday nights, the Demolition Derby and barbecue Wednesday night, livestock sale and a slab dace Thursday night, and car races on Friday and Saturday nights.

A change this year will be the parade, which will begin at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday downtown. The exhibits by the 4-H youth and open classes are a centerpiece of the fair. Don't forget the home-owned carnival put on by the Thomas County Amusement Association.

Special events for July include the kickoff for the fair, which will be a concert Sunday evening, July 26, at the fairgrounds with the Oak Ridge Boys, brought to you by J and R Marketing.

The Iron Athlete Triathlon will be held Saturday July 25, brought to you by the Colby Police and Recreation departments in Fike Park. The triathlon raises money

for Thomas County 2009 Seniors for Scholarships.

The Keith Avery exhibition will be on view at Prairie Museum from Saturday through Aug. 31.

The Thomas County Rodeo Queen Contest will be Friday, July 10, beginning at 9 a.m. at the fairgrounds. The Queen Fashion Show will be at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Building.

Planning is beginning for the 125th Anniversary celebration of Thomas County, which was organized Oct. 8, 1885, by Gov. John Martin. Several events are already planned for this special year, beginning in October and running through October 2010.

A Smithsonian traveling exhibit at the Prairie Museum titled "Journey Stories," the final Kansas Chautauqua, "Bright Dreams, Hard Times: America in the Thirties" under the big tent at the museum in June; and the 10th Colby High All-School Reunion, which will also be in June.

A committee is being formed to help plan additional events and coordinate community activities. If you would like to be part of this effort, call Sue Taylor at the museum at 460-4590, Holly Stephens at the Chamber at 460-3401, or Leilani at Convention and Visitors Bureau at 460-7643. Be sure to get in on the theme and logo contest. Rules and information are available at the Chamber office.

Enjoy summer and enjoy the activities planned.

*Leilani Thomas is director of the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau, a long-time civic volunteer and a passionate observer of the tourism industry.*

## Dean's honors to Colby grad

Colby native Chariti Romine, a sociology major at Pittsburg State University, qualified for Dean's Scholastic Honors for the 2009 spring semester, earning a grade

average above 3.6 (A-) for all credit course work that semester, with no grade lower than a B and no incompletes.

# Outreach plans community Fourth

Golden Plains Community Outreach will be sponsoring a community Fourth of July celebration Saturday. A picnic at the City Park begins at 6 p.m. Meat and drinks will be provided, but the organization asks you to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Bring



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your own dinner service. There will be a fireworks display after

dark, weather permitting.

Red Barn happenings: 2 to 5 p.m. Monday, Barnswallows; 10 a.m. Wednesday, ladies Bible study; 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Come on Down; 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, Koffe Klatch.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

# Scam charges to find unclaimed cash

State Treasurer Dennis McKinney says Kansans should beware of a website that asks for payment before they can discover if they have any unclaimed cash or property in state custody, information that's available free on official sites in most states.

The site, [www.cashunclaimed.com](http://www.cashunclaimed.com), is not sponsored or endorsed by the Kansas state treasurer's office. The bogus website says users may register for 30-days access at a cost of \$11. The charge automatically renews every 30 days until the subscription is cancelled, or \$132 a year. Users are given the option of buying one-year access or a "lifetime access pass."

"Claiming what is rightfully yours should never cost you anything," said McKinney. "I ask that anyone who is instructed to pay a fee in order to claim their missing property please contact my office

immediately."

The official website for Kansans to visit when they want to search for unclaimed property held by the state is [www.KansasCash.com](http://www.KansasCash.com) or [www.kansasstatetreasurer.com](http://www.kansasstatetreasurer.com), both run by the state treasurer's office. You can call the office at (800) 432-0386 to find out if you have any unclaimed property.

When contacting the office, McKinney said, employees will ask that you provide a first and last name in order to search property listings. If there is property listed under the name, you will be asked additional questions to see that the property does belong to the caller.

"It's important to remember that you should never pay to claim the cash that is being held by our office," McKinney said. "These (for-pay) operations are legal but unnecessary, as Kansans can easily find these properties by visiting

our website or calling our office."

The treasurer's office offers these tips to prevent people from being scammed:

- Make sure you are searching official state-sponsored web sites and endorsed web sites such as: [www.kansasstatetreasurer.com](http://www.kansasstatetreasurer.com), or for nationwide searches, [www.MissingMoney.com](http://www.MissingMoney.com).

- Be wary of organizations and people that offer to help you claim your cash or property for a fee. Claiming and searching unclaimed property is absolutely free.

- Never give out your credit card number in order to claim or search for property.

Each year, McKinney said, roughly \$20 million worth of unclaimed property is turned over to the treasurer's office. One of the duties of the state treasurer is to seek out owners and return various forms of unclaimed property.

# LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Tuesday Evening										June 30, 2009	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	The Superstars			Better Of	Primetime		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		The Mentalist		48 Hours Mystery		Local	Late Show-Letterman	Late Late		
KSNK/NBC	America's Got Talent		America's Got Talent		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Wimbledon	Tonight Show		
KSAS/FOX	Legally Blonde				Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		The Cleaner		The Cleaner		The First 48		
AMC	Ghostbusters				Ghostbusters II						
ANIM	Bear Feeding Frenzy		Grizzly Man Diaries		I Was Bitten		Bear Feeding Frenzy		Grizzly Man Diaries		
BRAVO	NYC Prep		NYC Prep		NYC Prep		NYC Prep		Kathy Griffin		
CMT	Extreme-Home		Music Awards					The Singing Bee	The Singi		
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		
COMEDY	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	S. Park	
DISC	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		After the Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		
DISN	Beethoven's 5th		As the Be		Wizards	Montana	The Suite	So Raven	Life With	Cory	
EI	Jennifer Aniston		True Hollywood Story		Kendra	Kendra	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Wildest	
ESPN	Series of Poker		Series of Poker		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live	
ESPN2	WNBA Basketball		Volleyball				Strongest Man		NASCAR	Poker	
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Make It or Break It		
FOOD	Cakes		Unwrapped	The Best	Chopped		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	The Best	
FX	X-Men: Last				Rescue Me		Rescue Me		70s Show	70s Show	
HGTV	My First	My First	House	Buck	House	Stagers	Buy Me	My First	My First	My First	
HIST	Life After People		Life After People		Life After People		Life After People		Life After People		
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Unthinkable				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	
MTV	Summer Catch		16 and Pregnant		Paris Hilton		Paris Hilton		Going Out	Library	
NICK	School	SpongeBob	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	
SCI	Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	ECW		Hybrid				
SPIKE	Star Wars Ep 2		Police Chases		Police Chases		Jesse James		Sniper		
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Office	Office	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Sex and t	Sex and t	
TCM	The Man From Laramie				Strategic Air				Man of the West		
TLC	Stager	Stager	18 Kids	18 Kids	Little	Little	18 Kids	18 Kids	Little	Little	
TNT	Bones		HawthoRNe		Saving Grace		HawthoRNe		Saving Grace		
TOON	Total Dra	Total Dra	Total	Total	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen	
TRAV	Extreme Terror Rides		Bizarre Foods		Bite Me-Mike		Bite Me-Mike		Extreme Terror Rides		
TV LAND	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	
USA	House		House		House		Law & Order: SVU		In Plain Sight		
VH1	Charm School		Daisy of Love		Brooke	Grease					
WGN	Moulin Rouge						Scrubs	Scrubs	The Bob & Tom Show		
Premium Channels											
HBO	Joe Buck	Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!		Jumper			True Blood		Enemies		
MAX	Helloboy 2	What Happens in Vegas		Babylon A.D.			Coed		Sex and the City		
SHOW	Shooter			Weeds	Nurse	Weeds	Nurse		Feast of Love		

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Wednesday Evening										July 1, 2009	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Japanese Game Show		Primetime: Crime		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	Christine	Gary	Criminal Minds		CSI: NY		Local	Late Show-Letterman	Late Late		
KSNK/NBC	America's Got Talent		America's Got Talent		The Philanthropist		Local	Wimbledon	Tonight Show		
KSAS/FOX	You Can Dance				Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Dog	Dog	Bounty Hunter		Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo	Dog	Dog	
AMC	Out for Justice				Blown Away					No Way	
ANIM	Eaten Alive		Monsters Inside Me		I Shouldn't Be Alive		Monsters Inside Me		I Shouldn't Be Alive		
BRAVO	Top Chef Masters		Top Chef Masters		The Fashion Show		Top Chef Masters		The Fashion Show		
CMT	Extreme-Home		Necessary Roughness					Necessary Roughness			
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		
COMEDY	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	S. Park	RENO 911!	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	RENO 911!	
DISC	Pitchmen		Pitchmen		Pitchmen		Pitchmen		Pitchmen		
DISN	The Wild		Wizards		Wizards	Montana	The Suite	So Raven	Life With	Cory	
EI	Cutest Child Stars				Dogs	Jon Kate	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Kendra	
ESPN	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live	
ESPN2	PBA Bowling		PBA Bowling		Boxing		Boxing		NASCAR	Poker	
FAM	A Cinderella Story				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?	
FOOD	Chopped		Flay	Flay	Dinner: Impossible		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Flay	Flay	
FX	Gridiron Gang				Gridiron Gang						
HGTV	Property	Property	House	Income	House	Renovatn	Amazing	My First	Property	Property	

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HIST	MonsterQuest	MonsterQuest	Ice Road Truckers	Investigating	MonsterQuest
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Break-In	Will	Will
MTV	Paris Hilton	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	Going Out
NICK	School	Jackson	Home Imp.	Lopez	Lopez
SCI	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Scariest Places
SPIKE	Star Wars: Ep. III	Fight, Troops			Belly of the Beast
TBS	Payne	Payne	Payne	Browns	Browns
TCM	Manhattan Melodrama			Fog Over Frisco	G-Men
TLC	Twins by Surprise	Mystery Diagnosis	911: The Bronx	Twins by Surprise	Mystery Diagnosis
TNT	Bones	Bones	Leverage	Law & Order	Law & Order
TOON	Otherside	Survive	BrainRush	Star Wars	King-Hill
TRAV	Ice Cream Paradise	Steak Paradise	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man/Food
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	She's Got the Look
USA	Blood Diamond				Pirates-Dead
VH1	Roll Bounce	Charm School	Charm School	Goes to Work	Love of Ray J
WGN	Coach	Coach	Becker	Becker	WGN News at Nine

**Premium Channels**

HBO	Ocean's Thirteen	REAL Sports	True Blood	Real Time	Shouting Fire
MAX	Young Guns II		Meet Dave		Predator 2
SHOW	The Color of Freedom	Nurse	Weeds	Good Luck Chuck	

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