

new visitors with fun and educational events

der the Chautauqua tent at the Prairie Museum of Art and History. This is the fourth time Colby has hosted the festival. The other years the city hosted Chautauqua were 1985, 1996 and 2004, said Chautauqua coordinator Debbie Pomeroy.

Thomas said Sue Taylor, director of the Prairie Museum of Art and History, suggested the bureau apply with the humanities council for the privilege to host the event.

The festival this year will focus on the economic problems, artistic movements, environmental devastation, government programs and prominent figures from the 1930's. Taylor said the topic is pertinent because many problems people faced in the 1930's are similar to problems the country faces today.

Five scholars will be doing first-person im-

personations of five historical figures from the era. The eclectic group of people being portrayed include President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, architect of the New Deal, Aimee Semple McPherson, evangelist and pastor who provided church aid for the poor and promoted leadership roles for women in church; Huey Long, controversial governor and then senator of Louisiana; Zora Neale Hurston, novelist of books about the Harlem Renaissance and folklorist of the experiences of African Americans in the south; and Will Rogers, newspaper columnist, radio show host, humorist and movie star, who was seen as a voice for the common man.

Each evening people will be able to gather under the tent and watch a presentation by a scholar portraying one of these figures.

The week will kick off on Thursday with Roosevelt, followed by McPherson on Friday, Hurston on Saturday and Long on Sunday. Rogers will be the moderator when the scholars answer questions from the audience in a way the historical figure would have responded. Pomeroy said the scholars will also answer questions out of character based on the research they have done on their historical figure.

Thomas said in addition to the nightly tent shows, Chautauqua will feature a youth camp, children's workshops and workshops for adults each day. She said the workshops will be held at Pioneer Memorial Library.

Bike Across Kansas, bikers who take an eight-day trip across Kansas, will arrive in Colby on Saturday, June 5. Thomas said 800

people are expected to arrive in the city that day.

Colby High School will be holding a **high school reunion** from Thursday, June 17 to Saturday, June 19.

"This is a very special time in our community when many return to visit the community and re-connect with classmates.

Pickin' on the Plains, a bluegrass festival full of groups for people of all ages will be held from Friday, July 16, through Sunday, July 18, and the **Thomas County Fair** will start on Monday, July 26, and last until Saturday, July 31. The fair's parade will be the official parade for the city's 125th birthday, Thomas said.

High traffic pulls businesses out to the interstate

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Interstate 70 seems to have a great pull for businesses located in Colby the past year with nearly a dozen business either relocating or being newly established along the corridor leading to the interstate.

Mamma D's Chicken Wings, a specialty restaurant opened in January in time for Super Bowl fans to have plenty of hot wings while they enjoyed the game. Doug Dewey, manager, said it is rather slow right now and they'd like to see more support from the community, but is hoping for better days ahead.

The daily menu is five different flavored chicken wings along with fries, fried Snickers and fried Oreos, and drinks. Mamma Dee's is located in Southwind Plaza at 2265 Taylor Ave. just off K-25 south of the interstate. Phone number is (785) 460-0186.

The Hampton Inn is a new motel at 1000 Willow, located near Bosselman's truck stop off exit 54 on the east side of Colby. The 64-room motel's projected opening date is June 10, in time for the Colby High School five-year reunion. There is a meeting room, exercise room, pool and hot tub. Phone number for the motel is (785) 460-2333. Bell Brown

is the manager.

Thunder Cord is a guitar store located in Southwind Plaza at 1125 Taylor Ave. Rows of used guitars flank the walls of the store, and Leiker has guitars to suit nearly everyone's need. He specializes in used guitars, because of the affordability for the customer, and says his used guitars are the best ones you can get.

He also has amplifiers, sound systems, strings, microphone stand and microphones. And if you're looking for a motorcycle helmet, you can find a variety of them at Thunder Cord. His future plans include stocking drum equipment for sale.

Sleep Inn and Suites, the second motel to break ground in Colby in 2009, is located between Taco John's and Walmart's and faces Interstate 70. The 68-room motel is projecting July 15 for opening day. The motel has named Jay Hawk to be its manager.

J&B Meat Market. Owners Jeff and Becky Klippert made the change from Franklin Avenue in downtown Colby to the old Dairy Queen location just off exit 53 of Interstate 70 in October, and said the move was a good one for them.

The Klipperts continue to sell fresh meat and have expanded their lunch counter from the downtown location, where they serve

sandwiches made from fresh meat.

Their hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Their atmosphere is friendly and they invite people to stop and have a cup of coffee at any time. They can be reached at (785) 460-0414.

Beringer Hardware, after many years at 165 West Fourth St. in the heart of downtown Colby, relocated their store to 1923 South Range Avenue in early summer of 2009. The new store is just a hop, skip and a jump from

the interstate. Beringer says it was a good move for him. He has more parking and more display space for mowers, plumbing supplies, home improvement products, and a special area for television and home theater equipment, with a sound room.

Colby Photo, another Colby business Beringer has owned since 1989, also made the

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