School sports, music wind up

Spring is here, and it is so exciting to see the beautiful trees in bloom. Colby truly looks

By the time you read this article, we will have returned from the Kansas Sampler Festival in Leavenworth. There were over 300 exhibitors, including towns and cities with their travel information, people selling Kansas products, historic demonstrations and programs and lots of ethnic food.

Entertainment is held on three stages. This is a great event and attendees use the festival to develop weekend trips throughout Kansas. Historically, the festival draws 5,000 to 6,000 over the weekend.

We are pleased to announce that there are two new members on the Leadership Thomas County Board. Sherry McDonald and Tracey Perkins have been elected to the board. We thank Pat Sloan and Dave Voss for their past service. The board is working on plans for an adult leadership class this fall. If you are interested in this program, call me at 460-7643.

Cindy Black and I will be attending a facilitator workshop with the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita May 10 to 13. The program is designed to increase the facilitation effectiveness for community leadership programs.

May is a month of festive events, including the Colby High School junior/senior prom on Saturday, May 8. Colby Community College graduation will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 15, and Colby High School Commencement at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 16. Colby High Baccalaureate will be at 1:30 p.m. the same day. All commencement events are at the Community Building. May holidays include Mother's



Leilani Thomas

 On the Road Again!

Monday, May 31.

There will be lots of music this month. The college band concert will be at the Cultural Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and the high school band concert at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 10, at the high school auditorium. The high school pops concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, at the school. The middle school vocal concert will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 17, in the grade school auditorium and the middle school band concert at 7 p.m. Monday, May 24, same place.

Sporting events include softball, baseball, track and golf. The Colby High varsity and junior varsity Invitational Track Meet will be at Dennen Field at 3 p.m. next Friday. Stock car races resume at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 9, and Sunday, May 23, at the fairgrounds. The college will hold an all-day fishing derby for kids at the Villa High Pond on Saturday, May 22. The Boy Scouts' Regional Powwow will be on the campus this evening through Sunday.

Chautauqua is just around the corner. It will be Wednesday to Sunday, June 2 to 6, at the Prairie Museum of Art and History. We especially want to invite everyone to the media night, which will be held Wednesday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m.. Don't forget your cameras, as all Day on Sunday, May 9, and Memorial Day on of the scholars will be in costume, portraying

characters from the 1930s. This includes President Franklin D. Roosevelt, entertainer Will Rogers, evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson, Louisiana Gov. Huey Long, and Zora Neale

This meet-and-greet event will last about an hour and adults and youth are encouraged to

Free readers are available with the complete schedule for the tent shows, adult and children's workshops and the youth camp. This also gives biographical information about the scholars and historical figures. It is great background reading if you would like to better prepare yourself for Chautauqua, although it is perfectly all right just to sit back and enjoy.

Readers are available at the Chamber office, the museum and the Pioneer Memorial Library. All programming during Chautauqua week will be free.

One pre-Chautauqua event is scheduled during May. Steven Kite will be at the Pioneer Memorial Library at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 20, for a book discussion of "All the Kings Men."

Bike Across Kansas will be in Colby next month. Over 800 riders are expected to visit our city with a overnight stay Saturday, June 5, at the college. They will be leaving Sunday

As always, there are a lot of activities and we encourage you to participate in as many events as possible. This community involvement is one factor which makes Colby... "The Oasis on the Plains."

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

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Wednesday

courthouse. Boiler room; every-

thing OK. 9:46 a.m. - Moving van with crates of dogs in the back, no ven-

tilation, at Oasis. Report filed. 10:56 a.m. - Break-in at 545 W. Eighth, subject still there. Four officers responded.

12:15 p.m. - Dog at large at Sterling and Fifth. Contacted

1:58 p.m. – Spoke to juveniles at Law Enforcement Center about

incident with another classmate. 2:05 p.m. - Sheriff's office requested welfare check on subject

at Budget Host. 5:27 p.m. - Clerk at Bosselman's reported gas skip. Was not

gas skip, but vehicle drove off after damaging pump; report filed. 7:44 p.m. - Possible threat by

letter. Report filed. 8:07 p.m. - Subject called, wanting officer to stop by to help lift her scooter so she can work on

it. Provided information. 11:10 p.m. – Helped hook trailer

up at at Oasis.

11:24 p.m. - Caller said mother 9:41 a.m. – 911 open line from not allowed to leave the Holiday Inn. Report filed for criminal dam-

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Wednesday

9:41 a.m. - 911 open line from courthouse. Boiler room, OK. 10:56 a.m. - Helped Colby po-

lice look for vehicle. 11:54 a.m. – Provided traveler's

2:11 p.m. - Assisted Colby po-

lice at Budget Host.

3:13 p.m. - Took inmate to Sherman County Sheriff's Office.

4:33 p.m. - Brought inmate back from Rawlins County Sheriff's Office. 6:25 p.m. – Complaint by caller of subjects using four-wheelers

on his property at roadway in the 700 block of La Hacienda Drive. Spoke to subjects. 8:40 p.m. - Two bulls out near

bridge in the 2000 block of County Rd. 11 not found. 9:58 p.m. - Man walking north-

bound on K-25 at mile 200 just off roadway. Not found.

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