

New events at the fair keep traditions growing

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In addition to the "Timeless Traditions" that fairgoers are accustomed to at the Thomas County Free Fair, this year people can expect some new and exciting activities.

New this year is a live Blockstop Summer Tour concert featuring the Christian band Chye. It'll take place at 8 p.m. on Sunday, July 29, on Franklin Avenue north of Fourth Street in downtown Colby. A free barbecue will be served from 7 to 8 p.m.

Sponsored by Colby area churches and the Todd Becker Foundation, which honors the life of a teen who was killed at 18 in an alcohol-related car accident, the concert and barbecue will be held in the blocked-off street with a stage, lighting and live sound equipment.

On Tuesday, July 31, people can see who wins the Tallest Corn Plant Contest, another new event. The contest runs from 8 to 11 a.m. in the 4-H building, sponsored by Crop Production Services.

Entertainment for the following evening is also new to the fair this year: the KXXX/Texaco Country Showdown will start at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, at the grandstands. Area musicians will compete against one an-

other, and the winner will move on to the state competition in Goodland the next night.

The winner in Goodland will move on to the regional and then the national level for a chance to win \$100,000. Admission is free.

The final new event will take place at 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 3, in the livestock arena. A livestock judging contest to judge the judges will be sponsored by the Thomas County 4-H and FFA. Five age divisions will compete in six classes in beef, sheep, swine and meat goat. Medals and plaques will be awarded.

Many people come together to make the fair and carnival possible, including the Thomas County Fair Board, Thomas County Amusement Association, the county Extension agents, people who coordinate the car races and demolition derby, and the fairgrounds managers.

The Colby Free Press thanks the many individuals, community organizations and sponsors who donate their time and efforts all year long to make this week such an enjoyable experience.

A Blockstop concert, such as this one shown in Gothenburg, Neb., will be a change of pace for the fair this year, as the block of Franklin Avenue north of Fourth Street is closed off for a barbecue and some music for all.



Good Luck to the participants at this years Fair!



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