

Youth leaders down to final project

February was a busy month. We attended the Kansas City Sports and Travel show which had good crowds. There was a lot of interest in hunting and fishing, and more than usual in attractions and community information. Folks were already beginning to plan vacations.

We also attended the Travel Industry Association of Kansas Day on the Hill, where we visited with legislators and heard presentations from Wildlife, Parks and Tourism.

Rep. Billinger and Sen. Ostmeyer will be in Colby at 1:45 p.m. Saturday for a legislative update. They will be at the Colby Community College Student Union. We encourage you to come visit with them.

Classwork is over for the 15 students of the 2012 Leadership Thomas County Youth Program. The last session was Feb. 15 with teams of class members presenting "teach backs" of leadership skills and capacities they learned through their work. The teach backs each required an activity, handouts and debriefing. They presented to 15 Golden Plains High School students who were unable to attend the program this year. Board members also attended. It was a great day with students doing an excellent job.

Class members will be painting equipment in the parks in Rexford, Brewster and Fike Park in Colby and replacing basketball and volleyball nets. They have several work



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• On the Road Again!

dates, but weekend weather has been uncooperative. When the project is completed they will receive their certificates.

The Leadership Thomas County Board of Directors met with Troy Unruh, counselor from the Kansas Leadership Center, for dinner, training and strategic planning. It was a productive meeting; a second one will be held in March.

We now look forward to March. Two longstanding annual events are scheduled. The first will be the Gun, Coin and Collectors show which will be Saturday and Sunday, March 10 and 11, at the Community Building. The show will open at 9 a.m. both days.

The Home and Better Living Show will be Friday through Sunday, March 23 to 25, at the Community Building. KXXX-KRDQ reports that the show is sold out with a waiting list. There is also a sold-out craft show at the same time in the basement. There is no charge to attend this show.

Another event is the Murder Mystery at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Pioneer Memorial

Library. The title this year is "Poetic Justice." Tickets are available at the library. This event sells out so we encourage you to hurry.

Booked for Lunch will be at noon Wednesday at the library. Cynthia Harris will be the speaker, discussing "Hometown Appetites." It is sponsored by the American Association of University Women.

St. Patrick's Pub Party, sponsored by the Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass committee, will be Saturday, March 17, at City Limits. A wine and beer tasting party will kick off the evening at 7 p.m. Beginning at 9 p.m. there will be a Mama's Boys concert and dance. Tickets are available for the entire evening or just the concert at the Chamber Office or at City Limits Convention Center. Wine-tasting tickets are limited, but dance tickets will be available at the door.

Another special event will be the Tumbleweed Roundup Saturday, March 31, at the Cultural Arts Center. Performing will be the Tumbleweed Chorus, Prairie Rose Harmony and featured quartet Ignition. Performances are at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Colby Grade School is presenting the musical "Carnival of the Animals" at 2 and 7 p.m. to the public on Tuesday, March 13, at the grade school auditorium. It is free.

The middle and high school vocal concert is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the high school auditorium.

The American Legion is holding a Fish and Bull Fry from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 9. They are also celebrating their 93rd birthday beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday. Join them as they celebrate with cake.

A fish fry is scheduled from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, at the Brewster Methodist Church. Proceeds are to help finance the Brewster Grocery. Tickets are available at Brewster businesses or the Colby Chamber of Commerce office.

Sunday, March 11, Daylight Savings Time once again begins. Don't forget to set your clocks forward.

The Walking Trail Committee update was to be today at Pioneer Memorial Library. Big Brothers and Big Sisters is holding Bowl for Kids Sake from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Colby Bowl. Twenty-four teams are scheduled to bowl. A storm-sporter class is scheduled at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Community Building. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

As you can see, March is a very busy month. We will just wait to see if it comes roaring in like a lion or comes in softly as a lamb. Get out and enjoy as we head into spring.

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

County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Kayla Marie Watkins, 20, Springfield, Ill., Feb. 11, possession/distribution of certain hallucinogenic drugs, no drug tax stamp, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released Feb. 15 on \$100,000 appearance bond.

- Frederick Michael Karrer, 22, Littleton, Colo., Feb. 12, possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving with license suspended or revoked, Kansas Highway Patrol, released Feb. 15 on signature bond.

- Megan Marie Alcala, 18, Montezuma, Feb. 15, minor in possession/consumption, transporting open container, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on notice to appear.

- Devon Martese McCormick, 20, Colby, Feb. 15, obstruction of official duty, battery (four counts), criminal trespass, criminal damage to property, Colby Police Department, released Feb. 22 on \$100,000 appearance bond.

- Jonathan Chase McDonald, 19, Lebanon, Feb. 15, minor in possession/consumption, transporting open container/alcohol, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on notice to appear.

- John Michael Morgan 25, Colby, Feb. 18, criminal trespass, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

- Patrick Lee Stubblefield, 50, Colby, last Wednesday, domestic battery, Colby Police, released same day with charges pending.

- Jacob Lynn Fortin, 20, Colby, Feb. 20, battery, disorderly conduct, criminal trespass, criminal threat, criminal damage to property, Colby Police, released Thursday on supervised probation.

- Adam Donald Cline, 19, Colby, Thursday, minor in possession/consumption, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

- Peter William Heier, 29, Colby, Thursday, driving under the influence, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on notice to appear.

- Becki Ann Karnes, 20, Colby, Thursday, minor in possession/consumption, Thomas County Sheriff/Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Friday

7:09 a.m. - Provided assistance to a stranded motorist by Oasis.

9:17 a.m. - Caller reported fight. Report filed for battery.

12:47 p.m. - Caller reported someone has been trying to break into her car. No report.

4:28 p.m. - Caller reported dog at large in the 600 block of W. Seventh. Not found.

4:39 p.m. - Subject called about subject not allowing him to visit child. Civil matter.

4:58 p.m. - Subject came to station about call at 4:39 p.m. Spoke to reporting party, civil matter.

7:36 p.m. - Callers reported juveniles messing around at curb line. Spoke to subjects and parent.

8:55 p.m. - Caller reported dog at large caught. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.

9:27 p.m. - Helped sheriff's office on call.

10:26 p.m. - Suspicious incident: subject called with information on an underage party. Provided

information to reporting party.

11:45 p.m. - Walk-through at B-Hive.

11:50 p.m. - Walk-through at Twisters.

Saturday

12:05 a.m. - Noise complaint about party. Spoke with subjects.

3:09 a.m. - Walk-through at Walmart.

9:40 a.m. - Caller reported dog at large at Fifth and Copeland.

Unable to locate dog.

10:01 a.m. - Caller reported his car hit overnight. Report filed.

10:55 a.m. - Accident at Kansas Quick Lube.

5:35 p.m. - Assisted sheriff's office on pursuit from eastbound I-70 mile 53 to eastbound I-70 mile 61.5.

6:36 p.m. - Caller reported two dogs at large in vicinity of second and Garfield. Owner had them.

7:24 p.m. - Caller reported same two dogs from call at 6:36 p.m. loose again. Turned over to Animal Clinic.

11:18 p.m. - Security check at Twister's.

Sunday

1:24 a.m. - Security check at Twister's.

7:34 p.m. - Caller reported van almost caused an accident earlier in the 1300 block of S. Range. Spoke to suspect; verbal warning given.

9:34 p.m. - Caller reported being followed all over town by subjects in a car. Spoke to subjects, all OK.

Monday

10:26 a.m. - Caller reported suspicious vehicle with unkempt subjects left drive through at business. Not found.

1:49 p.m. - Subject came to station about problems with subject; thinks she may leave with children. Information given.

2:01 p.m. - Assisted Social and Rehabilitation Services.

4:40 p.m. - National Crime Information Center: report filed on endangered missing person entry out of Salem, Ore.

6:40 p.m. - Report filed on stolen cell phone.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Friday

9:43 a.m. - Booked Richard Jackson.

10 a.m. - Released Jackson.

10:23 a.m. - Released Damian Vo.

10:31 a.m. - Released Vu Vo.

1:41 p.m. - Released Nicholas W. Henry.

6:54 p.m. - Caller reported vehicle from prior incident seen in Brewster. Unable to locate.

7:50 p.m. - Narcotics violation report filed on incident in Brewster.

Saturday

9:44 a.m. - Provided ride home on U.S. 24.

11:28 a.m. - Arrested Bonnie Petersen on warrant.

11:39 a.m. - Booked Petersen.

5:29 p.m. - 911 caller advised of a vehicle traveling at excessive speed at eastbound I-70 mile 50. Stopped at eastbound I-70 mile 61.5; Report filed for driving under the influence, open container and reckless driving.

6:44 p.m. - Booked Drew Cooper Strickert.

9:17 p.m. - Driving under the influence report filed for traffic stop at eastbound I-70 mile 39.

9:41 p.m. - Caller struck cow in roadway in the 3100 block of County Rd. O. Report filed.

10:12 p.m. - Booked Bruce W. Freed.

10:30 p.m. - Released Freed.

Sunday

8:02 p.m. - Caller reported cow out on roadway in the 900 block of County Rd. 32. Contacted owner; was unable to locate at location.

10:08 p.m. - Building checks in Brewster. Everything OK.

Monday

10:05 a.m. - Released Strickert.

10:17 a.m. - Released Paul Martin Fawcett.

10:26 a.m. - Released R.J. Charles Phifer.

12:19 p.m. - Helped subject in stalled semi on U.S. 83 at U.S. 24.

3:13 p.m. - Released Hannah E. Pyle.

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