

Back in school, kids visiting museum

Clearly, school is in session. If we had somehow missed sightings of yellow school buses, kids with backpacks and football at Dennen Field, we would be able to tell from the requests for educational programs we have received.

Heartland Christian's high school social studies teacher, Bryan Wynveen, contacted us about a program for his students on primary and secondary source documents having to do with the founding of Colby.

We were happy to oblige, and after a general discussion of the difference between primary and secondary sources, the students had the opportunity to examine several primary source documents: a Civil War letter written by a soldier who would later become a member of the Colby Townsite Company; two applications six years apart for the establishment of a Colby Post Office; a document declaring the establishment of the Colby Townsite Company; and the naturalization papers of another person who would later become a town founder.

Together, these documents enabled the students to see how the Civil War and immigration played a role in the founding of Colby, and to learn how the town came to be located three miles north of its original location.



Ann Miner

• Around the Museum

On Sept. 21, we had a group of about 50 homeschool students and their parents from across north-west Kansas for an afternoon of activities related to the settlement period. The kids ranged from preschool all the way through high school, so we divided them into smaller, similarly-aged groups and planned sessions accordingly.

After watching an excellent DVD on the Homestead Act from Homestead National Monument, Mike Baughn talked with the older kids about the clash of cultures between the original Native American inhabitants of this land and the Euro-American settlers who arrived late in the 19th century. Frank and Gail Vacca led them through a decision-making process on what to take with them on their journey to western Kansas, and Marge Weishaar and I helped them locate their "claim" using township and range coordinates.

The younger kids also learned about loading a wagon, as well as what it was like to live in a sod

house. Ronda Faber and Virginia Hopper led the young ones in the ever-popular Chore Relay, and when the older kids saw what a rollicking good time they were having they were heard to lament, "We want to go do that!"

In October, Colby High School English and social studies teachers plan to bring the juniors over as they did last year for afternoon sessions on the settlement period. We are enormously pleased to have school teachers and home school parents alike recognize us as a resource for their students and children.

And lest we forget the adults, our *Food for Thought* programs will be starting up in November. As ever, the noon speaker series takes place on the third Thursday of each month and includes a light lunch. There is no charge, but donations are gratefully accepted. The schedule is as follows:

- Nov. 15: Dr. Freddie Lamm, Northwest Kansas Research and Extension Center, on "The History of the Colby Research Station."
- Dec. 20: Leonard Hopper, retired district wildlife biologist at Kansas Wildlife and Parks, on "Wildlife and Agriculture."



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Students located land claims on a Thomas County map in the Nichol School when homeschoolers visited the museum Sept. 21.

- Jan. 17: Rex Buchanan, Kansas Geological Survey, on "Water and Kansas History."
- Feb. 21: Angela Bates, Nicodemus Historical Society, on "African American Women Domes-

- tics: The Story of Two Kansans."
- March 21: Joan Nothorn, Solomon Valley Highway 24 Heritage Alliance, on "Converting Pasture Paths to Public Roads."
- April 18: annual meeting.

We hope you will join us for another series of interesting talks and good soup. Call 460-4590 for winformation.

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Brandon Joseph Boutte, 33, Silvan Grove, Aug. 22, failure to appear/revocation hearing, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released Sunday on \$50,000 appearance bond.
- Rosemary Lorraine Robinson, 31, Englewood, Colo., Sept. 1, possession/distribution of hallucinogenic drugs, possession of opiates, opium, narcotic drugs or designated stimulant, possession of drug paraphernalia (three counts), Kansas Highway Patrol, released Wednesday on \$10,000 bond.
- Jose Javier Valdez-Castell Jr.,

21, Colby, Sept. 9, failure to appear/driving while revoked, probation violation, Thomas County Sheriff, released last Thursday on bond.

• Duane Neal Brown, 56, Colby, Sept. 24, driving under the influence, refusal to take breath test, possession of drug paraphernalia, transporting open container/alcohol, possession of hallucinogenic drugs, Thomas County Sheriff, released Friday on \$100,000 appearance bond.

• Nicholas Andrew Scydick, 23, St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 24, possession of hallucinogenic drugs, Highway Patrol, released same

day on \$1,000 appearance bond.

• Edward Sheldon Chaid, 70, Baltimore, Md., Sept. 25, possession/distribution of hallucinogenic drugs, Highway Patrol, released Sept. 26 on recognizance.

• Brandon Michael Shepard, 33, Levant, Sept. 25, driving under the influence, transporting open container/alcohol, driving without a seatbelt, Highway Patrol, released same day to responsible party.

• Shasta Monet Bolin, 31, Colby, last Thursday, driving under the influence, transporting open container/alcohol, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day with charges pending.

• Travis James Graves, 27, Colby, last Thursday, giving a worthless check, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on recognizance.

• James David Sharber, 50, Nashville, Tenn., last Thursday, disorderly conduct, Colby Police Department, released Friday on notice to appear.

• Brian Michael Bongo Jr., 28, Birmingham, Ala., Friday, possession/distribution of hallucinogenic drugs, Highway Patrol, released same day to other agency.

• Jason Wayne Dodson, 32, Colby, Friday, Thomas County Sheriff/Logan County Sheriff's Office/

Court Services of Logan County, released Sunday for time served.

• Jason Cory Lord, 29, Ludell, Friday, driving under the influence, endangering a child, reckless driving, obstruction of official duty, Thomas County Sheriff, released Saturday with charges pending.

• Juan Garcia, 30, Longmont, Colo., Saturday, driving with license suspended or revoked, Highway Patrol, released Monday on notice to appear.

• James Allen Lingo, 28, Oakland, Calif., Monday, possession/distribution of hallucinogenic drugs, money laundering, Thomas

County Sheriff, released Wednesday with charges pending.

• Fernando Navarro, 33, Oakland, Calif., Monday, possession/distribution of hallucinogenic drugs, money laundering, Thomas County Sheriff, released Wednesday with charges pending.

• Scott William Schaeffer, 23, Greeley, Colo., Tuesday, possession of hallucinogenic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, Colby Police, released same day with charges pending.



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