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Fair grounds get facelift

Clair Schrock (above, left), supervisor of the county road and bridge department and vice president of the county fair board, helped pour concrete into the space for a new sidewalk (above) while Clint Jackson pushed it into place Tuesday afternoon at the fairgrounds. Mark Boger, Mike McLaughlin and Chris Castaneda helped. The workers kept themselves busy filling in the edges of the sidewalk (right) as they waited for the truck to bring another load. The concrete was the second to last batch poured to finish a new sidewalk at the fairgrounds (below).



Trustees vote to keep golf, dance

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The Colby Community College trustees decided May 20 to keep the golf, cheer and dance programs through the next year, but drop the academic bowl program after a long discussion about whether the college would be better off with or without them.

The trustees voted to continue men's and women's golf through next year and to combine the dance and cheer teams and continue them for a year. They voted to discontinue the academic bowl team.

President Arlen Leiker told the board they needed to make a decision before the college gives out scholarships for those programs. Athletic Director Ryan Sturdy said if the college was going to discontinue the teams, he would have liked to let the Jayhawk conference know at its August meeting.

Sturdy told the board the men's and women's golf teams have about 13 members between them, and the college is allowed to offer eight scholarships for each, covering books and tuition for a year.

He added that the dance and cheer teams were separate but the new coach was thinking of combining them. Nicole Weigel, who was hired last fall, said she had considered combining their performances. The cheerleaders had 12 members and the dance team seven this winter.

The board members discussed how some sports boost attendance at the college when students come to play here and bring

their friends. Member Dale Herschberger said he has heard from people with different points of view on the subject, and said he still felt undecided.

"I understand what you say about how a kid brings in 15 friends, but try to say that to the guy that says 'cut all sports,'" Herschberger said.

John Gatz, attorney for the college, pointed out that the board can decide whether to keep those sports at any time.

In other business, the board:

- Approved to pay claims for \$1,615,073 in checks issued between April 16 and May 14.

- Approved a new concurrent credit agreement with Heartland Christian School and renewed agreements with the Valley Hope Association of Norton, the Thomas County Fair Board and Rawlins County High School.

- Tabled a discussion on whether to sell about 16.9 acres of land to Wes Bainter, owner of Bainter Construction of Hoxie, for \$615,000.

Bainter said he made the offer about 2 1/2 weeks earlier. The land is north of a parcel he already bought from the college, he said, where he started work on a senior living complex last winter. He said wants to build moderate-income single-family housing and duplexes on the other parcel.

The board discussed offers from the county to build a new law enforcement complex and jail on the site, and generally agreed that they do not want a jail between the college and the high school. Members also considered

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Boston bombing suspect is walking, mother says

MAKHACHKALA, Russia (AP) — The remaining suspect in the Boston Marathon bombings has recovered enough to walk and assured his parents in a phone conversation that he and his slain brother are innocent, their mother told the Associated Press on today.

Meanwhile, the father of a Chechen immigrant killed in Florida while being interrogated by the FBI about his ties to the slain brother maintained that the U.S. agents killed his son "execution-style."

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 19, walked without a wheelchair to speak to his mother last week for the first and only phone conversation they have had since he

has been in custody, Zubeidat Tsarnaeva told the AP.

In a rare glimpse at Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's state of mind, he told her he was getting better and that he had a very good doctor, but was struggling to understand what happened, she said.

"He didn't hold back his emotions either, as if he were screaming to the whole world: What is this? What's happening?," she said.

The April 15 bombings killed three people and wounded more than 260. Elder brother, 26-year-old Tamerlan Tsarnaev, was killed in a shootout with police, and Dzhokhar remains in a prison hospital after being badly wounded.

"I could just feel that he was being driven crazy by the unfairness that happened to us, that they killed our innocent Tamerlan," their mother said, standing by the family's belief that their children are innocent.

The Tsarnaevs met the AP in their new apartment in a 14-story building in a well-to-do area of Makhachkala, the capital of the restive Caucasus province of Dagestan. The apartment had no furniture apart from a TV, a few rugs, and wallpaper materials lying on the floor.

Anzor Tsarnaev, the suspects' father, said they had bought it for Tamerlan, his wife, and their young daughter in the expectation that they would move

to Makhachkala later this year. He added that they planned to turn their old home in a dingy district on the outskirts of town into a dentist's office, so that Dzhokhar, a dental hygiene student, could work out of it after completing his studies.

"All I can do is pray to God and hope that one day fairness will win out, our children will be cleared, and we will at least get Dzhokhar back, crippled, but at least alive," Tsarnaev said.

Separately, at a news conference in Moscow, the father of a 27-year-old mixed martial arts fighter who was killed during FBI questioning accused agents of being "bandits" who executed his son.

Selden to celebrate 20th tractor and car show Sunday

Get out your old tractors, cars and small engines and plan to join in the fun when Selden holds its 20th annual Antique Tractor and Classic Car Show on Sunday.

The show was started in 1993 by tractor enthusiasts and the Selden American Legion Post. This is the fifth year that it will be sponsored by the Selden Community Foundation.

The event gives enthusiasts an opportunity to display their old tractors, cars and engines while enjoying a day of family activities.

Events start at 9 a.m. with registration at Steve's Body Shop at the north end of Main Street. Exhibitors will line up their vehicles and

engines for people to see while family activities take place in and around the city park.

A horseshoe-pitching contest starts at 10 a.m. on the south side of the tennis courts, and a basketball free-throw contest for kids in grades 3 to 8 will begin at 12:30 p.m. Other activities for the kids include rides in the barrel train, a free raffle and a corn tank seeded with coins for kids 8 and under.

In the afternoon, a Kiddie Tractor Pull for ages 5 to 10 will begin at 1 p.m., with trophies awarded for first, second and third places.

Adults will be able to watch an antique baler demonstration, a barrel-roll competition and a washer drop in the afternoon.

Tickets will be on sale for prizes including a Case-International Harvester pedal tractor, donated

by Hoxie Implement; an all-terrain tricycle, Frank Bouts; a John Deere toy tractor, Taylor Implement; lawn fertilizer, Ultimate Fertilizer; lawn chairs, Plains Implement; among others. The drawing will take place just prior to the parade at 3 p.m.

A meal of barbecued pork, hamburgers and fixings will be served by the foundation. Refreshments will be available from the Harvester's 4-H Club and other vendors will be on hand. Rose Bainter and family will provide music throughout lunch time in the park.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this family fun day in Selden, said Judy Rogers, one of the organizers.

For more information, call Jacque Boultinghouse at (785) 386-4231 or Rogers at 386-8033.



JUDY ROGERS/Selden Community Foundation

A member of the Mini-Sappa Antique Thresher and Engine Club took aim at a bucket on the pavement in the washer-drop contest during last year's Selden Antique Tractor and Classic Car show.

