

On the road or the airstrip



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A group of cars filed down the airstrip at the Atwood-Rawlins County City-County Airport on May 18 after a series of drag races down the airstrip. They were in town that weekend for the annual Atwood Early Rod Run, where car owners raced and showed off 225 vintage rides.

Visitors Center celebrates Tourism Week

May went quickly and we thoroughly enjoyed our Tourism Week activities. The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was May 8. Thirty-two Colby Visitors Center volunteers and community leaders were in attendance. We are pleased to let you know that 21 volunteers worked last year greeting over 1,000 registered visitors.

The theme of this year's week was Power of Travel. For instance, according to a study commissioned by Kansas Wild Life, Parks and Tourism, each visitor generates about \$250 in expenditures. Every 217 visitors create a new job in Kansas and each visitor adds about \$182 to the gross state product.

The same firm, his Global Insight, also broke down tourism expenditures by county in 2011. They reported that Thomas County received \$77.93 million from tourists. The entire northwest region was \$419.4 million. Thomas County was second highest, with only Ellis County at \$143.25 million being higher. The report says that in Thomas County \$1.44 million was spent on entertainment, \$15.89 million on accommodations, \$16.50 million on transpor-



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tation, \$21.43 million on food and \$22.68 million shopping. Yes that is the power of travel.

This month we will be attending a Tour Kansas meeting in Salina, Travel Industry Associations of Kansas board meeting and educational seminar in Manhattan and Northwest Kansas Travel Council in Oberlin.

Summer will officially begin in June. We are so pleased that the Aquatic Park, new park and playground and walking trails are open.

Picnic in the Park begins Wednesday and will continue every Wednesday through July. The Convention and Visitors Bureau, Chamber of Commerce and the Colby Free Press are pleased to bring this event each summer. High Plains Co-op is holding their hot dog feed to benefit the Kiwanis Fireworks show at the first

picnic and entertaining you will be Monica and Karla Bugbee. Other entertainers in June include Perry and Terry Baird on June 12, Margie Schoenfeld on June 19 and Scott Cameron on the 26th. See you each and every week in Fike Park at noon. Bring your lawn chairs, lunch and the kids.

There are several camps which are being held in June. Colby Rec Department is holding the Legends basketball camp beginning Tuesday.

Prairie Museum of Art and History is holding Night at Museum Summer Camp beginning Monday, June 10.

Kids College will be Monday to Friday, June 17 to 21, at Colby Community College for children currently in the fifth through eighth grades. They will study biology, chemistry, crime scene investigation, art, music, web pages and will have lunch each day. Registration must be made by Monday.

Two special golf tournaments are the Sacred Heart tournament

Friday, June 7, and the Citizens Medical Center and Citizen Foundation tournament Friday, June 14.

Car races will be at 7 p.m. Sundays, June 9 and 23. Hot laps are at 6 p.m.

Agora "The Market Place" comes at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 8, to the Colby Methodist Church. There will be lots to buy and food as well.

"Management of Wheat in Northwest Kansas" will be at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, at the Kansas State University Northwest Research-Extension Center. Lunch is included.

Pioneer Memorial Library is holding a special event at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, June 17, with critters from Rolling Hills Zoo visiting.

Happy summer activities to all of you. Enjoy the sunshine. We hope to see you at Picnic in the Park!

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 May 21

4:28 a.m. - Callers reported two subjects fighting.
4:39 a.m. - Served three arrest warrants.
9:20 a.m. - Recovered property found at Fike Park brought to station. Report filed.
10 a.m. - Walk through at Colby Middle School.
1:19 p.m. - Returned item to Walmart.
3:21 p.m. - Identity theft report filed.

May 22

12:28 a.m. - Subject brought a dog to the Law Enforcement Center. Took to Colby Animal Clinic.
1:03 a.m. - Security check at Walmart.
8:54 a.m. - Caller reported two dogs at large. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.
10:05 a.m. - Welfare check
11:50 a.m. - Subject brought found debit card to station.
12:46 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious person knocking on his door. Not found.
9:18 p.m. - Welfare check.

Last Thursday

12:06 p.m. - Criminal damage to property report filed.
1:18 p.m. - Caller reported stalled vehicle on College Dr. Not found.
1:53 p.m. - Provided traffic control for stalled semi on S. Country Club Dr. and exit 54.
3:22 p.m. - Served arrest and detain order for Northwest Kansas Community Corrections.
6:11 p.m. - Caller reported rock thrown through back door window. No report, not criminal.
7:37 p.m. - Helped ambulance crew on call.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF May 21

12:02 a.m. - Released Jay Roulier.
1:42 a.m. - Booked Daniel Jacob Zimmerman.
6:13 a.m. - Booked Diana Jo Kanmore.
8:40 a.m. - Booked Anica Marie Wilson.
8:50 a.m. - Booked Darcy Lynn Stiner.
9:41 a.m. - Helped Rawlins County with accident.

10:37 a.m. - Released Kanmore.
10:40 a.m. - Released Wilson.
10:50 a.m. - Took two prisoners to Rawlins County.
10:53 a.m. - Helped motorist at Range and Davis.
1:36 p.m. - Booked Trevor John Lundgren.
2:06 p.m. - Released Stiner.
5:05 p.m. - Released Zimmerman.
11:54 p.m. - Colby P. Poage arrested in Norton County on warrant, cleared from Kansas Information Center.

May 22

10:48 a.m. - Booked Devon Keith Shapland.
11:11 a.m. - Released Shapland.

Last Thursday

9:24 a.m. - Criminal damage to property: caller reported damage at 315 Oak in Gem.
9:24 a.m. - Caller reported damage at 415 Elm in Gem.
10:49 a.m. - Released Diana Christine Jurik
11:11 a.m. - Booked Phillip Ortiz Jr.
11:26 a.m. - Released Phillip Ortiz Jr.
11:48 a.m. - Booked Shaun Michael Guard.
2:02 p.m. - Helped Highway Patrol on accident on I-70.
2:39 p.m. - Civil stand-by
3:56 p.m. - Booked David John Zerr.
4:07 p.m. - Caller reported adult son possibly using gas can in basement for illegal activities and had children in residence. Report filed.
4:40 p.m. - Released Heather Nicole Row.
5:42 p.m. - Booked Meagan Renee Weaver.
6:51 p.m. - Released Skyler Brittine Gilbert.
7:23 p.m. - Abusing toxic vapors report filed.
9:39 p.m. - Booked Shawn Michael West.
11:16 p.m. - Caller reported erratic driver at I-70 mile 44 east-bound. Not found to Levant.
11:36 p.m. - Provided directions to motorist at Montana Mike's.

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