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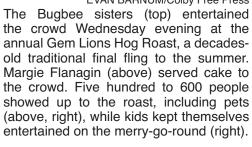
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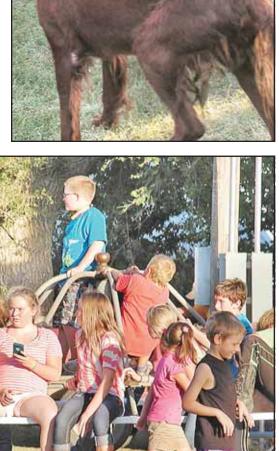


Gem grabs gusto









### Students satisfied; college could do more

By Heather Alwin

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Colby Community College students are generally satisfied with their school experience, according to a recent survey, but the school has some improvements to make.

The college scored below the study's top-performing schools in every measured area: active and collaborative learning, student effort, academic challenge, studentfaculty interaction and support for

It scored above average in active and collaborative learning they have better interactions with and student-faculty interaction, but below average in student effort, academic challenge and support for learners.

from the graduate satisfaction surfor current students. It helps the cent average. school benchmark its progress to said Dr. Stephen Vacik, the col- classes and discussions outside

Student responses indicated instructors than the average level among all the schools studied.

However, only 46.9 percent of students said they worked harder The survey, which is different than they thought they could to meet an instructor's expectations, vey the college got earlier, was compared to the study's 53.6-per-

The school also received belowsee changes over time and com- average ratings on student use of pare it with other similar schools, the computer lab, preparation for

The survey indicates Colby students may not be receiving all the support they need to succeed at the college, said Vacik. The school scored below-average in this area,

"I don't think it's that we don't offer (the services)," said Vacik.

He said the school does offer services in many areas, but students may not be aware of them or may not use them.

The school plans to repeat this survey again next year, Vacik said.

## Holiday to close businesses

As Labor Day weekend approaches, workers in the Colby area are planning a long weekend.

Many businesses and government offices are taking Monday off. Here is a list of who will be

Gas stations and most restaurant Office Complex. will be open, including Oasis/Petro Travel Center, Casey's General Store, Love's Country Store and 24/7 Travel Shoppe.

J&B Meat Market, Subway, open on Mondays. Arby's, Pizza Hut, Taco John's, Village Inn, El Dos de Oros, Starbucks and Sonic will all be open. City Limits Convention Center will be closed, and Gambino's Pizza and Montana Mike's are not open on Mondays.

Tubbs and Sons Ford Sales, Colby Dodge, P&D Auto and the Hi-Plains Co-op will be closed.

The Prairie Museum of Art and Bank, both locations. History and Colby Bowl and Fun Center will both be open.

open from 1 to 7 p.m. Saturday through Labor Day, and will then not. Palace Drug will be closed. close for the year.

Local government offices will be closed, including City Hall, the Colby Public Works Department. the Thomas County Courthouse, including the Thomas County Clerk's office and the District Court, and the Thomas County

The K-State Experiment Station, Veterans Affairs Office and Farm Service Agency will also be closed. The post office and driv-For restaurants, McDonalds, er's license exam station are not

> Colby Community College will be closed, along with the Colby, Golden Plains and Brewster school districts, Sacred Heart School and Heartland Christian School.

> Area banks will be closed, including Bank West, People's State Bank, Sunflower Bank, The Bank and Farmer's and Merchant's

Walmart, Dillon's and Dollar General will be open. The phar-The Colby Aquatic Park will be macy at Walmart will also be open, but Dillon's pharmacy will



A group of kids watched motorcycles lead the The World's Largest Truck Convoy up Range Avenue last year. Watch for the convoy again on Saturday, Sept. 7.

#### Truck convoy billed as World's Largest

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The World's Largest Truck Convoy is coming through town again this year to benefit Special Olympics Kansas.

Registration for the convoy starts at 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 6. Registration for trucks is \$100, and they are automatically entered into the truck and motorcycle show the same day in the parking lot of Oasis travel center. It costs \$25 for all other vehicles to register for the convoy, which will also register them for the "cruise night" on Friday.

The money goes to Special Olympics Kansas. In Kansas, the convoy included 101 trucks and

raised \$59,000 last year. Awards will be given to trucks and motorcycles registered in the

show. There will be a pulled-pork

dinner - with 300 pounds of pork - cooked by employees at Modern Woodman of America.

"We're hoping for a very large crowd Friday night," said volunteer Joe Mentlick, "We hope maybe 400 or 500 people show up and have supper with us.'

Entertainment starts at the same time, with D.J. Paul Heskett providing the entertainment. Anyone can eat for a free-will donation. A special olympics basketball scrimmage starts at 7:30 p.m., and the "cruise night," where vehicles will be cruising through town, starts at 8.

The fireworks show will start at dusk, weather permitting. Taz's Fireworks, a longtime sponsor,

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