

Fall season sees kids back at school, promotional events wrapping up

School bells have rung and Labor Day, the last hurrah for summer, is here. We are officially into the autumn season.

We look forward to those activities, but first will recap some of our activities from last month. The Tour Kansas Show in Oklahoma City was a success. Thirty three Kansas communities came together to showcase Kansas as a group tour destination for the 33-plus guests who attended. All seemed very receptive.

At the end of that week we worked the Midwest Hunt Fest in Wichita. We had the opportunity to visit with many folks about Colby, northwest Kansas and recreational opportunities. Finally we had the opportunity to greet new Colby Community College students with welcome packets at the Block Party. It is always great fun to greet the young people and welcome them to our community.

We just received the newest edition of *Kansas! Magazine* and are pleased to report that there is a nice three-page story about Colby, written by Fort Hays student Rachel Rayner. I had the opportunity to show her around town last spring. The magazine, published by the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, is available at



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• On the Road Again!

Dillon's if you would like to purchase a copy.

What can we look forward to doing in September? The Seventh Annual Northwest Kansas Truck Convoy will be next Friday and Saturday, Sept. 7. All activities will take place at Oasis-Petro Travel Center. Friday night events include dinner and entertainment at 5 p.m., Cruise Night at 8 p.m. and, weather permitting, a fireworks and truck and light show will be held at dusk. Saturday the convoy comes back to Colby from Oakley and Goodland. The truck and bike show are scheduled for noon along with lunch and the auction begins at 1 p.m.

Van's Car Show will be Saturday Sept. 14. Registration will be held between 9 a.m. and noon for rods, customs, classic bikes and trucks, which will be judged with awards at 3 p.m. There will be valve cover races and smoky burnout competition and rock and

roll music.

Colby Community College is sponsoring the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Rodeo at the Thomas County Fairgrounds Friday through Sunday, Sept. 20 to 22. Over 450 contestants from 26 colleges in Kansas and Oklahoma are expected to compete in five men's and five women's events. Performances will be at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday night and the finals will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday with only the top 10 in each event competing. You are promised top-notch rodeo action.

Don't miss the Party for the Pottys Barn Dance to be held the evening of Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Prairie Museum of Art and History. This is a fund raiser for restrooms and kitchenette at the Cooper Barn. Dinner will be served. The Mama's Boys will open the entertainment with the Bart Crow Band following. The band is billed as Texas Chart Topper and is a "red dirt" band. Watch for more details on this event.

The college lecture series features a former gun lobbyist, Richard Feldman, author of "Ricochet:

Confessions of a Gun Lobbyist" will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the Cultural Arts Center. There is no charge to attend. This speaker is part of the Max Pickerrill Lecture Series.

The Western Plains Arts Association is presenting Pan Jumbies at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15, at the Colby High School Auditorium. Pan Jumbies is a steel drum band playing sounds of the Caribbean.

The Colby High School varsity football opener is next Friday, with Oakley at Dennen Field.

Homecoming week will be Sept. 16 through 21. Dedication of the new eagle will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday the 18th. The homecoming bonfire will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Dennen Field and the parade will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday starting downtown and ending at the middle school. Friday's game will be with Ulysses at 7:30 p.m. The homecoming dance will be Saturday night beginning at 8 p.m. at the high school.

Fall is here and the activities are scheduled to go along with the season. Enjoy.

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

I need a home!



This stray dog, about four years old and possibly a Pomeranian-Pekinese mix, was picked up by the Colby Animal Clinic. To take her home, call the clinic at 460-8621.

Cattlemen's association plans seminar in LaCrosse on animal health, nutrition

The Kansas Cattlemen's Association and the LaCrosse Livestock Market are holding an Animal Health and Nutrition Seminar and prime rib supper at the LaCrosse Livestock Market Wednesday.

The supper will begin at 6 p.m. followed by presentations from Merck Animal Health, High Plains Nutrition Services, and Zoetis. The evening seminar will focus on nutrition factors during drought years, important vaccinations at

weaning time and key factors to consider when starting a growing program.

"We are going to have three short presentations that will provide a wealth of information to producers," said the association's Executive Director Brandy Carter. "This is a meeting that will help prepare for weaning and bring more profitability to cattle operations. We encourage folks to come out."

This meal and seminar are free

and open to the public. However, the association is asking that those interested in attending make reservations by Tuesday so that meal accommodations can be

made. Please call the association office at (785) 238-1483.

Guest speakers will be Bernie Tonroy, Dr. Justin Welch and Dr. Blane Corners.

CHIEF OF POLICE

The City of Wathena, Kansas (pop. 1348) is accepting applications for the full time position of Chief of Police. The Chief of Police is responsible for planning, organizing, and directing all activities of the Police Department. A college education is preferred but not required. Training and course work in criminal justice, law enforcement, or a closely related field is preferred. Work experience should include five years in police work and two years in a supervisory position. Possession of, or ability to obtain appropriate certification as a police officer in the State of Kansas. Applicant must pass background check, and psychological evaluation. Salary range DOQ. City benefit package includes health, dental, life insurance, vacation, holidays, and sick leave. Job requires living in the City limits. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Send resume or applications are available at the City Hall in Wathena, 206 St. Joseph Street, P.O. Box 27, Wathena, Kansas 66090. 1-785-989-4711. EOE.

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7TH ANNUAL NORTHWEST KANSAS WORLD'S LARGEST TRUCK CONVOY

Friday September 6, 2013

All events take place at the Oasis-Petro Travel Center 700 W. Horton, Colby.

Trucks can arrive any time after 4:00 p.m. Please park on the east end of the paved Oasis-Petro lot.

Schedule

5:00 p.m. Registration Opens
Registration for all entries into the Truck and Light Show, World's Largest Truck Convoy and the Car/Motorcycle "Cruise Night".

5:00 p.m. TAILGATE PARTY (Colby vs. Oakley Game)
Open to the public, please join us for food and beverages! Dinner will be under the tent. DJ Paul Heskett will entertain you, so dance the night away! (Free will donation)

7:30 p.m. Basketball Scrimmage
Local Special Olympics athletes ask you to join them in a game of basketball. Experience firsthand how Special Olympics moves our athletes from the sidelines to the playing fields!

8:00 p.m. "Cruise Night"
Fire up your engines and cruise through the streets of Colby for this throwback event of yesteryear! Open to all makes and models of cars and motorcycles. \$25 per entry to participate; includes entry into the Truck Convoy on Saturday. Sign up at the registration tables.

Dusk Fireworks & Truck and Light Show
Weather permitting, long-time Truck Convoy sponsor Taz's Fireworks, presents one of the best displays in Kansas! For best seats show up early. After the fireworks, the Truck and Light Show entries will turn on their truck lights and light up the parking lot!

Saturday, September 7, 2013

Pre-registered trucks and motorcycles must check-in at the registration table.

Eastern Leg

Starting Location: Mitten TA Travel Plaza Exit 76 on I-70 Oakley, KS

Time: 8:30 CT: Registration/Coffee & Donuts
10:00 CT: Convoy Starts

Western Leg

Starting Location: Wilken's Truck and Trailer 1840 W Highway 24, Goodland, KS

Time: 7:45 MT: Registration/Coffee & Donuts
9:00 MT: Convoy Starts

11:00 a.m. Convoy Parade through Colby (same route as last year)

Ending Location/Schedule
Oasis-Petro • 700 West Horton Avenue

Noon - Truck and Bike Show

- After traveling down I-70 to Colby the World's Largest Truck Convoy will be staged in the east parking lot for the Show.
- Truck Show entries will be judged on Best Bobtail and Athletes' Choice.
- Bike Show entries will be judged on Touring/ Dresser, Cruiser, Vintage, Custom, 3-wheeled, Scooters, Sport, Best of Show and Athlete's Choice.

Noon - Lunch Served
Open to the public, a free-will donation lunch will be served under the tent. Come out for some great food and good fellowship and check out the trucks and bikes of the World's Largest Truck Convoy!

1:00 p.m. Auction Begins
Bid on great auction items donated by local NW Kansas businesses - from housewares to truck items - there is sure to be something to please you!

3:00 p.m. Presentation of Awards

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Paige Evans

Paige Evans grew up south of Gove. She went to high school at Wheatland and graduated in 2012. Paige went on to continue her education and graduated from the Hays Academy of Hair Design in July 2013.

Paige is now taking appointments at Uptown Style in Colby, KS. She offers all hair services, manicures, pedicures and spray tanning. To schedule call 785-462-2383 or check us out online at www.uptownstyleonline.com or on Facebook.

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Western Views Photography Show

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All images are for sale.

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