

# Family

## All aboard!



PATTY DECKER/Colby Free Press

The Masonic Lodge and local High Plains Shrine Club are among many organizations this year doing their part to provide entertainment for families in the absence of a carnival. According to Steve Molstad, local Shriner, Thomas County fairgoers can enjoy a trip around the fairgrounds in style. ABOVE: Molstad was the engineer during the fair parade on Tuesday. The train, which was rented from Oakley Motors for use at the Thomas County fair, can seat 25 to 30 passengers. The train has two passenger cars, a caboose and an engine. Rides can be purchased at the "depot" located north of the grandstands.

## Wings Upon the Prairie plans open house event

By MAXINE NELSON  
Colby Free Press

Wings Upon the Prairie, Inc., will have a grand opening from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 14. The ribbon cutting will be at 10 a.m.

This is a consumer run organization, a nonprofit organization for people with severe mental health problems which provides a drop-in center where consumers can come for recreation, visiting and peer counseling, according to George Aumiller, president.

The center is located at 1980 West 4th in Colby, and is open Friday from 5-8 p.m.; Saturday 5-8 p.m.; and Sunday 2-8 p.m.

Those attending can be past or present consumers with mental illnesses.

The center offer peer counseling or assistance in getting other help. George

Aumiller is the president, Betty Grolebe is the vice-president, and Paula Bixenman is the secretary. The organization is sponsored by the Kansas SRS

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—8/1 & 8/2—

## Summer vacations could include trips around state

By GARY SHERRER

Kansas Lt. Gov error

Still haven't taken a vacation yet? Looking for a quick getaway before the kids go back to school? Want to take in some local color when the leaves turn this fall? Then you are in the right state because Kansas offers plenty of opportunity for travelers to hit the open road and explore many diverse attractions and annual events.

Kansans tend to forget that the legends of the Old West were born on the frontier plains and in the cattle towns of Kansas. You can still experience the cowboy heritage throughout the state, Wichita, Abilene and Dodge City are just a few of the towns that still capture the spirit of the American cowboy.

For those who want to "play" cowboy, the Kansas Championship Ranch Rodeo in Medicine Lodge, Sept. 28-29 features top ranch teams in the state competing in branding, penning, bronc riding, cowboy gear, wild cow milking and more.

The C.O.W.B.O.Ys Fall Roundup, Oct. 13-14 in Ellsworth is complete with an 1870 cowboy camp, chuckwagon, reenactments and cowboy ball. Abilene celebrates its western heritage role with the Chisholm Trail Day Festival, Oct. 6.

Need some fresh air? Most of America's remaining virgin prairie is located in Kansas on the beautiful rolling slopes of the Flint Hills. Visitors can take a hike through the prairie at the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve in Strong City, the only unit of the National Parks System dedicated to the

tallgrass prairie, or at the Konza Prairie in Manhattan. The Cimarron National Grasslands in the southwestern part of the state at Elkhart also offers hiking in a short grass ecosystem.

For those who want to move a little faster, grab your bike and head out on the 33 mile Prairie Spirit Trail — the state's only rail-to-trail bike path, located between Ottawa and Welda. Or grab your binoculars to discover another of the state's natural attractions: its wetlands.

Cheyenne Bottoms, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, and the Big Salt Marsh offer a refuge for a variety of bird and animal life.

Want something new? Then try some of the newer attractions in the state. The Rolling Hills Refuge Wildlife Conservation Center in Salina offers the opportunity to see rare and exotic animals.

The new Van Gogh 80-foot high Sunflower painting in Goodland is part of a worldwide project and is the only place in the U.S. where you can see this mammoth artwork. Start your engines and head to the new Kansas Speedway in Kansas City for a race that is sure to get you in the fast lane. Visit the Kansas Cosmosphere in Hutchinson to see the Apollo Space Gallery when it opens in early September.

The state has several scenic byways that offer a chance to get off the main road and see some spectacular scenery, small towns and historic attractions.

For a Kansas State Travel Guide, call 1-800-2KANSAS or visit the state tourism web site: www.travelks.com

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# The Business Directory

## Community Calendar

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

Brown bag AI Anon (non-smoking), 775 E. College Drive, noon  
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.  
Fair - Races Cruiser Classic, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

Fair - Pioneer Day - VFW, 11:30 a.m.  
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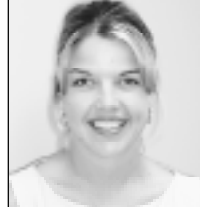
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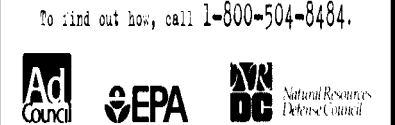
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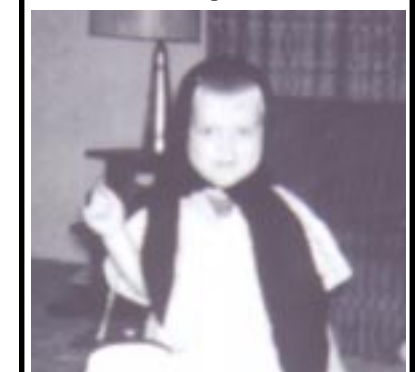
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