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Viewing exhibits



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Lucille Jennings, left, assistant curator of the Fick Fossil and History Museum in Oakley, answered questions from Vickie Halbleib of Oakley, who was visiting the facility. Jennings has been working at the museum as a part-time employee for 17 years helping people understand the many facets of the fossil collections and other historic artifacts. Those viewing the exhibits can expect to see displays of more than 11,000 shark teeth and countless fossils found in the Monument Rocks area of Scott, Gove, Lane and Logan counties. In addition, the museum has silent stories of the prairie designed by local artists and much more. The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.; on Sundays, the hours are from 2 to 4 p.m., Jennings said.

Logan County fair kicks off next week; lots to do

By MICHELLE L. HAWKINS
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With less than a week to go, Oakley area residents are gearing up for this year's Logan County Fair. The schedule is filled with events for the entire family starting July 16 and running through July 20. The theme is, "The Magic's in the Air."

The Tri-County Amusement's Home Owned Carnival will operate each evening at 7 p.m. and will run until the end of the grandstand event. Logan County 4-Hers will have exhibits set up throughout the fair in the 4-H building, which opens Tuesday through Friday at 8 a.m., and will close those nights at 10 p.m. Judging of different exhibits,

animals, and projects will be held throughout the course of the fair.

Awards for the 4-Hers will be held on Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Annie Oakley Park.

This year's grandstand events will begin nightly at 7:30 and will feature a free Christian concert on Tuesday, a family night of games on Wednesday, KPRA rodeo on Thursday, a demolition derby on Friday and the truck and tractor pull on Saturday. Admission on Wednesday will be \$5 for adults while children 12 and under will be free. Thursday and Friday adults will be \$8, children 6-12 will be \$5 and those under 5 will be free. For Saturday night, adults will be \$10, children 6-12 will

be \$7 and once again those under 5 will be free.

Grandstand ticket books are also available for purchase. For a family book, the price will be \$50, a single adult book will be \$20, or for children ages 6-12 books will be sold for \$10.

Saturday will be packed with many closing events including an Old Settler's Breakfast in the school cafeteria for those who are 60 and older, a parade down Center Avenue at 10 a.m., and a BBQ at the park which will include a Kids' Peddle-Tractor Pull at 5 p.m. With a full week of events, organizers are encouraging everyone to bring out the family for a week of fun at the Logan County Fair.

Thomas County Nine-Run-Run to have new bicycle event this year

By PATTY DECKER
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For the seventh year, Thomas County Emergency Medical Services is hosting its Nine-Run-Run fund-raising event and has added a new activity as well, said Kathi Wright, one of the coordinators.

"This year we will have a Nine-Ride-Ride, which will be a 53 K bike ride," she said, "and all proceeds from the event will help in raising money for equipment on our ambulances."

The event is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 3, beginning with registration at 7 a.m. and followed by the bicycle ride

at 7:30 a.m., running events at 8 a.m., and walking events at 8:30 a.m.

"Finisher ribbons will be presented to all who complete the 2K Fun Run/Walk," Wright said, "and medals will be given to the top male and female winners of each age group in the 2K Fun Run and the 5K Run."

Cash prizes will be awarded, she said, to the top male and female overall winners in the 10K run with medals given to the top three finishers in each age division for both male and female. As in year's past, refreshments will be provided at the finish line for all participants and the awards cer-

emony will be held once all participants have finished in all the events.

There will also be drawings for various other prizes, and special awards given for the youngest and the oldest entrant in either "running" event, Wright said.

"We even will have gasoline coupons given away to the participants traveling the farthest distance," she said.

For information, questions or to get an entry form, call the Thomas County EMS office at (785) 462-4585 or write to the office at 1275 S. Franklin, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Republicans want Bush proposed penalties attached to oversight bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — As an accounting oversight bill moves toward Senate passage this week, Republicans want Democrats to attach penalties President Bush says are needed to fight corporate wrongdoing.

Democrats say they want tougher penalties than those Bush proposed in a speech Tuesday.

Bush, who traveled to the heart of New York City's financial district to deliver the speech, called for doubled prison terms and aggressive policing to stem fraud and corruption in scandal-tarred corporate America, promising to do "everything in our power to end the

days of cooking the books."

"We will use the full weight of the law to expose and root out corruption," he pledged.

Bush has given only qualified support to the bipartisan accounting bill, which would create an independent private body with authority to discipline auditors and establish auditing and ethics rules.

The measure also would limit the consulting work that accounting firms can do for their audit clients — a step fiercely opposed by the accounting industry, a major contributor to lawmakers' campaign funds.

If the Senate passes the bill, it still has to be reconciled with a version that passed the Republican-led House in April. That bill has been criticized by consumer groups and some Democrats as too weak to bolster investor confidence.

The White House, in a statement Tuesday, said it supports the Senate bill's goals but — among other objections — is concerned that it "rigidly defines accounting services boundaries by (law) without reference to the size and needs of public companies in a rapidly changing marketplace."

Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott,

R-Miss., meanwhile, asked Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., to bundle into a bipartisan amendment Bush's proposals that require legislation — including doubled sentences for mail and wire fraud, and increased penalties for document shredding. Most of Bush's initiatives don't call for new laws; many just urge companies and executives to adopt them.

Daschle has been working on just such an amendment bundling Bush's proposals, provided they don't weaken a Democratic measure that would create new criminal penalties for securities fraud, Daschle spokeswoman

Ranit Schmelzer said.

Democrats were miffed at Bush's lack of support for that measure, which they are seeking to attach to the accounting legislation.

And they scoffed at his proposal to give the Securities and Exchange Commission — pursuing civil investigations of several big corporations — an extra \$100 million.

It "hardly puts a cop on the street," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn. The accounting bill, written by Senate Banking Committee Chairman Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., calls for \$776 million for the SEC to hire some 200 au-

ditors and investigators.

A relentless stream of revelations of accounting misdeeds at big corporations in recent months has eroded public confidence in corporate America. Tens of thousands have been laid off — 17,000 at WorldCom alone — and millions have lost retirement savings, handing Democrats a key issue just months before the congressional elections and putting Bush on the defensive.

As Bush spoke in New York, Democrats on Capitol Hill assailed his corporate responsibility address as long on rhetoric and short on action.

WeatherWatch Colby-Oakley areas

The numbers
Tuesday's high, 101
Low this morning, 67
Year ago today, 95 and 68
Temperature at 10:45 today, 85
Rainfall past 24 hours, 0.00
Month's rainfall, trace
Soil temp, 86
Records for July 10:
108, 1938
42, 1905
The forecast
Look for today's high to top out at around 94. Tonight, clear skies, lows near 60 and north winds 5-15 mph. Thursday, sunny, highs in the lower 90s and northeast winds 5-10 mph. Thursday night, clear, lows near 60. Friday, sunny, highs in the 90s. No mention of precipitation during the period. (*Temperatures and precipitation are from the Northwest Research-Extension Center, unless otherwise noted. Forecast is from the National Weather Service.*)

Congressional filing season finally comes to a close

TOPEKA (AP) — Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh stared at his watch as 5 p.m. approached and brought down the gavel with a resounding bang. Finally, the congressional filing season for Kansas had ended.

"Thereby declare the filing deadline for United States Congress closed," Thornburgh said with a smile Tuesday at his office.

Absent something extraordinary, the delayed deadline sets the ballot for the four congressional districts in the Aug. 6 primary and Nov. 5 general elections.

The original filing deadline was noon June 24. But a federal lawsuit challenging the state's new congressional redistricting law extended the deadline to Tuesday for U.S. House candidates only.

Last week, three federal judges upheld the new districts. Had they delayed ruling beyond Tuesday, Thornburgh would have asked them to push the primary back to Aug. 27.

The only candidate filing Tuesday was Topeka lawyer Dan Lykins, running as a Democrat in the 2nd District. In November, he faces Republican Jim Ryun, seeking a fourth term with part of Lawrence added to his district.

"Oh, I definitely think it's a seat we can win," said Tom Sawyer, state Democratic Party chairman. "I don't think the people of Lawrence feel very comfortable with Jim Ryun as their representative." But Kari Austin, state GOP executive director, isn't worried. "I think Ryun is in a very strong position and nothing about redistricting changed that at all," Austin said.

Austin said the real contest will be the 3rd District, that includes the Kansas City metropolitan area.

Two Republicans — Jeff Colyer of Overland Park and Adam Taff of Lake Quivira — are battling each other for the chance to take on incumbent Democrat Dennis Moore in November.

Now, for the lights



DARREL PATTILLO/Colby Free Press

Workers with B&W Contracting of Salina were busy Tuesday afternoon installing the new traffic lights at the intersection of Range and Davis/Zelfer avenues in Colby. The new lights will begin operating sometime Thursday, according to Gerry Bieker, the city's public works director. The lights will flash north and south, and east and west, to allow drivers to become accustomed to them. They should be fully operational by Monday or Tuesday.

Briefly

Logan commissioners to meet

The Logan County Commissioners have scheduled their next meeting for 8:30 a.m. on Monday morning in the commissioner's room of the courthouse. No agenda items were available.

Fair board to meet Thursday

The Thomas County Fair Board will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Building on the fairgrounds. Agenda items include: the rodeo, fair parade, advertising for the races, meat donations and sponsors for the BBQ, the Wall of Support, the David Keller Memorial,

the Ty England concert, and the 2003 budget. The public is invited.

Hospital board meets tonight

The Logan County Hospital board will meet at 7 p.m. tonight in the residence dining room of the hospital in Oakley. No agenda items were noted as of press time.

Food share registration announced

Sign up for the Heartland Food Share will be from July 8-12 at State Farm Insurance, Colby. The delivery date for the food share will be July 27. For more information call

462-3579 or 462-3733.

Household waste site to open

The Thomas County Household Hazardous Waste Facility will be open on from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, July 13, said Sandy Swob, director. "This is a great time to bring old paints, stains, varnish, thinners, cleaning products, lawn and garden chemicals, automotive parts, batteries and other acceptable items for disposal," she said. The facility is free and open to all Thomas County households, she said. No business waste will be accepted and used motor oil should be taken to the county landfill for recycling. For questions, call Swob at 462-4525.

Water garden tour scheduled

Citizens Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary is sponsoring a *water garden tour* on Sunday, July 21, from 2 to 5 p.m., said Bev Biel, one of the coordinators. Tickets and tour booklets are \$6 and can be purchased at Goodheart Landscaping, the hospital gift shop or any Colby bank, she said.

Recycling center takes phone books

The Thomas County Recycling Center is taking old telephone books at its collection site, 720 E. College Dr. in Colby. Those wanting to drop off the books should use the magazine bins, coordinators said.

