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Sky's the limit

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The third annual Colby Fly-In at the airport on Saturday drew an estimated 800 people, airport manager Mark Ostmeyer said. He called it a "tremendous crowd."

More than 50 aircraft made the flight into Colby, coming from as far away as Enid, Okla., and Kansas City, Mo. "We had more aircraft this time than ever before," said Carol Severson, who assisted Ostmeyer with the show.

In addition to the more regular small planes that attended the fly-in, there were military trainers from World War II, as well as two Stearman Bi-planes, which were used to train pilots in the 1920s and '30s.

"We had three of the T-6 trainers make the show," Ostmeyer said.



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Pilot Dick Jensen talked with a group of kids at Saturday's Colby Fly-in at the Colby airport. Jensen flew into Colby in a World War II T-6 Air Force trainer. Over 800 people attended the fly-in, which had over 50 aircraft on display from as far away as Enid, Okla., and Kansas City, Mo.

Rides were given to the first 100 people who registered. "We could have kept the pilots going all day," Severson said. "But we didn't want to tire them out." Ostmeyer said that he plans on changing a few things for next year.

"We were pretty much done by about 12:30," he said. "People were still coming out, and they wanted to know where everybody was. I think next year we'll probably try to spread things out more, so we have a full day."

Ostmeyer said that the event raised a lot of money for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County, but said the tally wasn't completed.

Special projects at the airport will also benefit from the event.

Commissioners approve update of 911 console

By **MICHELLE L. HAWKINS**
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The Thomas County Commissioners gave the go-ahead to improve the 911 console in the dispatch office of the Law Enforcement Center at their Monday meeting.

In their Sept. 18 meeting, Thomas County Undersheriff Mike Baughn presented them with the update request. The current console used at the center is compatible with 800 megahertz, but was not programmed to use it. The Kansas Highway Patrol and local Kansas Bureau of Investigation officers have radios that transmit on 800 megahertz, and are unable to contact officers from the Colby Police Department and Thomas County Sheriff's Office directly.

With local officers not being compatible to the 800 megahertz frequency, the dispatch officer currently has to "relay" messages between officers from a hand-held radio to local officers via the current system. The commissioners were told that the upgrade would take care of this problem.

The concern with the communication barrier was in an instance where time was of the essence, and a "middle man" could complicate and hamper emergency efforts of the agencies involved, Baughn said.

Commissioner Ron Evans said he didn't want the lack of current equipment to be the cause of not saving the life of an officer or anyone involved in a 911 call.

Prior to the meeting, commissioner visited the Law Enforcement Center to see how the console worked and to talk with operators about its drawbacks.

The commissioners approved the \$6,814 upgrade and said the funds would be taken out of the 911 fund.

In other business:

- A letter from Sandy Swob, director of the Hazardous Household Waste

to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, was read and discussed. Suggestions for improvement were made by the department and Swob had written a reply to say they had been made.

"Sandy's doing a good job down there. The commissioner are very happy with her efforts and encourage people to take use of the facility," said Evans.

- The commissioners reviewed the resignation of fair board member Cheryl Baird. There was no discussion on a specific replacement. The commissioners approved the resignation with regret.

"Cheryl has done a wonderful job," said Evans.

- Reports from both the Thomas County Highway Department and the Thomas County Landfill were reviewed.

- Larry Jumper along with Chris Miller and Thaniel Monaco from Miller and Associates of McCook, Neb., addressed the commissioners on the permit application for the new landfill.

A decision to amend the application to separate areas of the landfill was made. Miller said that under the current proposed permit, there were some risks for shutting down the entire landfill if a well was tested above limits.

With the amended permit, the landfill would be treated in as if it were two separate sections.

With the new proposal, if a well were to test hot, only that specific section would have to be shut down.

The commissioners agreed with Miller and said that by doing an amended permit, there would be less risk in the long run.

The next meeting of the commissioners will be Monday, Oct. 14, at 9 a.m. in the commissioners room of the courthouse.

No formal charges yet filed in Brewster incident

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Reports from the Thomas County Sheriff's Office today indicate that Adam F. Juenemann, who is alleged to have videotaped high school girls showering after a volleyball tourna-

ment in Brewster on Saturday, Sept. 28, has not as yet been formally charged in the case.

Juenemann was arrested after girls in the locker room noticed a red light, indicating a video camera was recording, coming from a utility access area

between the walls and contacted their coach.

Juenemann remains in the Thomas County Jail pending the filing of formal charges. C.D. Hopper, investigator for the Thomas County Sheriff's Office said the recommendation of

charges has been sent to County Attorney Allen Taylor, but he is reviewing the case and has not made a formal filing at this time.

Hopper said other warrants are being pursued in the case to determine if this was in fact an isolated incident.

There's no time to wait Bush calls Saddam Hussein a 'homicidal dictator'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House and Senate prepared to take a step toward war by giving President Bush authority to use military force against Iraq's Saddam Hussein, whom the president labeled a "homicidal dictator" and the world's greatest threat to peace.

Both houses were to begin formal debate today and hoped to conclude by Thursday night, with expectations they would approve a resolution providing the president wide latitude to take military action to disarm Saddam of chemical, biological or nuclear weapons and, if possible, depose the Iraqi leader.

In a somber address to the nation Monday evening, Bush said the threat from Iraq was unique and imminent and there was no time to wait for final proof that Saddam had developed a nuclear capability — "the smoking gun — that could come in the form of a mushroom cloud."

"While there are many dangers in the world, the threat from Iraq stands alone because it gathers the most serious dangers of our age in one place," the president said.

Bush told a Cincinnati audience in his televised speech that Saddam was "a homicidal dictator who is addicted to weapons of mass destruction," and that if he succeeds in obtaining nuclear weapons to add to his biological and chemical stockpiles, he "would be in a position to black-

mail anyone who opposes his aggression."

The House has allotted 21 hours to debate what House International Relations Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., a chief sponsor of the White House-backed resolution, called "one of the most consequential questions we will deal with for years to come."

That resolution urges the United Nations to enforce strict new rules on inspecting Iraq and eliminating its weapons of mass destruction, while giving the president the authority to act unilaterally if the United Nations fails to crack down on the Iraqi threat. It also requires the president to notify Congress, no later than 48 hours after commencing military action, on why diplomatic efforts were inadequate.

Bush said congressional authorization of a military strike "does not mean that military action is imminent or unavoidable. The resolution will tell the United Nations, and all nations, that America speaks with one voice and is determined to make the demands of the civilized world mean something."

Both the House and Senate will also vote on more narrowly drawn alternatives, backed mainly by Democrats, that would authorize force only to deal with the Iraqi weapons buildup and allow unilateral action against Iraq only after the United Nations fails to act or Iraq refuses to cooperate with demands for unfettered inspections.

There was little doubt, however, that the Bush-backed language would win out in the end, probably by a sizable margin.

At the United Nations, the United States on Monday continued talks to gain approval for a Security Council resolution accusing Iraq of violating past resolutions, specifying what it must do and threatening force if it were to refuse. Britain supports the United States, but the other three veto-wielding members of the Security Council — France, China and Russia — have questioned the need for a new resolution.

Democrats stressed Monday that the lack of international unity on Iraq would make a U.S. attack on Iraq significantly more dangerous and difficult.

Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., a potential presidential candidate who came out early for a tough stance against Iraq, said in a speech that the Bush administration was following a policy of "gratuitous unilateralism" where it "seems to confuse leadership with going it alone and engagement with the compromise of principle."

Rep. John Spratt, D-S.C., said unilateral action should be avoided if possible. "Instead of being the United Nations versus Iraq ... this war will be the United States versus Iraq; and in some quarters, the United States versus Muslims and Arabs," he said.

While Bush's job approval rating

remains high, a new CBS-New York Times poll showed that a solid majority of Americans believe he should give U.N. weapons inspectors time to act.

More than a third of Americans fear the economy will worsen if the United States attacks Iraq, and half think military action against Iraq would increase the risk of terrorist attacks.

Pentagon officials planned to brief reporters Tuesday on what Bush referred to as Iraq's 11-year history, since the end of the Gulf War, of "deceit, deception and bad faith."

The president gave a glimpse of that in his speech, saying U.S. intelligence shows Iraq to be building manned and unmanned aerial vehicles that could be used to target the United States with chemical or biological weapons.

He said Saddam has called numerous meetings with his "nuclear mujahedeen — his nuclear holy warriors," and satellite photographs show that Iraq is rebuilding sites that have been part of his nuclear program in the past.

One senior Republican who had previously voiced doubts about a military attack on Iraq, House Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas, announced Monday that, after extensive briefings with administration officials, he had decided to vote for the resolution.

WeatherWatch Colby-Oakley area

The numbers
Monday's high, 72
Low this morning, 38
Year ago today, 84 and 38
Temperature at 10:15 a.m., 58
Colby's 24-hr. rainfall, 0.00
Oakley's 24-hr. rainfall, 0.00
Records for Oct. 8, 91 in 1928, 24 in 1970

The forecast
Tonight, partly cloudy, lows in the lower 40s. Wednesday, partly sunny, highs in the upper 60s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy, lows in the lower 40s. Thursday, mostly sunny, highs in the mid 70s.

Colby Water Usage
• Oct. 7 = 1,572 million gallons

Briefly

Public meeting slated Thursday

A public meeting for all interested persons in Colby and the surrounding area will be held on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Colby Community Building, said John Kern, president of the newly-formed Area Citizens for Health Care. The purpose of the meeting, he said, is to discuss issues related to insuring the continued quality health care or all citizens, and allowing all doctors to serve their patients in Citizens Medical Center. "We wish to work towards the development of the medical community and positioning of Citizens Medical Center as the health care leader in northwest Kansas," he said, "and we wish to bring about unity between the citizens of our medical community and the Citizens Medical Center and its board of directors." This is an open meeting for everyone and we encourage all in the area to attend. For questions, call Kern at 462-2969 or any of the other 10 board members associated with the new group.

School to hold festival, fun night

The public is invited to the Fall Festival and Family Fun Night

hosted by Heartland Christian School in Colby on Oct. 31 from 6:30-9 p.m. "Join us for an evening of games, prizes, and fun for the entire family at 1995 West Forth Street," said a school spokesman.

For more information call the school at 462-6419.

Fair Board to meet Thursday

The Thomas County Fair Board will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Thomas County 4-H Building at the fairgrounds. Agenda items include straw removal from east of the race track, the carnival, next year's fair parade, a contract with E&G promotions, grounds keeper replacement, and Cheryl Baird's resignation.

The public is invited.

Legion feed on tap Saturday

A pancake and sausage feed is scheduled Saturday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Colby American Legion. Cost is \$3. Proceeds will be used for community service projects. The public is encouraged to come out and support community needs.

Sign up currently underway

SHARE sign up is currently underway through Friday. You can sign up for this month's share by talking with Bonnie King at State Farm Insurance. Delivery date is set for Saturday, Oct. 26, at 9 a.m. at the Sacred Heart School gym.

Seniors to hold 'Potato Bar'

The Senior Progress Center is holding a "fund-raising" Potato Bar, at the center on Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be a selection of toppings for the potatoes, plus cake, coffee and tea. The free-will donation will be used to help with daily expenses.

Senior art will be on display in conjunction with the Potato Bar event.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Law, Elders Week activity set

National Elders and Law Week will be Oct. 7-11. There will be a presentation for all seniors about the court system Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m.

Statue's life atop Capitol Dome not long lasting

TOPEKA (AP) — State officials hope that when workers hoist a statue of a Kansas Indian atop the state Capitol a second time it will stay there permanently.

A crane moved "Ad Astra" into place Monday afternoon, only to lower it back down a few hours later because of a problem with the bolts fastening it to its lofty perch.

Seventeen bolts are supposed to connect a plate at the base of the statue

to another plate at the top of a tower on the dome.

With the statue held only a few feet above ground, workers were to remove those bolts, rethread the holes for them in the statue's base, then reattach the bolts.

The statue was to rise to the dome again sometime today.

Ad Astra's ascent by crane Monday afternoon was supposed to end decades of disputes and budget wrangling.

Former sheriff pleads guilty

HUTCHINSON (AP) — Former Reno County Sheriff Larry Leslie and his business partners pleaded guilty Monday to misdemeanor charges just before their bribery trial was scheduled to begin.

Leslie, Hutchinson attorney Gerald Hertach and Hertach's MgtGp Inc. pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor

counts of participating in prohibited contracts — meaning they had a conflict of interest. In exchange for the plea, all 21 bribery counts against them were dropped.

They face a maximum of six months in jail and a \$100,000 fine. The three defendants also agreed to pay \$750,000 in restitution.

