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Weekend fair highlights



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(Left) Brandon Brier 5, and his brother, Austin, 3, appeared a little apprehensive on the children's Ferris wheel, Friday, during the Thomas County Fair. Parents are Ron and Kim Brier of

Colby, and according to their mom, Brandon was excited about the ride, but Austin was a bit unsure if he liked it or not. Carnival activities concluded Saturday night.



LEFT: Colton Rundel of the Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club showed off his lamb in the sale ring during the annual 4-H auction at the Thomas County Free Fair Friday. Cattle, sheep, goats and swine were up for grabs during the event held at the livestock barn at



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the fairgrounds. **RIGHT:** The Logan County Drill Team was one of the winners at the Thomas County Free Fair parade in downtown Colby Saturday. The group won the horse and saddle club category.

County health building gets extra protection

By Tisha Cox

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Security at the Thomas County Health Department was on the agenda at Monday's Thomas County commissioners meeting. Department administrator Juanita Dewey came to ask the commissioners about installing locks on the windows at her department. The commissioners did approve the request, and the money will come out of the health department's budget.

She had an estimate from Colby Glass for \$349 for 34 slide-on locks for the windows, two in each room.

Dewey said the locks are removable and the number of locks included the lobby, and the locks can be installed in-house because they are easy to use.

Chairman Ron Evans asked why she couldn't just have locks installed just in the vaccine room. None of the windows at the health department have locks right now, Dewey said.

An air conditioning unit at the courthouse was also a concern. Floyd Highland of Midwest Energy told the commissioners that the unit that cools hall on the main floor has

rusty condensation pan and is dripping water.

He estimated it would cost \$1,500-\$2,000 for a new blower unit to replace the pan and other parts. Highland said he could get a new pan for the unit, but the commissioners told him to see if someone locally could fabricate a new one out of stainless steel or aluminum. The original pan was steel and rusted out.

"That's what I'd try first," said commissioner Ken Christiansen.

They also discussed the courthouse break room. County Clerk Shelly Harms said they were thinking about getting a recliner for the break room, along with fixing loose carpeting. Evans told Christiansen and commissioner Paul Steele to look at the different floor options available and get back with him.

Harms also said the break room could also be improved if emergency management director Jim Engel moves his office to the Thomas County Office Complex. She said they could move some office equipment into that space and dedicate the break room to its sole purpose.

Colby students to enroll Tuesday

By Tisha Cox

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School in Thomas County starts next week. However, everything gets under way this week with enrollment.

Colby's enrollment starts Tuesday morning at 7 a.m. and runs through 4 p.m. at the Colby High School Commons for returning students. Enrollment for new students will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday. Parents will enroll their student at the building where they will be attending school.

According to information from the district, new students older than 9-years-old must have proof of a physical in the past 12 months, along with their birth certificate. They must also have immunization records which show the child has been vaccinated for diphtheria, whooping cough, poliomyelitis, tetanus, rubella, German measles and mumps.

Hepatitis B shots are also recommended.

At enrollment, parents will have

to pay for book rental, which is \$38 for all students in the district.

The first day of class for Colby students will be Thursday, Aug. 18. Kindergarten classes start at 8:10 a.m. and classes let out at 3:29 p.m.

Grades six through eight begin at 8:07 p.m. and get out at 3:29 p.m.

Classes for grades nine through 12 start at 8 a.m. and end at 3:18 p.m.

Sacred Heart School enrollment is also on Tuesday. It will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school's lobby. Classes also start on Aug. 18.

Heartland Christian School enrollment is going on now until school starts on Aug. 18 also.

Other enrollment dates vary around the county.

Golden Plains enrollment will be at Selden and Rexford for its students. Enrollment is Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. both days. The first day of class is Thursday, Aug. 25.

The Brewster school district already had enrollment Aug. 2-4. Their classes start on Aug. 18.

Fire destroys everything

A fund has been set up for contributions for a Monument couple who lost their home and all their possessions in a fire on Thursday, Aug. 4. The couple, Daryl and Jennie Wolf, farm near

Monument.

The fund, said Vonna Schertz, of Monument, has been set up at Farmer's State Bank, 100 Center Ave., in Oakley, for those who wish to contribute.

Suspicious incident ends with no problems

By Patty Decker

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Colby police and the K-9 unit responded to a "suspicious incident" at about 10:20 p.m., Friday, at Colby Medical and Surgical Center on Range Avenue.

Initial concerns by one of the clinic's employees started after she noticed a back door to the building was unlocked and an unidentified man appeared to be heading toward the door, said Colby Police Officer Kevin Diercks.

After locking the door and continuing to finish closing up for the night, the employee told Diercks

that she noticed lights on in areas of the building that were believed to have already been shut off.

The concern was that someone had entered the clinic prior to the back door being locked.

Not knowing if someone had entered, the employee called police, he said.

After making the call, staff members still at the clinic waited for police outside the building.

Diercks said the K-9 unit went through the building — upstairs and downstairs — and after nothing was discovered, the all-clear was made at 11:20 p.m.

Reunion tournaments begin Thursday

By Patty Decker

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Colby High School's All-School Reunion starts Friday and will continue through Sunday with lots of parties, assemblies, dances and more planned. In addition to activities beginning Friday, reunion organizers are also reminding everyone about the golf and tennis tournament starting Thursday.

Starting at 8 a.m. is the tennis tournament at Fike Park and Colby Community College with the golf tournament scheduled for 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Colby Country Club.

One priority taking place Tuesday, said Bernice Skiles, with the alumni committee, is getting packets ready for registration. Anyone who can volunteer time to assemble packets is asked to meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, at Colby High School.

Registration packets will then be ready for pick up on Friday at the Colby High School gymnasium between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tours of the high school and refreshments will also be available during those hours.

For those who have not registered

yet, Sharon Bieker, also on the committee, said there is still time to do so either online at eaglesalumni.org or by calling her at 460-3321.

Included in this year's registration fee, she said, is admittance to class parties on Friday, general assembly, barbecue and dances on Saturday, and the 2005 alumni directory. Other events on Friday will include class parties and get-togethers. For those who graduated in 1950 or earlier, meet at Comfort Inn from noon until 3 p.m. Graduates from 1951-60 will meet at the Colby Country Club at 7 p.m.; 1961-1972 will meet at 7 p.m. at Comfort Inn; 1973-1982 at the American Legion starting at 7 p.m.; 1983-1990 graduates will meet at 7 p.m. at the VFW; and 1991 to 2005 graduates will be meeting at Twisters, also at 7 p.m.

Class pictures are also scheduled for Friday at the same locations as where classes are meeting. All times will be included in the registration packet.

Along with the larger get-togethers, some individuals are also planning parties. Paul and Sharon Steele, 965 Prairie View, will have

a "Class of 1953" gathering on Saturday after the assembly and picnic at about 2 p.m.

"Class of 1961" members are invited to Shirley (Donn) Parnell's home at 2820 N. Range Ave. also just after the picnic.

St. Thomas Lodge of Colby will open a special meeting for all Freemasons to honor and welcome the graduates that are members of the fraternity. The lodge will open at 1:30 p.m.

Lamoreaux (Van Horn) Fulwider is having a "Class of 1970" barbecue at her home, 580 W. Pine, about 6 p.m. Other parties are included in the registration packet or will be made available on Friday.

Saturday will kick off with the general assembly starting at 11 a.m. until noon. Assembly highlights include the Bald Eagle Band and the Eagle Feather Chorus along with award winners and the election of the alumni association board.

The picnic begins at 12:30 p.m.; with basketball horse tournament on the courts at Fike Park at 2:30 p.m. Non-dancers reception is planned at the Colby Country Club at 8 p.m. and dances will be held

starting at 9 p.m. in two locations — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Colby Community Building (live band) and the other at Comfort Inn, same time with a disc jockey.

Sunday will be open for those to worship at the church of their choice and at 10 a.m., an all-faith church service is planned in the Community Building's little theatre.

In conjunction with the 2005 Colby Alumni Reunion, the Thomas County Historical Society and Prairie Museum of Art and History is honoring 23 individuals who were nominated by alumni, friends and family to the High Flying Eagles: Colby High School Wall of Honor.

Honorees will be featured in the exhibit, High Flying Eagles: CHS Wall of Honor and recognized at a reception at the Thomas County Historical Society/Prairie Museum of Art and History on Friday at 2 p.m. during the reunion. The public is invited and there is no admission charge.

Also featured with the wall of honor will be an exhibit which includes memorabilia and uniforms from Colby High School.

