

# Family

## Summer is behind us

Summer is gone and school is back in session. A great summer it was including Picnic in the Park during June and July. Special thank yous go to Homeland Real Estate for providing complimentary ice cream treats to the audience, to Bill Summers for sound, to the phenomenal entertainment who so willingly gave of their time and talents and to the Colby Free Press for their sponsorship with us and finally to all of you who attended.

What a great way to spend a summer lunch hour.

Rod Run, Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass Festival, All-School Reunion, Thomas County Fair, MAYB and softball and baseball tournaments, Little League, swimming and Swim Club meets, Relay for Life, stock car races and family reunions were just a few opportunities we had to showcase our community and to make Colby a better place in which to live.

We had an opportunity to visit with many travelers at the visitor's center who were very impressed with our facilities and hospitality.

It makes one proud to live in Colby...the Oasis on the Plains.

We have another opportunity to put our best foot forward with the Celebration on the High Plains which will be held Sept. 10 beginning at noon.

We're planning a great day of music, family fun, chili cook off, games for the kids, motorcycle and antique tractor shows and even Calamity Jane in attendance.

There will be lots of food including a free watermelon feed. The grand finale is the concert by Heather Shelly, a very talented northwest Kansas talent.

You won't want to miss a minute of this exciting day to be held at the Prairie Museum of Art

### Leilani Thomas

#### ●On the Road Again

Another fun September event will be the Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament to be held Sept. 22.

This is always a great day of fun and fellowship. Watch for information concerning the Kids for Safety Sake which is scheduled for Sept. 28.

Finally, applications for the 2005-2006 class have been received and the new class will be announced about Sept. 16. We look forward to another fun, dynamic and thought provoking class with adults and high school students.

The first session will be held the afternoon of Oct. 18 and all day on Oct. 19 with an opening retreat. Final session will be April 12.

Topics include highly participatory sessions include 21st Century leadership capacities, rural health, education, city/county government, economic development and state government with the trip to Topeka with Leadership Sherman County.

Fund-raising drive is also beginning this month. Board members will be talking with businesses about being a sponsor. Business sponsorship allows us to try to keep the tuition cost fairly low as well as providing scholarships for adults and full tuition and expenses paid for high school students. We encourage businesses to consider this worthwhile project. Don't forget the Celebration on the High Plains Sept. 10.

See you there.

## Rexford soldier Iraq-bound

Twenty-four-year-old Stephen Allen, son of Steve and Terri Allen was sent to Kuwait for two weeks adaptation period and then is scheduled to go to Iraq for 1 to 1 1/2 years. This is his second tour of duty, with the first one being for ten months in Afghanistan. Stephen is the head medic of his unit. The Allen's would appreciate your prayers for Stephen.

Doug and Joan Todd recently spent 10 days visiting a young man, Marko Vignjevic in the country of Serbia. Marko was an exchange student who lived with the Todd's for a total of three years; during his senior year at Golden Plains and then for two years while attending Colby Community College. While the Todd's were in Serbia they stayed with Marko's family and also were able to visit several of the past or present Colby Community College ladies basketball players, with whom they are friends. Joan said that the Serbian hospitality is absolutely wonderful and warm. Joan and Doug also visited Budapest, Hungary, where Marco is currently attending the International Business School.

Those that attended After 5 this month at the Colonial Steak House in Oakley were Terri Allen, Grace Cheney, Joan Todd, Deb Stepper, and Fran Leach. The next After 5 will be on Tuesday, Sept. 13, with a tribute to teachers. The special feature will be Linda Garrett from Gem, sharing some very funny stories about teaching experiences and the speaker for the evening is Liz Miller from Newton, who will be sharing about marriage, children and the complexities of life. Special music will be from Jamie McClure from Colby. Reservations must be made by Sept. 11 by calling Deb Stepper.

Deborah and Polo Gamboa made a trip this week to take their children to Nebraska to meet a ride which took them to their home in Wyoming. Chanissa and Joshua Gamboa spent about six weeks in



### Sondra Barnett

●Rexford Correspondent

Rexford.

Edna Colson, Kathryn Richard and Roberta Colson attended the 50th wedding anniversary reception for Pastor Jim and Norma Carmon from Siren, Wis. It was held at the Gateway Community Center in Oberlin on Sunday, August 14th. Pastor Jim ministered at the Lund Covenant Church southwest of Oberlin in the late 60's and early 70's. Their four daughters, Vicky, Yvonne, Janet and Janell presented an interesting program for the occasion.

Ernest and Janine Colson and Jesse called on friends in Goodland on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 14.

Vicki Allison's sister, Cindy Neff from Michigan spent the weekend of Aug. 13 with her, coming to town for the Colby Alumni activities. Then Vicki accompanied Kristin Wark to Lawrence to help her get settled in her dorm room before starting classes at KU.

Koffee Klatch attendees this week were Eunice Sanford, Grace Cheney, Fran Leach, Vesta Roth,

Jean Hawkins, Delores Dible, Berneda Zoberst, Freda Ketchum, Margaret AraSmith, Liz Rall and Sondra Barnett.

Chad Wark and Desiree' Neirmeyer were married on Aug. 19 at a small ceremony with close family and friends present, at the Lund Covenant Church. There was a reception in the back yard of their home in Rexford. Congratulations!

Weekend guests at the home of Vicki and Dennis Allison were Kristin Wark from Lawrence and Rebecca Wark of Hays.

Birthdays for this month are as follows: Frances Bange, Aug. 25; Irma Hibbs, Aug. 28; and Deb Stepper, Aug. 31.

Darcie Spresser, daughter of Wanda Spresser and LeRoy and Renee' Spresser, all of Selden, is in Manhattan to attend K-State this fall.

Brett Dible, son of Dan Dible, Menlo is at Wyoming Technical College to study car restoration.

Jesse Miller, son of Lori and Mark Miller is living in Colby with his sister, Abbey; they will both be attending Colby Community College this fall.

Niki Spresser, daughter of Dan and Annette Spresser, Gem, is attending Colby Community College in Colby.

In loving memory of  
Mary R. Galli  
8/31/31 - 8/27/04

#### SAFELY HOME

*I am home in heaven, dear ones;  
Oh, so happy and so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.  
All the pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in Heaven at last.  
Did you wonder I so calmly  
Trod the valley of the shade?  
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined  
Every dark and fearful glade.  
And He came himself to meet me  
In that valley so hard to tread;  
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,  
Could I have one doubt or dread?  
Then you must not grieve so sorely,  
For I love you dearly still;  
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,  
Pray to trust our Father's will.  
There is work still waiting for you,  
So you must not idly stand;  
Do it now, while life remaineth  
You shall rest in Jesus' land.  
When the work is all completed  
He will gently call you home'  
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,  
Oh the joy to see you come.*

The John Galli family

## Happenings

Heartland Share delivery scheduled for Saturday  
Heartland Share delivery is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27 at Sacred Heart School gym. For information, call 460-3579.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day  
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**Community Fall Garden Extravaganza**  
(Formerly Horticulture Field Day)

**Saturday, August 27**  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**K-State Research & Extension Center**  
105 Experiment Farm Road  
Colby, Kansas

Basic Soils/Be a Better Consumer • Lawn Grasses  
Water Management • New Chemical/Pesticide Information  
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**4-H Concession Stands**  
(Serving lunch, snacks, drinks)  
\*Displays - Demonstrations  
\*Yard Tours \*Water Filtration Plant Tour  
\*Thomas County Composting Site Tour

**Kids Activities**  
Story Time • Games • Fun Activities

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Colby Convention & Visitors Bureau	Barton Concrete Works, Colby
Goodell Greenhouse & Floral, St. Francis	City of Colby for use of the Air Spade
KLOE-KKCI-KWGB Radio, Goodland	KQLS-KXXX Radio, Colby
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