

interest with new exhibits and display pieces

High All School Reunion in June is a display of high school memorabilia. Nicknamed "40 Feet of Orange and Black," the exhibit includes uniforms, T-shirts, photos, flags and more dating back 100 years. Taylor said there are band, cheerleading and sports uniforms that people have donated to the museum. One prize piece is a baseball uniform from the early 1900s.

The reunion will be from June 17 to 19. The museum will also display the High Flying Ea-

gles, a tribute to 21 alumni and faculty who have made impacts in the world. The displays include a picture and short biography. The museum will hold a reception to induct some new members into the High Flying Eagles on June 18.

Outside the main museum are many other interesting buildings. The Cooper Barn, which Taylor describes as "the largest barn in captivity," was voted in as one of the Eight Wonders of Kansas Architecture in 2008. The

barn was built in 1936 in Breton, five miles west of Rexford. It was built to house show cattle for Foster Farms.

In 1991, the barn was trucked 16 miles to the museum and installed on the grounds.

There is also a smaller barn on the property. Taylor said there are currently some lambs occupying the barn for a local 4-H club project.

Other buildings include a one room school house, the Lone Star Church – which once stood near Gem – a sod house and a 1930s farmstead.

The museum maintains a steady stream of temporary art exhibits. Coming up this month

will "The Dust Bowl," an art exhibit on the 1930s to coincide with the Kansas/Nebraska Chautauqua June 2 through 6.

In July and August, the museum will host painter Laurie Albin's work. September will be Colby photographers Doyle and Sarah Saddler.

In October, the museum will host the Thomas County Quilt Exhibit. All of the quilts will have a Thomas County connection, whether from residents, relatives or about the county in some way.

The museum will showcase painter David Chalfant in November and December.



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The "40 Feet of Orange and Black" exhibit features more than 100 years-worth of old uniforms, outfits, pictures and other memorabilia from Colby High School.

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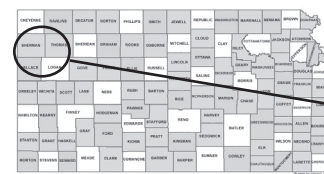


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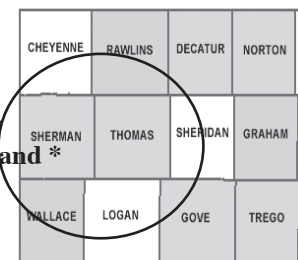
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