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This hand made quilt, sewn by Carla McCoy, will be given away at the Pickin' on the Plains festival Saturday night. Tickets can be purchased at the Convention and Visitors Bureau at 350 S. Range until the festival begins, and then at the bureau's information table on the festival grounds. Tickets are \$1 each, or six for \$5, and the winner need not be present to win.

Quiltmaker holds give-away at Pickin' on the Plains festival

Some lucky ticket holder will go home with a queen-sized Evening Star quilt from the Pickin' on the Plains festival this week-end.

Carla McCoy, creator of the quilt, said she has made 19 quilts for family and friends since Christmas, just because she likes to do it. The star pattern has seven shades of red fabric, with white bubble-pattern fabric around it, and is tied with red-and-white yarn.

Tickets can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office in the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave., every day until the festival, or at the Convention and Visitors Bureau table during the festival. They are \$1 each or six for \$5.

The drawing will be held around 10 p.m. Saturday night, and ticket holders do not need to be present to win. The money will go to support the festival.

State Kids group has tips for safety on carnival rides

Whether it's flying through the air or spinning in circles – there's something about a summer day at an amusement park that draws people of all ages. Staying safe and having fun can and should go hand in hand.

"Parents need to use their own judgment. Posted age and height requirements are minimal guidelines," says Cherie Sage, State Director of Safe Kids Kansas. "Following the rules is also important. If a ride operator tells you to keep your hands and feet inside the car, hold the handrail or remain seated, there's a good reason for doing that – it helps make the ride safer."

Every year, about 8,000 children suffer injuries that require treatment in an emergency room from rides. Injuries involve fixed rides, mobile rides, inflatables and other types of rides at amusement parks, festivals, traveling carnivals and other locations.

Portable carnival rides are sub-

ject to safety regulation by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Rides at a fixed location are not subject to federal standards. In Kansas, the owner/operator is required to carry liability insurance, but there is otherwise no state government safety oversight. Parents need to decide whether their children can sit properly on a ride and follow the instructions.

Follow these tips to help keep rides safer for children of all ages:

- Role-model proper safety behavior. Children are more likely to follow rules when parents do.
- Supervise your child getting on and off a ride. Make sure the child understands announcements and rules. Don't allow older children to supervise younger children on rides.
- Always use safety belts, lap bars, chains, handrails and other safety features.
- Be careful when getting off.

Wait until the ride comes to a complete stop. If a ride stops due to a mechanical or safety problem, stay seated and wait for instructions.

• Don't let children ride if they're too tired or scared to comply with safety procedures. Don't pressure kids to go on a ride they're afraid of, as they're more likely to sit incorrectly or even try to get off.

• Note the limitations of safety devices. Lap bars and chains are not physical restraints – their main function is to remind the occupant to stay seated.

• Trust your instincts. If a ride looks poorly maintained or an operator seems inattentive or unfit, don't let your children ride.

To find out about the law in your state, please visit: www.safeparks.org/regulation/state.

For additional information about summertime safety, call (785) 296-1223 or visit www.safekids.org.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Tuesday

5:22 a.m. – Clerk reported customer could smell an odor and there was a towel under a door at Holiday Inn. Report filed for narcotics violation.

7:03 a.m. – Took subject from Law Enforcement Center to Holiday Inn Express.

9:44 a.m. – Funeral block.

10:33 a.m. – Criminal damage to vehicle at 480 N. Riddle.

10:53 a.m. – Christine Campbell reported accident at 1150 S. Franklin No. 66.

11:02 a.m. – Funeral block.

11:30 a.m. – Broken windshield from storm.

1:13 p.m. – Complaint from subject of being scammed twice over the Internet. Report filed.

5:02 p.m. – Vehicle stalled at Fourth and Franklin not found.

8:13 p.m. – Motorist assist at Oasis.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Tuesday

4:57 a.m. – Rawlins County Sheriff's Office reported a driver stuck in mud and smelled smoke on U.S. 83 and County Rd. 37. Located a disabled tour bus half a mile into Sheridan County on U.S. 83, wrecker coming.

8:30 a.m. – Report filed on incident at Free Breakfast Inn.

9:44 a.m. – Funeral lead.

11:02 a.m. – Funeral lead.

8:35 p.m. – J&J Oil reported theft of gas. Everything OK.

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