

Mini Cooper rally pays visit to Oakley



KATHRYN BALLARD/Colby Free Press

A few Mini Coopers showed up in Oakley on Monday for the Mini Takes the State rally. The drivers and passengers took some time to visit the Buffalo Bill visitors station. Nationwide more than 6,000 people took part on the rally. More than 300 Minis got to race around the Brickyard in Indianapolis, Ind., and 250 had a barbecue in Dodge City.



Failed thief had account at target bank

GALLOWAY, Ohio (AP) – The FBI says a man arrested in an Ohio bank robbery looked familiar to bank employees. Turns out, he had an account there and was one of their customers. Agent Harry Trombitas says 43-year-old Alan Garrett turned himself in Friday, two days after the bank holdup in suburban Galloway. Authorities say a man wearing sunglasses and a baseball cap handed the teller a note demanding money, and he got away with some cash. The FBI says bank workers got the license plate number of the suspect's car, and the number was traced to Garrett. Garrett was jailed on one count of aggravated robbery and a \$50,085 bond. Court records didn't list an attorney.

Conservation deadline nears

The U.S. Farm Service Agency reminds farmers that the deadline to enroll in the Conservation Reserve Program competitive general sign-up is Friday, Aug. 27. Applications can be completed by landowners at the agency's county office. The 2008 Farm Bill authorized enrollment up to 32 million acres, he said. Those with existing contracts that expire on Sept. 30 may re-enroll under a new 10- to 15-year contract. Crop land that is highly erodible, or within a national or state Conservation Priority Area, or is cov-

ered under an expiring contract is generally eligible, provided all other requirements are met. Conservation Reserve is a voluntary program that helps farmers and ranchers protect environmentally sensitive land by planting long-term, resource-conserving cover in exchange for rental payments, cost-share and technical assistance. In addition to the general sign-up, the program offers continuous sign-up for acres representing the most environmentally vulnerable and sensitive land. For information, stop by the county office at 915 E. Walnut in Colby or call (785) 462-7671.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Tuesday

1:30 a.m. – Caller reported husband not returned home in Atwood. Located state vehicle at the college, turned over to sheriff's office unit.
9:22 a.m. – Third party report of motor home parked on roadway in the 400 block of W. Eighth. Spoke to reporting party; was legally parked.
11:32 a.m. – Call from Social and Rehabilitation Services office with a third-party report of a man scammed out of money. Report filed.
1 p.m. – Caller reported ex-boyfriend is not forwarding her mail to her in Oklahoma. Provided information; civil matter

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Tuesday

3:47 p.m. – Report of threats over e-mail at Colby House. Spoke with subject; party does not want report.
4:12 p.m. – Dog locked in car at Sunflower parking lot. Attempted to make contact with owner; subjects came and got dog.
6:37 p.m. – Juveniles throwing rocks at passing vehicles at 865 E. Eighth.
7:50 p.m. – Dogs barking at 855 S. Garfield. Owners not home; will contact later.
8:08 p.m. – Accident at 1120 E. 10th.
11:24 p.m. – Citizen stopped officer to report a suspicious incident in the apartments above the barbershop on Franklin. Report filed.

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Tuesday

12:33 a.m. – Erratic driver on I-70 from mile 68. On call-back, subject said vehicle was driving around J&J Oil. Notified Highway Patrol and Oakley police.
1:43 a.m. – Attempt to locate call on husband not returning home in Atwood. Works in Colby. Unable to locate.
12:03 p.m. – Christopher Shawn Brown arrested by Greeley County Sheriff's Office on warrant.
12:10 p.m. – Rape reported by phone call. Report filed.
2:55 p.m. – Took prisoner to meet with Rawlins County Sheriff's Office at K-25 and County Rd. EE.

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