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Gear up for May's activities

It soon will be May and we are about to leave for the Sampler Festival in Leavenworth.

This festival is always a great opportunity to talk to community representatives to learn about their attractions, restaurants and history; to enjoy ethnic foods; see historical reenactments and purchase Kansas-made products of all kinds.

The good news is that the Sampler Festival moves to western Kansas next year. Plan now to join us the first weekend in May in Liberal.

Cindy Black and I will be attending a training session for Community Leadership Program facilitators in Wichita Tuesday through Thursday, May 10-12.

New officers have been elected for the Leadership Thomas County Board of Directors. Sherry McDonald will serve as president, Tracey Perkins as vice-president and Kenton Krehbiel will continue as secretary. Board terms were extended for one additional year for Holly Whitaker, Denise Stupka and Krehbiel.

We look forward to another exciting year for leadership.

An opportunity for alumni and board members will take place in August. Kansas Leadership Center will be bringing three short sessions called the Leadership Edge to Garden City for those of us in western Kansas. We will keep you updated with dates, curriculum and registration information.

I, along with Ralph Fischer, Colby Visitor Center manager, attended a meeting on community visitor centers in Abilene in April. A highway trooper discussed staff and personnel safety and an expert discussed service. We also saw the Eight Wonders exhibit at the Eisenhower Library.

Colby Visitor Center volunteers will be honored at a luncheon Wednesday at City Limits Convention Center. We are truly appreciative for the many hours they spend greeting visitors who come to Colby. Elected city officials

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have also been invited to extend their appreciation. This may be the only contact some visitors will experience in our community and it is important that it is a very positive one.

The theme for Tourism Week, May 7 to 15, is "Why Travel Matters." Travel is the third largest industry in the state of Kansas.

Officers were elected for the Convention and Tourism Board of Directors. Those elected are Martha Brewer, Chance Management, chair, and Sue Taylor, Prairie Museum of Art and History as vice-chair.

Thanks to Howard Culver, past chair and Julie Saddler as vice-chair for their past two years of service. We are most grateful for a hard working committee who understand tourism and love Colby.

Now for events and activities taking place in Colby during the month of May. Tuesday, James Foster from Rural Opportunities with Department of Commerce will be holding a book discussion of "Hollowing Out the Middle" by Dr. Patrick Carr, the Max Pickerill lecture presenter in April, at 6:30 p.m. at Davis Library on the college campus.

The Prairie Museum will again hold their Prairie Fair for area grade schools on Friday, May 6. Another event for the young people is the annual Kids' Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 21, at Villa High Lake. Summer reading programs begin on Tuesday, May 24, at Pioneer Memorial Library.

Musical events include the high school band concert at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 9, at Fike Park weather permitting. The High School Pops Concert will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, at Dennen Field. May 10, in the high school auditorium.

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Monday, May 16, both in Colby Grade School auditorium.

The fourth grade recorder and fifth grade band concert will be at 2:30 and 7 p.m. at the Grade

School auditorium on Thursday. Recreational events include the Citizens Foundation Benefit Fun Shoot beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Colby Trap Club. The Boys Golf Invitational will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Meadow Lake Golf Course and the Colby Invitational Track Meet will be at 3 p.m. Friday

Kids' day at Ft. Larned

Junior Ranger Day at the Fort Larned National Historic Site Larned at (620) 285-6911 to make for children ages six to 12 will be Saturday, May 7.

There will be two sessions, from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m.

Participants will receive a Junior Ranger badge and a surprise souvenir.

Remember the Holocaust

Commission will be holding a commemoration service at 1 p.m. on Monday at the Kansas State Historical Museum, 6425 S.W. 6th Street in Topeka.

The program, "The Holocaust: Justice and Accountability" will serve as a time of reflection and education on the Holocaust.

Mrs. Hildegard Trout, a survivor of the Holocaust, will provide a first-hand prospective of the trials and tribulations she experienced. Excerpts from the Holocaust Cantata will be performed by the Washburn University Choir, under the direction of Dr. Kevin Kellim.

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Major events in May include Colby Community College gradu-The middle school ation on Saturday, May 14, and Colby High School baccalaureate at 1:30 p.m. with commencement day, May 12, and the at 3 p.m. on Sunday, the 15th, all at the Colby Community Building. Mother's Day is May 8 and Me-

morial Day on Monday, May 30. Last day of classes for Colby

Public Schools will be Thursday, May 19.

The Colby Aquatic Park will open Memorial Day weekend. Let the Summer fun begin!!

Leilani Thomas is director of the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau, a long-time civic volunteer and a passionate observer of the tourism industry.

Group size is limited. Call Fort reservations.

Fort Larned is six miles west of Larned on K-156. Open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., admission is free.

For information on visiting go to www.nps.gov/fols or call (620) 285-6911.

The Kansas State Holocaust Cellist Dr. Steven Elisha is also scheduled to perform.

> The event is sponsored by the Kansas State Holocaust Commission and is free and open to the public. Seating will be limited to the first 200 to arrive.

Tech college chosen for nation's top 20

has been selected as one of the compete for the national honor top 20 technical schools in the of technical School of the Year. nation by Tomorrow's Techni- This honor includes a prize of cian magazine and its School \$10,000 in new tools and a visit of the Year contest.

The Automotive Technology department is up against some executives. stiff competition as it awaits news of whether Northwest school's programs visit www. Tech will be chosen as the nwktc.edu.

Once again, Northwest Tech regional winner, one of four to from the automotive industry and Tomorrow's Technician

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