

Busy August will lead up to start of school

July was a busy and memorable month. We enjoyed a very successful Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass Festival, terrific Diamond Rio concert, colorful fireworks display and fun-filled Thomas County Fair week. Picnic in the Park is over. We thank all who entertained, all who attended and a special thanks to the *Colby Free Press* for helping to sponsor this summer series.

A writer for *Kansas!* was at the bluegrass festival taking pictures and interviews. Pickin' on the Plains is to be featured in next summer's edition of the magazine. The Faces and Places van from the tourism department was also there with T-shirts, maps, sun screen and travel guides given away.

After all of the excitement, it is almost time for school to begin again.

During August, we will be attending a motor coach showcase in St. Louis with other Kansas communities' representatives. We will also be attending a Travel Industries Association of Kansas Board of Directors meeting in McPherson, Northwest Kansas



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• On the Road Again!

Travel Council, I-70 training in Hays for the web site and Kansas Dialogue in Emporia. It's shaping up to be a very busy month.

Community activities for August include the Colby Take Charge Big Splash Event Saturday, Aug. 6. Learning Tree events for families with children four and older are scheduled to begin at the Community Building. The first 400 people to complete the activities will be admitted to a free barbecue sponsored by Farmers & Merchants Bank at 12:30 p.m. at the Colby Aquatic Park. The first 200 people who complete three activities will receive a free 1/2 day pass at the

Colby Aquatic Park. This is a great opportunity for a free barbecue, free swim, learning about energy savings through fun activities and helping the city win the \$100,000 Take Charge Challenge. Plan now for Saturday, Aug. 6.

Another fun event will be the Community/Colby Community College Campus Block Party beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16. Businesses and organizations are invited to set up a table to introduce themselves and welcome students to campus and Colby. It's an exciting time when students come to Colby to continue their education. There is a college parent orientation on Saturday, Aug. 13, dorms open on Sunday, Aug. 14, and new student orientation and registration takes place on Monday, Aug. 15.

Colby Public Schools will have new student enrollment from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday in the respective buildings and returning student enrollment will be from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, in the high school commons area. First day of classes will be Thursday, Aug. 25. Sports activities begin imme-

diately at 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 26, with a volleyball sports drink scrimmage at the gym. The football video scrimmage will be at 8 p.m. at Dennen Field. Golf tournaments are still underway. The Trojan men's basketball tournament will be on the 26th at Meadow Lake Golf course. Flat Track Motorcycle Races will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 12, at the Thomas County Fair Grounds.

Two special events will be at Northwest Kansas Research Center near the end of the month. The Fall Field Day will be Tuesday, Aug. 30. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. with the program at 9 a.m. Horticulture night will be Wednesday, Aug. 31, with registration at 5:30 p.m. and program at 6 p.m.

August promises to be another active month. Enjoy the rest of summer and look forward to those school related activities.

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On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Sunday

1:05 a.m. - Security check at Aquatic Park.
 1:53 a.m. - Subject brought a purse to the Law Enforcement Center, found it by Colby Salvage dumpster. Purse returned to owner.
 2:39 a.m. - Security check at Walmart.
 5:29 a.m. - Alarm: manager called, advised to disregard, employees set it off.
 7:35 a.m. - Flagged down by subjects at Walmart looking for auto parts stores. Provided information.
 9:44 a.m. - Manager of Colby Aquatic Park reported graffiti on walls of restrooms. Report filed.
 10:57 a.m. - Subject came to station about lost or stolen wallet. Report filed.
 11:14 a.m. - Caller reported car parked on south side of building that should not be there. Vehicle moved.
 11:22 a.m. - Caller reported male tried to hit him because of parking complaint at 11:14 a.m. Spoke to all subjects; all OK.
 12:13 p.m. - Civil forfeiture: woman left behind a purse at motel that had thousands of dollars in it in reference to call at 11:22 a.m.
 4:51 p.m. - Civil matter: subject came to Law Enforcement Center requesting assistance with tenant problems. Information provided.
 4:59 p.m. - Battery: caller reported fight in progress. Report filed.
 11:43 p.m. - Locked building at Fike Park.

Monday

12:03 a.m. - Caller reported trash cans being tipped over. Spoke with reporting party.
 12:10 a.m. - Alcohol violation report filed for above complaint.
 12:14 a.m. - Caller reported an

injured cat at Fike Park.
 1:01 a.m. - Caller reported a runaway. Report filed, juvenile located.
 3:28 a.m. - Caller reported alarm going off. Notified management, doors secured.
 6:13 a.m. - Unlocked building at Fike Park.
 7:22 a.m. - Clerk reported gas skip; motor home went eastbound on I-70. No report; glitch in their system.
 10:22 a.m. - Report filed for narcotics violation incident on Sunday.
 10:42 a.m. - Caller reported trailer lost tree limb in roadway eastbound on Fourth at French. Removed limb from roadway.
 11:56 a.m. - Removed item from roadway in the 1200 block of S. Range.
 8:24 p.m. - Accident at Conoco Travel Center.
 8:58 p.m. - Assisted ambulance crew.
 11:46 p.m. - Security check at Bosselman's.

Tuesday

12:01 a.m. - Clerk from motel reported a vehicle alarm going off on the south side. Unable to locate.
 12:43 a.m. - Locked building at Fike Park.
 1:56 a.m. - Security check at the airport.
 2:11 a.m. - Security check on County Rd. 21.
 2:53 a.m. - Security check at Walmart.
 6:26 a.m. - Unlocked building at Fike Park.
 9:19 a.m. - Caller reported accident at Country Club Dr. and Willow.
 9:33 a.m. - Caller reported accident in T.O. Haas parking lot.
 9:37 a.m. - Caller reported dog at large. Dog returned to owner, notice to appear issued; report filed.

11 a.m. - Funeral block to Beulah Cemetery.
 11:09 a.m. - Caller reported snake in back yard. Snake disposed of.
 12:11 p.m. - Caller reported hood up on car and neighbor's bike missing but found. Spoke to subject; no report.
 1 p.m. - Caller reported fight. All OK.
 1:31 p.m. - Caller reported subject asking for money at Southwind Plaza. Subject checked OK; subject moved on.
 1:57 p.m. - Making a false writing; manager called about subject trying to use counterfeit \$20, left before officers arrived. Report filed, four officers responded, area notified.
 5 p.m. - Chief and nine officers provided traffic control for the parade.
 5:34 p.m. - Assisted ambulance crew.
 5:45 p.m. - Narcotics violation report filed for bike stop.
 6:18 p.m. - Received numerous calls about a tractor hitting a power line in the area of Cedar and Cleveland. Five officers assisted with traffic control.
 8:54 p.m. - Officers were informed of possible drugs.
 8:58 p.m. - Caller reported a dog at large. Dog in pen, spoke with owners.
 10:36 p.m. - Locked building at Fike Park.
 10:48 p.m. - Provided traffic control at Cedar and Range.

Wednesday

3:09 a.m. - Walk-through at the Aquatic Park.
 6:25 a.m. - Unlocked Fike Park.
 8:05 a.m. - Vehicle hit fixed object on W. Cedar at about 5:45 p.m. Tuesday.
 11:19 a.m. - Assisted sheriff's office.
 2:36 p.m. - Funeral block at

Fourth and Country Club.
 2:47 p.m. - Caller reported landlord/tenant issues. Spoke with subject, information provided.
 3:13 p.m. - Subject came to station reporting a kick scooter leaning against fence. Report filed for lost/mislaidd property.
 7:46 p.m. - Located mother of a lost boy at the fairgrounds.
 9:10 p.m. - Alarm: everything OK, management contacted.
 10:57 p.m. - Locked building at Fike Park.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Sunday

12:17 a.m. - Booked Rachel C. Funk.
 12:34 a.m. - Released Funk.
 12:17 a.m. - Booked Dagan M. Wright.
 1:03 a.m. - released Wright.
 1:16 a.m. - Booked George C. Smollock IV.
 1:31 a.m. - Released Smollock.
 1:16 a.m. - Booked Mark Findley Wright.
 11:10 a.m. - Released Wright.
 12:18 p.m. - Assisted Colby Police on civil forfeiture incident.
 1:23 p.m. - Booked Matthew Dylan Conover.
 1:51 p.m. - Released Conover.
 2:04 p.m. - Booked Cherisse Marie McCormick.
 2:19 p.m. - Released McCormick.
 7:19 p.m. - Booked Abraham Louis Kirby.
 7:15 p.m. - Took inmate from Thomas County to Larnew State Hospital.
 7:52 p.m. - Released Kirby.
 8:17 p.m. - Booked Charles Pevatt.
 9:28 p.m. - Caller reported large group of cattle on roadway at U.S. 24 and County Red. 23. Unable to locate any uncontained livestock.

Monday

12:47 a.m. - Booked Ethan C. Stickel.

1:04 a.m. - Released Stickel.
 6:43 a.m. - Received numerous calls of cattle out on U.S. 24 by the landfill road. Owner contacted, put back into pasture.
 7:33 a.m. - Located possible gas skip vehicle for Colby Police on eastbound I-70 and mile 65.
 10:06 p.m. - Subject came to station with fix-it warning from Nebraska. All OK, signed off on warning.
 3:41 p.m. - Released Jason M. Maez.
 11:15 p.m. - Security check at the fairgrounds.

Tuesday

8:47 a.m. - Helped Highway Patrol at I-70 mile 43.
 8:51 a.m. - Caller reported cow out at Franklin and Veterans Memorial Dr. Contacted owner.
 9:54 a.m. - Booked Ali Karin Alhusseini.
 10:26 a.m. - Booked Anre Jay Edwards.
 10:49 a.m. - Released Alhusseini.

10:47 a.m. - Suspicious person: caller reported subject walking eastbound in the 1200 block of U.S. 24. Not found.
 10:51 a.m. - Released Edwards.
 1 p.m. - Helped Colby Police.
 5 p.m. - Two deputies and sheriff provided traffic control for the parade.
 6:10 p.m. - Booked Grant D. Jennings.
 6:18 p.m. - Helped Highway Patrol unit in setting up cones in the construction zone on I-70.
 7:08 p.m. - Highway Patrol called requesting a unit to check on a vehicle broken down west of Colby on I-70. At 7:08, Highway Patrol advised subject got vehicle started.
 7:08 p.m. - Provided standby.
 10:31 p.m. - Provided security check at the fairgrounds.

Wednesday

11 a.m. - Caller reported burglary on prior date. Report filed.
 11:27 a.m. - Caller reported ve-

Motorcyclist lands in van

VICTORVILLE, Calif. (AP) - A motorcyclist who plowed into a minivan landed unscathed in the back seat, and the driver didn't realize it until he turned into his nearby driveway, authorities said. "We're calling this one a non-injury collision with a twist," Karen Hunt, spokeswoman for the San Bernardino County sheriff's Victorville station, told the *Victorville Daily Press*. The van was slowing to make a left turn when the motorcycle rear-ended it Thursday. Callers reporting the accident told authorities: "We don't know where the rider is," and there was concern he might have slid under the van, Hunt said. "That's when it started to sound

ominous," she said. In reality, the rider had flown through the van's back window and landed in the backseat. The van driver continued to his home less than a half-block away, where he called out to his wife that he'd been rear-ended and needed to return to the accident scene. As he turned around to back out of the driveway, he saw the dazed biker. The rider's helmet absorbed most of the impact, and he only asked for an ice pack for his hand, Hunt said. He did not receive further medical treatment. Neither man was cited for the accident. Their names were not immediately released.

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