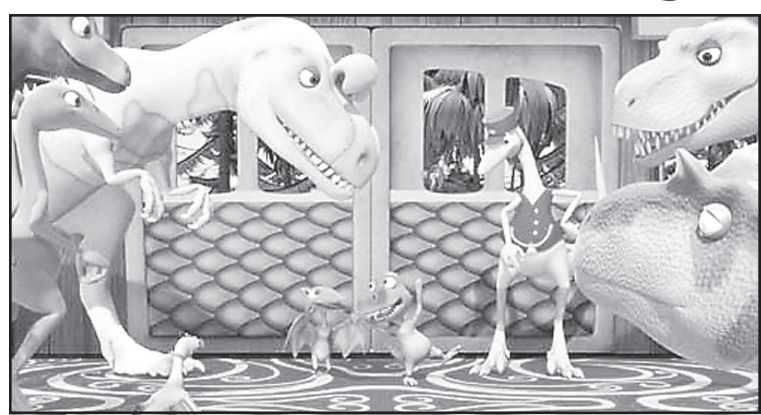


Dinosaurs coming here for kids' movie screening

Everyone's favorite dinosaurs are making their way to Colby for a free screening of Dinosaur Big City, a one-hour movie from the PBS KIDS series *Dinosaur Train*. The one-hour Colby screening will be third in a series spanning western Kansas, at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, in the Frahm Theatre at Colby Community College. Other screenings will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Sternberg Museum in Hays, at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, at Great Bend High School Auditorium and a 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Dream Theater in Russell.



The PBS KIDS series *Dinosaur Train* will make a stop in Colby for a special movie screening Saturday, Aug. 13.

Families can join Buddy and his adoptive Pteranodon family on a pre-historic adventure as they gather all their theropod friends to travel to the big Theropod Club Convention being held in Laramidia, the "Dinosaur Big City!" The screening events also include

storytime and giveaways. *Dinosaur Big City* premieres at 8 a.m. and noon Monday, Aug. 22, on Smoky Hills Public Television. The premiere marks the start of season two of *Dinosaur Train*. From the world-renowned Jim Henson Company, the *Dinosaur*

Train series encourages scientific thinking and other skills as it teaches children about natural science, natural history and paleontology. For information call (800) 337-4788 or visit www.smokyhillstv.org.

Catholics line up speakers for August family conference

Nationally recognized lay and religious speakers and entertainment will be on tap when the 12th Annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference convenes next Friday through Sunday, Aug. 7, in Wichita.

Opening the three-day event will be the interactive drama "The Great Adventure," presented by the traveling troupe Theater of the Word, followed by composer and pianist Eric Genuis presenting, "A Concert of Hope," and former Planned Parenthood clinic director Abby Johnson sharing the story of the life-changing experience that drove her from being a pro-choice proponent to becoming an outspoken pro-life advocate.

Friday evening's events are part of the week-end-long conference, but registration for the entire weekend of activities is not required in order to attend the Friday night sessions, according to Kevin Regan, conference co-chairman.

"Of course, we hope people will participate in the full slate of weekend activities," Regan noted, "But if they can't, we certainly invite and encourage them to join us for Friday night only."

Advance tickets for the Friday evening sessions only are \$25 for a family, \$23 for married couples,

\$13 for single adults, \$10 for single seniors and \$5 for teens or children. Prices at the door will be \$5 higher.

Advance tickets can be ordered online via the Register page of the Conference website, www.catholicfamilyconference.org, by email to midw-conf@cox.net, by calling (316) 618-9787, or by mail to Midwest Catholic Family Conference, Box 21301, Wichita, Kan., 67208.

Other speakers on the conference schedule, include Dr. Ray Guarendi, clinical psychologist; Rick Sarkisian, vocational rehabilitation counselor; Tim Staples, evangelist; the Rev. Joseph Fesio, S.J.; Martha Fernandez-Sardina, international bilingual speaker and consultant; Vinny Flynn, family-based ministry; Susan Tassone, author; and Sister Mary Eucharista, who helped found new religious community.

The conference also offers programs for young adults, teens and children, and numerous opportunities for devotions.

Registration is available at www.catholicfamilyconference.org. Discount rates are available until Wednesday.

Area crafters to gather at Logan's Dane G. Hansen Museum

The Dane G. Hansen Museum in Logan is sponsoring a craft fair on Saturday, Sept. 17.

With crafters from Kansas and surrounding states, this is a shopper's paradise. The annual event is held on the Hansen Plaza Square, Main Street. There is no admission charge to attend.

Crafters check in before dawn in preparation for the 10 a.m. opening. Food vendors line two sides of the square.

Local radio disc jockey Tad "Tadpole" Felts will serve his 36th year as Master of Ceremonies.

A chain saw artist, Gary Keenan from Iowa, will be performing at 8, 10, noon and 2:30, completing several projects. Drawings will be held for two of his carvings.

A fun center, extreme castle, bungee run and castle obstacle course will open at 11 and be available to entertain children through 4 p.m. Games and races will be held at 10 a.m., including turtle races, a sand pile treasure hunt and an egg toss. Bring your own turtle and kids.

An antique tractor show is being planned by the Logan Historical Museum in conjunction with the fair.

Take a stroll through the museum gallery and view "Going Places," an exhibit exploring the culture, evolution and eventual demise of horse-drawn transportation from the early nineteenth century, through the dawn of the automobile age. This exhibit holds

41 artifacts, including a full-sized pony surrey, harnesses, tack and assorted carriage accessories. This exhibition has been made possible through the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Mid-America Arts Alliance. It was organized by the Long Island Museum of American Art, History and Carriages in Stony Brook, N.Y.

Live entertainment on two stages will be performing at various times during the day. "Intensity," a national champion percussive power tap crew, made up of 15 members who have trained together for over ten years, will be performing on the south stage at 10, noon and 2:30. They combine clogging, hip hop, tap, Irish step and many other dance forms to

create a sound and style that will blow you off your seats.

"Uncalled 4," a local barbershop quartet, will be performing on the north stage at 11 and 1:15. Group members Bruce Bandy, Colby, Al Finkbeiner, Russell, Gary Horchem, Ransom, and Warren Stafford, Hill City, have been singing together for about three years. They are dual members with the Colby Tumbleweed Chorus and the High Plains Chorus.

Bob Jones, antiques appraiser from Jennings, will be available in the Community Room of

Hansen Plaza for a free verbal approximation of value for your antiques from 10 to noon and 1 to 4. Registration forms to schedule a time for the appraisal are available through the museum.

The highlight of the day will be the selection of 12 new winners (and two alternates) of the "Artist of the Month" award. This year's crafters will be judged by John Thorns, Hays, for their uniqueness, quality of craft and display.

For information, crafter registration forms or antique appraisal forms, contact Shirley Henrickson at (785) 689-4846 or go to www.hansenmuseum.org.

Museum hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 to noon and 1 to 5 Saturday and 1 to 5 Sundays and holidays. It is handicapped accessible and there is never an admission fee.

Online maps show crop conditions

For farmers, gardeners and anyone else who like an overview of conditions for vegetation growth on a weekly basis, K-State's Ecology and Agriculture Spatial Analysis Laboratory has developed a weekly online tool to do just that.

The Comparative Vegetation Condition Report is a series of maps posted online weekly - typically in conjunction with the electronic newsletter *Agronomy eUpdate*, produced by K-State Research and Extension's agronomists. The maps indicate photosynthesis activity (and the lack of it) in Kansas, the Corn Belt, and across the continental United States. The newsletter and vegetation reports are both on-

line at www.agronomy.ksu.edu/extension/p.aspx?tabid=58.

The June 28-July 11 maps, for example, clearly show that Kansas is a state divided this summer. Northeast Kansas has had abundant spring and early summer rainfall and shows much more biomass than southwest Kansas, which has experienced extremely dry conditions this summer. This week's maps also show the effects of drought that is spreading across the southern United States.

The report is useful for farmers and ranchers, the commodities market, and political leaders. It helps in assessing factors such as production potential and drought impact across their state. Price

said.

"This is the kind of thing that producers might want to bookmark on their computers, to follow on an ongoing basis," said State of Kansas Climatologist Mary Knapp, who provides comments with the weekly maps.

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(16 and under must be accompanied by a parent)
Clay Zimbelman - 785-332-5122

Derby Cars plus Pickup Division (new this year)
\$1,500 Demo purse • \$800 Pickup purse
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In between heats - Garden Tractor Pull
Marty Church - 785-332-4622

Tuff Truck Competition, Aug. 4
Follow the track - Best time wins
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More information or rules contact:
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ENROLLMENT DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS

- K-12 NEW Students**
Thursday, August 4, 2011 → 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Respective buildings
- K-12 RETURNING* Students**
Monday, August 8, 2011 → 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Colby High School Commons
*Includes pre-enrolled kindergarten students

FEES
One check may be written for all student fees at enrollment. MASTERCARD and VISA credit cards are also accepted. Payment for textbooks along with August and September lunches is due at enrollment. The fees are as follows:

- Kindergarten - Grade 2**
Textbook Rental (annual fee).....\$70
Breakfast (monthly fee/20 meals).....\$20
Lunches (monthly fee/20 meals).....\$44
- Grades 3-12**
Textbook Rental (annual fee).....\$70
Breakfast (monthly fee/20 meals).....\$20
Lunches (monthly fee/20 meals).....\$48

Additional fees may be assessed for extracurricular activities.

REDUCED/FREE
Students may be eligible to receive reduced or waived fees. Persons requesting assistance must present verification of total household income at enrollment and complete the "Application for Child Nutrition Benefits" form. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted any time during the year. For more information, contact Food Service at 460-5240 or the Business Manager at 460-5003.

Colby Public Schools participates in the National School Lunch Program administered by the Kansas State Department of Education.

TRANSPORTATION
Students who live 2.5 miles or more from their attendance center qualify for free transportation (K.S.A. 72-8302 et. seq.).

SCHOOL ACTIVITY CALENDAR
One calendar per family will be provided at enrollment. A \$2.00 donation is requested for additional calendars.

CLASS SCHEDULE

- First Day.....Thursday, August 25, 2011
- Last Day.....Tuesday, May 22, 2012
- Classes Begin.....8:00 a.m.
- Classes Dismiss.....3:30 p.m.

HEALTH PROGRAMS/ASSESSMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING A KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME

Students entering Kansas public school for the first time must present official immunization records showing evidence that they have been inoculated for the following: Diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, mumps, rubella and German measles. A Hepatitis B vaccination is recommended for all students. Students who have not completed the required immunizations within 90 days after the beginning of school may be excluded from further attendance. Forms and additional information may be attained from the school nurse (KSA 72-5209 et. seq.).

Students up to the age of nine years enrolling in a Kansas public school for the first time shall present official **health assessment** records showing evidence that they had a physical examination within the last twelve months. New students will also need a copy of their **birth certificate** when they enroll.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE
Per USD 315 Colby Public Schools board policy JGA, medical expenses for accidents and/or injuries to students at school or school-related activities are the responsibility of the parents/guardians. Student accident insurance may be purchased from independent carriers. All transactions are directly with the insurance carrier. Colby Public Schools assumes no role in student insurance coverage other than providing information if it is made available to Colby Public Schools by insurance companies.

NON-DISCRIMINATION
All programs of Colby Public Schools are non-discriminatory and open to students regardless of sex, race, religion, ethnic background, origin, homeless or marital status.