

Prairie Fair draws kids from wide territory

Great kids, stellar volunteers, the wind on its best behavior – all the finest ingredients for another successful Prairie Fair on May 4.

Arriving Friday morning from elementary schools in Colby, Rexford, Oakley and Quinter, 331 students, along with at least 32 teachers, parents and paras, arrived at the museum and the college ready to learn and have fun. This year was a little different from the past two in that the college had a morning session only, while the museum held a full day.

This year's activities centered around the theme of homesteading, with seven stations at each location. At the college, Ruth Wolfram had the kids use a product called "Glo-Germ" to demonstrate why hand-washing was so key to improving health care in the 1800s and remains important today. Brandon McLemore led the kids in singing "Home on the Range" after giving a little history of the banjo and guitar.

The kids also learned with Rob Aiken how wind can do work, played some old-time games with Nikol Nolan and others from Admissions, recycled trash into crafts with Lynette Koon and Nanette Baumfalk, met a cow and a horse supplied by Marcy Ward and her agriculture students and created art with Rebel Jay and her students.

Here at the museum, Clint Milliman took the kids on a tour of horse-drawn equipment in the Cooper Barn and showed them how a corn sheller works. Bev Eicher and Pat Turrell helped the kids think through what kinds of things they would need on their wagon trip to Colby and what they'd best leave behind.

Ronda Faber and Melinda Olson led a rollicking chore relay by the sod house in the morning, while



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• Around the Museum

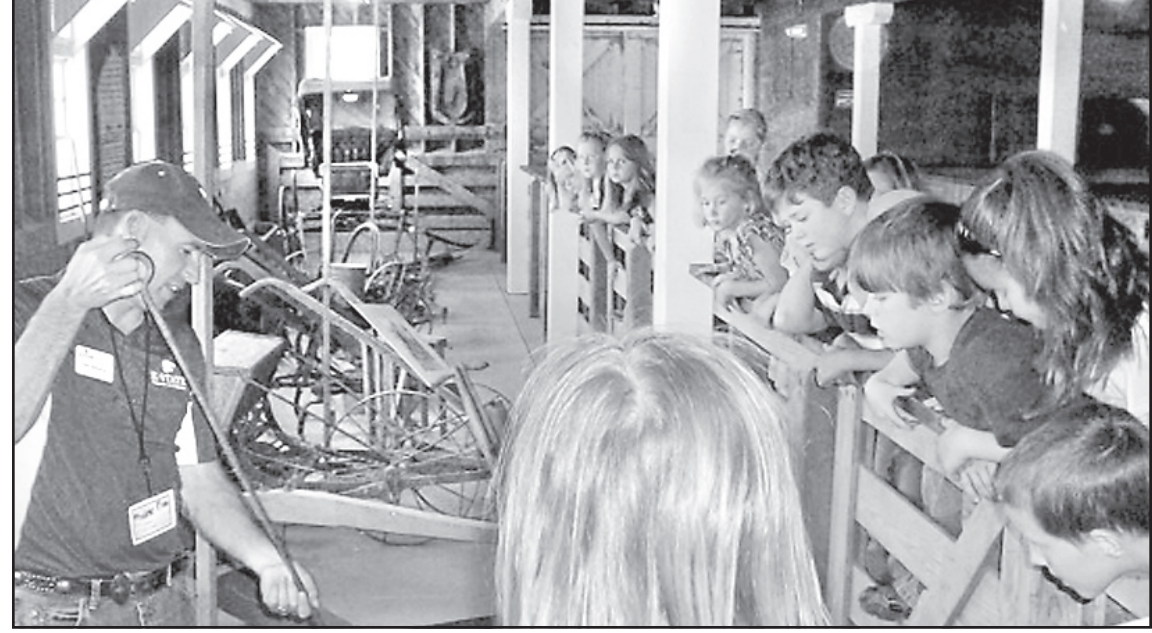
Diana Schiffrer, Gail Vacca and Marge Weishaar took the afternoon shift. Carol Thiel and Linda Garrett had the kids compare and contrast their school experience with that of 100 years ago in Nicol School.

Linda Davis-Stephens, Melany Wilks and Janice Frahm helped the kids learn about tipis. Mary Smith and Rosemary Bange in the morning and Geri and Francis Landry in the afternoon led the younger kids in a game that taught about some of the difficulties early homesteaders faced; older students learned how to locate a claim using township, range and section numbers.

Mary Weed and Margaret Denneler showed the students several different kinds of quilts and explained how they are made. It was a great day, in no small measure due to our capable volunteers.

Elsewhere around the museum, the High Plains Art Club continues their exhibit through May. Beginning in June, we will once again display the work of Thomas County Schools art students.

On the evening of Thursday, June 21, we will hold "Young at Art," a reception promoting the Thomas County Community Foundation's fund for art in Colby schools and honoring our grateful acceptance



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Extension Agent Clint Milliman showed ag equipment to the kids at the Cooper Barn... of a Birger Sandzen painting donated by the Colby Public Schools. In anticipation of this event, we have several of our own Sandzen works on display near the ABC gallery.

And of course from Monday through Friday, July 9 to 13, we will be holding our "Night at the Museum" day camp, for kids above fourth grade as well as adults who want to learn how to depict historical figures. On Friday evening, July 13, this will culminate in a performance open to the public in which

the campers will be stationed at various locations throughout the museum and grounds giving their five-minute talks to small audiences. We invite kids and adults to sign up now, as we will be limited to 15 participants. Call us at 460-4590 or e-mail at museumed@st-tel.net.

Ann Miner is education director at the Prairie Museum of Art and History.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Wednesday

12:13 a.m. – Caller reported receiving harassing text messages. Spoke with reporting party.

12:17 a.m. – Caller reported an intoxicated subject walking in the alley. Spoke with subject and followed her home.

9:10 a.m. – Provided road block at Colby Community College.

11:02 a.m. – Welfare check.

12:18 p.m. – Subjects came to station about theft of a vehicle. No report; vehicle located.

11:12 p.m. – Caller reported someone trying to get into back door. Spoke with reporting party, unable to locate.

Thursday

1:41 a.m. – Caller reported subjects refusing to leave. Located vehicle and report filed for alcohol violation.

1:46 a.m. – Caller reported a disturbance.

1:56 a.m. – Caller reported no disturbance, but still wanted an officer about theft. No report.

9:40 a.m. – Provided funeral blocks for Baalmann's Mortuary.

10:30 a.m. – Caller reported dead snake. Removed it.

11:11 a.m. – Spoke to employee on the phone about incident. No report.

11:16 a.m. – Funeral block for Baalmann's Mortuary.

12:09 p.m. – Accident.

4:12 p.m. – Dog at large. Unable to catch.

4:58 p.m. – Caller reported two dogs at large. Unable to locate.

5:57 p.m. – Caller reported two dogs at large. Uncatchable.

6:06 p.m. – Caller reported someone taking her car keys. Spoke with reporting party.

7:52 p.m. – Verbal domestic call. Spoke with subjects.

8:19 p.m. – Caller reported possible drunk driver. Suspected vehicle investigated, everything OK. No drunk driver.

8:23 p.m. – Caller reported fireworks being shot off. Unable to locate.

8:37 p.m. – Provided informa-

tion on noise code. 8:49 p.m. – Caller reported two dogs at large that attacked his sheep. Unable to catch. Report filed.

8:51 p.m. – Caller reported race car in residential zone. Spoke with subjects.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Tuesday

7:37 a.m. – Caller reported cattle out on U.S. 24 by Showalter Hills. Contacted owner.

9:29 a.m. – Released Wesley James Page.

12:54 p.m. – Vehicle collision in Rexford.

3:02 p.m. – Received a call reporting earlier intoxicated driver subject southbound on Country Club Dr.

3:23 p.m. – Booked James Edward Hook.

4:20 p.m. – Booked Pedro Galicia at 10:51 a.m. May 14.

5:47 p.m. – Booked Devan Selby.

5:59 p.m. – Released Selby.

7:40 p.m. – Removed debris

from the roadway at K-25 north of the railroad tracks.

Wednesday

11:23 a.m. – Booked Anthony Walberg.

12:30 p.m. – Booked Hannah Pyle.

Thursday

2:33 a.m. – Booked Nicole M. Connell.

2:42 a.m. – Released Connell.

9:08 a.m. – Released Jason Charles George.

9:40 a.m. – Funeral lead from Baalmann Mortuary to Catholic church.

9:42 a.m. – Released James Edward Hook.

11:07 a.m. – Caller reported theft in the area of U.S. 24 and County Rd. 35. Spoke to subject on phone. Didn't want a report, just information.

11:16 a.m. – Funeral lead Catholic Church to Catholic Cemetery.

6:52 p.m. – Caller reported theft of battery from their irrigation. Sheriff spoke with subject.

9:36 p.m. – Civil standby.

Property Transfers

Real Estate recorded May 7 to May 14

The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Thomas County register of deeds:

• May 7, Myron A. Rapp Trust to Myron A. Rapp Living Trust; SW/4 of Sec. 11, T10, R36.

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• May 7, Myron A. Rapp Trust to Myron A. Rapp Living Trust; NE/4 north of I-70 of Sec. 15, T8, R36.

• May 7, Myron A. Rapp Trust to Myron A. Rapp Living Trust; NW/4 of Sec. 30, T10, R36.

• May 7, Myron A. Rapp Trust to Myron A. Rapp Living Trust; NE/4 of Sec. 21, T9, R36.

• May 7, Myron A. Rapp Trust to Myron A. Rapp Living Trust; SE/4 of Sec. 8, T9, R36.

• May 9, Shirley J. Gnaur Trust to Gnaur Farms Inc.; SW/4 of Sec. 11, T10, R33; NE/4 of Sec. 32, T9, R34.

• May 9, Woofter Construction and Irrigation Inc. to Quinnlynn Woofter; Lots 6-7, Block 63, Colby West Addition.

• May 10, Floyd L. Smith Jr. Trust No. 1 to Mary B. Smith Trust No. 1; Lot H (Plot H and park area), Colby South Park Annex Re-Subdivision.

• May 11, quit claim deed, Terri-lynn Fleming to Brewster Kellogg; Lot 3, Block 1, Colby Cherry Knolls Subdivision.

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