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## City plans skateboard ban on trails

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The Colby City Council discussed prohibiting the use of skateboards on the walking trails Tuesday during a regular meeting, agreeing that a resolution should be drawn up to put the idea into effect.

Police Chief and soon-to-be interim City Manager Randy Jones said there have been many problems related to the skateboarders, including trash, loitering, foul language and property damage.

Jones said a skateboard park is a good

place for them to go because it's fenced in, but the walking trails are eight-foot-wide concrete paths with curves and he said any skateboard rider can easily lose their board, depending on what they're trying to do.

"And that's why a lot of the skateboard areas are enclosed in a fence," he said, "because they don't want ... a skateboard flying off and hitting a small child or an adult in the ankle or legs while they're walking down our new walking trail."

Jones also said he thinks that when the new playground is built north of the walking trails, skateboarders will try to

do tricks off the equipment like they've tried at Fike Park.

"I just would ask that you consider perhaps not having skateboards out there," he said.

He said he thinks in-line skates are a different story because they are attached to the person and that bicycles usually fall under this same category.

Councilman Mark Beringer said he's had skateboarders create property damage out at Beringer Hardware and said it's obvious they're the ones doing the damage because they're drawing skateboards on the walls with paint.

City Manager Carolyn Armstrong said a couple of skateboarders went to see her and asked if they could get a new skateboard park, saying if the city could afford an aquatic park, it should be able to afford a skateboard park.

She said she explained that they need a petition for sales tax, voter initiative and told them what they would have to do, but she suggested that they first tell their fellow skateboarders to quite destroying property because it is doing nothing to enhance their reputation.

She said they left with a sample petition and they said they were going to go to the

courthouse and see how many signatures they needed.

Jones said he wished the boarders had a place they could go, saying that the skate park in Goodland isn't anything fancy, but it's a place for them to go.

He said the park has four pieces of equipment and the rest is concrete.

"I would think that the biggest expense they're ever gonna have is the ground and the concrete," Jones said. "The rest of that (the equipment) doesn't look that terribly expensive. I think it could be built

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## Tractor show in Selden sees about 500

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The hot sun did not deter exhibitors or spectators from enjoying the Selden Antique Tractor and Classic Car Show on Sunday.

About 100 exhibits were on display including a variety of antique tractors, classic cars, motorcycles and small engines. The noon meal of pulled pork, hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings was sampled by close to 500 visitors.

Along with the exhibits, there were a number of family-friendly activities that were enjoyed by all. The children had a great time digging for coins in the corn tank and riding in the wagons pulled by Camron Spresser. After lunch, the kids competed in a basketball free-throw contest and a pedal tractor pulling contest.

Winners of the free throw contest for grades three, four and five were Kobi Koerperich, first, Zach Coebt, second, and Hannah Willis, third. In the sixth, seventh and eighth grade division, first place went to Koi Wessel for the second year in a row. Second place was awarded to Brianna Stoll and third to Tristan Davis.

The kids pedal tractor pull was also well-attended. In the 5 and 6 age group, Will Bruggeman claimed first, Jerit Koerperich placed second and Josh Rath finished third. For the 7- and 8-year-olds, KeLyn Jacobs placed first, B.J. Rogers second and Jaren

Adelman third. Brock Brown won the age 9 and 10 division with Hannah Willis in second and Ryan Westcott in third.

The children also were able to sign up for a free raffle drawing held by the Selden Community Foundation and for a free bicycle courtesy of the Western Fraternal Life Association. Rogers won a car bank donated by Dave's Auto Supply and Quinton Meyers won a car bank donated by S&W Supply. Bruggeman claimed the bicycle drawing.

Adults also had several activities to compete in. The horseshoe competition was won by Gerald Jackson of Norcat and Dallas Jackson of Colby. In second place were Corky and Jeannette Adams from Tasco, and third place went to Frank and Mike Powers from Gove.

The tractor drivers competed in several contests as well. Bill Anderson won the barrel roll again this year followed by Dan Lippelman and Darrel Bruggeman. Darrel Bruggeman won the Washer Drop followed by a tie between Rodney Marshall and Grace Kauk. The Slow Tractor Race was won by Greg Bruggeman with Grace and Stan Kauk each right behind him.

The Selden Community Foundation, who sponsors this annual event, drew for raffle prizes just before the parade. With a tremendous amount of support, prizes

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## Oil, gas symposium set in Dodge City

The Dodge City/Ford County Development Corp. will hold a day-long conference on Tuesday, June 19, on current and future oil and gas activity in the Mississippian Lime Play, covering parts of western and south central Kansas.

The region was considered tapped out by vertical drilling decades ago, but refinements to a technique called hydraulic fracturing (or "fracking") has the potential to significantly increase oil and gas activity in the state.

The symposium is sponsored by the Dodge City/Ford County Development Corp., along with United Wireless, Western Beverage, Dodge City Medical Center, Western Plains Medical Complex, Dodge City Sand Co. and JAG Construction.

The symposium is meant to bring area communities together impacted by oil and gas activity and hear feedback from experts in the industry.

It will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Magouirk Conference Center, 4100 West Comanche,

Dodge City, Kan., 67801.

Community officials from Oklahoma and North Dakota, as well as company representatives will attend the symposium. Panel discussions will focus on housing, education and public safety; public infrastructure and healthcare; and workforce issues.

Panelists include Eric Benson, city manager, Enid, Okla.; Doug Haines, assistant city manager, Woodward, Okla.; Shawn Kessel, city manager, Dickinson, N.D.; and Dennis Johnson, mayor of Dickinson. Other Kansas community and state officials also will be present.

In addition, James Roller of Chesapeake Energy will give an overview of horizontal fracturing. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hampton Inn, 4002 W. Comanche St., near the conference center under "City of Dodge City." Call (620) 225-0000 for room reservations.

Registration is free, but participants should make reservations to the Dodge City/Ford County Development Corp. by Wednesday, June 13, at dharris@dodgegov.org or call (620) 227-9501.



Camron Spresser (above) drove the wagon train throughout the day for the little kids during the Selden Antique Tractor and Classic Car Show on Sunday. The wagons were provided by Don Spresser and the tractor by Selden Lumber. Mia Rogers (right) gave it her all in the Kiddie Tractor Pull at the show while other contestants waited for their turn. Mia is the daughter of Jason and Aliasha Rogers of rural Selden.

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## Senate boundaries pair up incumbents

TOPEKA (AP) – Thanks to a federal court order, three Kansas Senate districts now have a pair of incumbents.

Legislators were still reviewing the boundaries for the 40 Senate districts today, the day after three federal judges issued a ruling redrawing the state's political boundaries.

The judges were handling a lawsuit over the Legislature's failure to adjust lines to account for population changes over the past decade.

In the Kansas City area, the new 37th District includes GOP Sens. Pat Apple, of Louisburg, and Ray Merrick, of Stilwell.

In southeast Kansas, a new 15th District includes Republican Sens. Jeff King, of Independence, and Dwayne Umbarger, of Thayer.

And in northwest Kansas, the new 40th District is home to Republican Sen. Ralph Ostmeier, of Grinnell, and Democratic Sen. Allen Schmidt, of Hays.

## Tornadoes cause damage in Colorado, Wyoming

By Ben Neary

Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. – A rare quarter-mile-wide tornado cut a swath across mainly open country in southeastern Wyoming, ripping off roofs and shingles, destroying outbuildings and derailing empty train cars.

The twister was part of a powerful storm system that rolled through parts of Colorado and Wyoming on Thursday, packing heavy rains, high winds and hail. The storms followed a round of

nasty late spring weather that pummeled the region Wednesday.

The twister in a sparsely populated area near Wheatland, Wyo., left five structures heavily damaged, and 10 to 12 other structures had lesser damage, said Kelly Ruiz of the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security. One of the destroyed homes was vacant, said radio station owner Kent Smith, speaking for the Platte County Sheriff's Office.

Kim Eike said Friday she was

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