Thomas speedway holds summer races

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The Thomas County Speedway in Colby has held four races so far this summer, but still has six to go.

The first races of the season were held on April 29, where Nate Moore took first in the modified class. John Fose finished second, Darren DeLoach third, Adam Morris fourth, Chris Remetes fifth, Milo Lippelmann sixth and Allen Kurth seventh.

The winner of the stock-car class was Jeff Tubbs. Nick Tubbs came in second, B.J. Wagoner third, Brandon Clough fourth, and Michael Johnson 13th. Wheat Lippelmann fifth, Tyler

and Austin Janousek 14th.

The results for the sport modified class were Michael Wadel, fourth; Blaine Walt, fifth; Jason Jay Murray 16th. Gray, sixth; and Donnie Strecker, seventh.

Brian Stich won the hobby stock class that day. Tyrel Smith finished second, John Luckert third, Richard Boon fourth, Joey Snethen fifth, Daniel Irwin, sixth, Jason Darren DeLoach won the modi-McIntyre seventh, Matt Giesenhagen eighth, Mike Giesenhagen ninth, Emanuel Young 10th, John each class was not available. Peden 11th, Cody Williams 12th

In the econo class, Joe Harper er Jeff Carney said they changed Tipton sixth, Cody Zimmerman came away with the win. Jory the time from 6 p.m. to 7 due to seventh, Bruce Plumisto eighth, Friesen took second, Mike Meyer the heat. Travis Towns ninth, Rich Beesley third, Krista Plummer fourth, Bry-

10th, Allen Snethen 11th, Darin an Guyer fifth, Rocky Baalmann Racek 12th, Jason Rogers 13th sixth, Ryan Baalmann seventh, Alex Crossland eighth, Adrienne West ninth, Joey Foster 10th, Kevin Delano 11th, Mark Singer first; Jason Brees, second; Dustin 12th, Billy Turner 13th, Joe Aus-Daniels, third; Jacob Adler, tin 14th, Ron Baalmann 15th and

> The next races held in Colby ran on May 20. Joe Harper won the econo class, Brian Stich won the hobby stock class, Dustin Daniels won the sport modified class, Jeff Tubbs won the stock car class and fied class.

> The results of the other racers in

Races will be held at the speedway at 7 p.m. on Sunday. Promot-



THOMAS COUNTY SPEEDWAY

Brian Stich (No. 21) and Brady Coen (No. 3) drove in the hobby stock race at the Thomas County Speedway on May 20. Stich took first in the race.

Hospital patients visit Emporia for special day

the Kansas Shrine Bowl sent hundreds of Kansas football players to St. Louis to see first-hand the facilities at the St. Louis Shriners Hospital for Children, and to meet the young patients that have benefited from the game they are playing.

But travel challenges have made the one-day trip to St. Louis difficult, if not impossible, and have forced Shrine Bowl and hospital officials to find another way to acquaint the players and coaches with the medical care offered by the hospital. The solution: if the teams can't come to the hospital, then bring the hospital to the teams.

That's what will happen when a busload of St. Louis hospital staff, patients and equipment make the 343-mile journey to Emporia State University's Memo-

Hospital Visitation Day on Thursday, July 26.

"The trip to St. Louis has always been a highlight of the Shrine Bowl experience for players and coaches," said Shrine Bowl Executive Director Emeritus Dave devices, and we'll have wheel chairs and Mize. "We don't want to lose that connection, and bringing the hospital to Kansas is the next best thing to going. We tried it tient's story, and do an activity that simulast year in Salina, and it worked well, so we're excited about doing it again."

Some 15 to 20 young patients and their families will make the trip via a chartered bus. Many of the patients, called patient ambassadors, will have an opportunity to show those attending what happens at various departments at the hospital.

Susan Bland, a public relations specialist at the St. Louis hospital, says players,

see at the hospital itself, with 13 "stations" organized to simulate various hospital departments.

"It will just be a mobile version of it," she said. "We'll be bringing prosthetic walkers. A patient ambassador will host each station, and guests will hear the palates what patients go through in each of the departments."

Bland says having the patients themselves tell their stories and talk about the various hospital departments makes the day more meaningful for those attending.

"When you take the tour, you'll actually hear about a department from someone who has gone through it," she said.

Not only will the hospital send many rial Union, where they'll "set up shop" for coaches and others attending the event of its patients, but Shriners Hospital pa-

For the first 37 years of its existence, one day to showcase hospital activities at will pretty much see everything they'd tients who live in Kansas have also been fice at (800) 530-5524. invited to attend, and even help with the presentation.

> 'We would love to have their help on that day," says Bland.

> One positive about bringing the hospital to Kansas is the increased number of people who will experience what the hospital does.

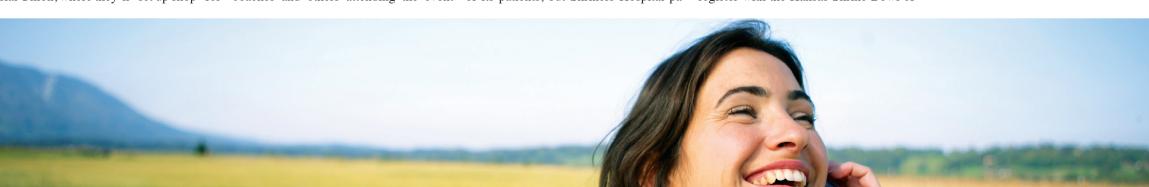
> "In the past, the player visits usually brought a group of about 100 to the hospital," she said. "This year, over 500 people have registered to come through."

> The additional people will include the All-State Masonic Band, usually some 200 strong, plus students involved in cross country, cheerleading and dance camps at Emporia State that week. While the event is not a public event, Bland says walk-ins will be welcome, provided they register with the Kansas Shrine Bowl of-

All Shrine Bowl events are produced and presented to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children. Shriners Hospitals is a health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals.

Children up to the age of 18 are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients' ability to pay.

The 39th annual Kansas Shrine Bowl will be played Saturday, July 28, at Welch Stadium on the Emporia State University campus. Kickoff will be at 7 p.m. Tickets and additional information are available at www.kansasshrinebowl.com or by calling (800) 530-5524.



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