

# Leadership Thomas County class to begin their study during August

It is August and most of us are beginning to recuperate from the bluegrass festival while the Thomas County Fair is still in full swing.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who worked at those events. They just would not happen without you.

Members of the new Leadership Thomas County adult class will be announced next week. The first session will be held the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 14, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday the 15th at the Prairie Museum of Art and History.

We look forward to working again with adults and will have the opportunity to share the Leadership Summit with the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita with them. The center focuses on civic leadership and working with areas of concern within the community. Class members will be introduced to other leadership class members from all over the state. It is an opportunity to broaden our horizons.

I will be attending Kansas Dialogue Friday through Sunday, Aug. 17 to 19, in Wichita. The Tour Kansas Motorcoach Showcase will be Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 28 and 29, at the Cheyenne Mountain resort in Colorado Springs. August promises to be a very busy month.

We have several events before school begins. Perhaps one of the most important is election day which will be Tuesday at the



**Leilani Thomas**

## • On the Road Again!

Community Building. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Car races are being held at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 19, at the Thomas County Speedway.

Once a Month Lunch will be held at the Presbyterian Church at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11.

Kansas Fair Motorcycle Flat Track Racing will be at the fairgrounds Saturday, Aug. 11. Gates open at 2 p.m., heat races begin at 2:30 p.m. and racing begins at 4 p.m. with the main event at 7:30 p.m.

Pioneer Memorial Library is having the Hutton Memorial Unveiling and open house, Sunday. Refreshments will be served.

The American Red Cross Blood

Drive will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, and 7:45 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at the Colby Community Building.

Life Line screening will be Monday at the American Legion. Pre-registration is required at (800) 324-1851.

American Youth Soccer Organization registration will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9, and from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at Pioneer Memorial Library. Youth must be at least 4 1/2 years old by today to participate.

Our neighboring communities are having events that many of us attend annually. The Gem Hog Roast will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday the 22nd while Brewster is holding their Watermelon Feed the evening of Friday the 24th. Both communities would like to have you attend.

Colby Community College registration will begin Monday, Aug. 20. The Community Block Party

and Welcome will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday the 21st. Come out and welcome the students to the college and to Colby.

The Colby Public Schools will have their first day of classes on Thursday, Aug. 23. The volleyball sports drink scrimmage will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, in the high school gym while the football video scrimmage will be at 8 p.m. at Dennen Field the same day.

The college is playing volleyball with Garden City at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at the Community Building. The Colby Classic Volleyball Tournament will be Friday and Saturday, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, at the Community Building and Colby High School. Game times will be announced later.

Keep cool, enjoy the last few days of summer before school starts and don't forget to vote!

*Leilani Thomas is director of the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau, a long-time civic volunteer and a passionate observer of the tourism industry.*

## Rexford youth, parents busy with county fair

Preparations for the Thomas County Fair kept a lot of Rexford youth (and their parents) busy last week. It seemed like we could have spent the entire week in Colby if we had wanted.

We did go to Colby for the Fashion Revue on Tuesday evening and were pleased to see two Rexford girls win awards.

Tylor Todd earned the Special Merit award in the junior division of clothing construction for an apron she sewed. Jesalynn Griffiths was awarded the Reserve Grand Champion award for her buymanship project. Both girls seemed to have a lot of fun modeling their projects.

As the fair officially began on Tuesday, all of the 4-H projects are on display. Stop in and see what the kids of our community have been working on this year.

We also attended the Todd



**Gwen Griffiths**

• Rexford Correspondent

Becker Foundation BlockStop Party in Colby Sunday evening. There was a good crowd, with a few Rexford citizens attending. Thanks to everyone who provided cookies for this event.

This week Shepherd's Staff will be holding Celebration Community Church's high school camp. This group of kids from Hays will keep busy learning about God, serving the community and having a lot of fun.

Well, that seems to be the news for this week. Don't forget to call 687-2076 or e-mail griffithsgang@gmail.com with your special happenings. Have a great week!

## KANSAS LIFELINE PROGRAM

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For more information about Kansas Lifeline, call your local S&T office. The number is on your telephone bill or in the front part of the telephone directory. You can also visit [www.sttelcom.com](http://www.sttelcom.com) for lifeline information.



## Partnering To Bring Medical Specialists To Colby

### Colby Outreach Clinic Schedule

**Citizens Medical Center  
Specialty Clinic  
100 E. College Drive - Colby**

**Cardiology - Dr. Christine Fisher**  
Monthly

**Oncology/Hematology  
Dr. January Fields**  
Twice Monthly

**Orthopedic - Dr. Robert Bassett**  
Monthly

**Orthopedic/Spine  
Dr. Vivek Sharma**  
Monthly

**Urology  
Dr. Wallace Curry  
Dr. Darrell Werth**  
Monthly

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**Colby Medical Surgical Center  
175 S. Range - Colby**

**Urology  
Dr. Wallace Curry  
Dr. Darrell Werth**  
Monthly

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## USD 315 COLBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION



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Food Service—460-5240  
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School Nurse—460-5111  
Technology—460-5010  
Transportation—460-5020

### ENROLLMENT DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS

- **K-12 RETURNING\* Students**  
Wednesday, August 8, 2012 → 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Colby High School Commons  
*\*Includes pre-enrolled kindergarten students and grade 6 Sacred Heart students*

- **K-12 NEW Students**  
Thursday, August 9, 2012 → 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Respective buildings

### 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) .....\$27  
Lunches (monthly fee/20 meals) .....\$46
- **Grades 3-12**  
Textbook Rental (annual fee).....\$70  
Breakfast 3-8 (monthly fee/20 meals).....\$27  
Breakfast 9-12 (monthly fee/20 meals) .....\$29  
Lunches (monthly fee/20 meals) .....\$50

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 the Food Service Director 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

**\* \* Dismissal times have changed. \* \***

- First Day ..... Thursday, August 23, 2012
- Last Day ..... Thursday, May 23, 2013
- **Classes Begin** ..... **8:00 a.m.**
- **Classes Dismiss** (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) **3:40 p.m.**
- **Classes Dismiss** (Wednesday) ..... **2:50 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 have 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.