

Schedule set for summer in Colby

Wow, the summer is quickly speeding by for many of us. The quarterly calendar of events for July, August and September is out at the motels, city building, courthouse, library, banks and museum. July has many of our favorite annual events.



Leilani Thomas

• **On the Road Again!**

The Leadership Thomas County board of directors is seeking adults who are interested in participating in the leadership program. Some nomination forms are being distributed by board members, but you are welcome to self-nominate by calling me at 460-7643. Applications are to be completed and returned by Friday, July 12. This is a participatory program preparing adults to expand their perspectives, set the context of human behavior, and increase awareness of and commitment to our community.

Classes will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Sept. 25 and Oct. 23. Class members will also attend the Kansas Leadership Summit Wednesday to Friday, Oct. 9 to 11, at the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita.

If you want to be a part of this exciting journey or if you have questions, please give us a call. The Kiwanis will hold their annual fireworks display on the Fourth of July at the fairgrounds. The fireworks will be set off shortly after 10 p.m.

We thank the Kiwanis members and the Colby Fire Department for this display each year. Remember to display your flags

The Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass Festival will be Friday through Sunday, July 19 to 21, at the fairgrounds. Rhonda Vincent and Blue Highway are headliners for this year's show. Also appearing will be Driven, Jeff Scroggins, Bonham Revue, Sappa Strings, the McLemore Family and Larry

Booth. Marshall Allen Bailey and Cowgirl Janey will be serving as emcees. Shows will begin at 6 p.m. Friday night, noon on Saturday and 9:30 a.m. on Sunday.

A youth showcase and open stage are scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday as well as workshops. There will be vendors, children's activities and food. Advanced weekend tickets are available at the Chamber office or F&M Bank at Dillon.

Once again a potluck supper and jam session will kick off the festival at 6:30 p.m. Thursday evening. Everyone is invited to this event.

The Thomas County Fair also takes place in July. The Kansas Professional Rodeo Association rodeo will be at 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, the 29th and 30th. Mutton busting and the queen coronation will be Monday evening. Tuesday, the fair parade will be at 5:30 p.m. downtown.

The carnival rides and games will open at 7 p.m. Tuesday and continue each evening through Saturday. Wednesday's activities include the antique tractor show, pedal tractor contest and Texaco Country Showdown. The show-down will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday's events include the Thomas

County Community Foundation breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the 4-H Building and the livestock sale and buyers' appreciation barbecue. Friday, Restless Heart will be in concert at 8 p.m., and the fair ends with the demolition derby Saturday night. These are just the grandstand events. Be sure to view the exhibits and support the 4-Hers and others who are part of this annual events.

Picnic in the Park continues on Wednesdays in July. Jeff Wagoner and Family entertains Wednesday, the Bugbee Sisters are scheduled for July 10, Sappa Strings will appear July 17 and the final performance will be July 24 by Larry Booth.

The Pioneer Memorial Library will bring Randy Sauer at 8 Wednesday on the lawn and the Vodvill Klown, an actor and juggler, to the library at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 11.

Swimming, baseball, softball and other summer time activities continue. Enjoy the summer in Thomas County.

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

New state law requires roofers to get certificate

A new law requiring roofing contractors operating in Kansas to register with the Attorney General's office will take effect next week, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said.

Under the provisions of this law, which was enacted by the Legislature in April, on and after July 1 every "roofing contractor" must obtain a roofing contractor registration certificate from the Kansas Attorney General in order to legally provide commercial or residential roofing services for a fee in Kansas.

The application form for roofing contractor registration is now available on the Attorney General's website at www.ag.ks.gov, along with the proposed regulations and frequently asked questions for roofing

contractors and consumers. Once the law takes effect, the website will also include a public directory of roofers who have applied for registration.

The Attorney General's office has issued proposed temporary regulations to implement the law, which are awaiting approval by the State Rules and Regulations Board. The board meets Friday. If approved, the temporary regulations will take effect on July 1. Proposed permanent regulations are also available for review on the Attorney General's website, and any interested persons are encouraged to review them and submit comments for consideration.

For additional information, call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at (800) 432-2310.

Senior Progress Center

The Senior Progress Center will be closed Thursday for the Fourth of July.

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 10:30 a.m. Skip Bo. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 11 a.m. Health Department; after lunch - board meeting. **Wednesday:** snack day. **Thursday:** center closed; no meals or transportation. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 dart game.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** hamburger, tater tots or rounds, mixed vegetables, cook's choice fruit. **Tuesday:** baked spaghetti, tossed salad with carrots, strawberries and bananas, garlic bread, pudding. **Wednesday:** ham, saucy sweet potatoes, peas, Ambrosia fruit salad. **Thursday:** closed. **Friday:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, winter mix vegetables, mixed fruit.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch Monday through Friday at the senior center. A contribution of \$3 per meal is suggested for seniors, \$5.25 for others. For anyone under 60, home delivery is \$5.75.

Make reservations at (785) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

Red Barn


Activities for the week: **Monday:** 2 p.m. Barnswallows; Gail Williams and Sue Hayes, birthdays. **Tuesday:** **Wednesday:** 10 a.m. ladies' Bible study. **Thursday:** 2 p.m. Come On Down; 7 p.m. Fourth of July Community Picnic in the Park. **Friday:** 9:30 a.m. Koffee Klatch; 2:30 p.m. Stitch and Chatter.


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