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Workers from Commercial Sign used a crane (above) to lower a sign into place Monday, officially marking the entrance to the Thomas County Fairgrounds. They used bucket and ladder (right) while attaching the sign.

New sign goes up at fairground entry

Just in time for fair season, a new sign is in place at the entrance to the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

Workers for Commercial Sign dropped the large sign reading "Thomas County Fairgrounds" into place atop two brick pillars supporting a metal gate on Monday. It was one of the last additions to a new entryway at the fairgrounds.

The fair board began looking for donations to help cover the cost of the entrance at the end of April. The project includes a wrought iron fence along the east side of the grounds, with another section south of the 4-H Building, concrete sidewalks from the fences leading to the race track and handicapped parking spaces in front of the gate. There are also plans for lights over the sign and the sidewalk and benches and a sign with the names of the donors.

The fence, sidewalk, parking spaces and two benches had been completed by the time the sign was complete. Board Secretary Audrey Hines said the other benches and sign showing the names of donors and the lights over the big sign will be completed early next week. The bigger lights over the sidewalk and some more fencing will be done when the money is there for it. Hines said the board has spent about \$25,000 for the project so far.



Senior Progress Center

Come join the canasta game Thursday at the Senior Progress Center.

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 10:30 a.m. Skip Bo. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. backgammon. **Wednesday:** 10:30 a.m. ice cream sodas. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. canasta. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pool game.

cheese, pineapple, cookie.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch Monday through Friday. Home delivery and pickup service are available. A contribution of \$3 per meal is suggested for seniors, \$5.25 for others. Make reservations at (785) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, beets, rosy pears. **Tuesday:** sloppy joes, cucumber and tomato salad, peaches, pudding. **Wednesday:** baked fish, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, watermelon. **Thursday:** cook's choice entrée, corn, spinach salad, cinnamon apple slices. **Friday:** paprika chicken, potato salad, cottage

Red Barn

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 2 p.m. Barnswallows. **Wednesday:** 10 a.m. ladies' Bible study. **Thursday:** 2 p.m. Come On Down; Jeannette Bencken's birthday. **Friday:** 9:30 a.m. Koffee Klatch; 2:30 p.m. Stitch and Chatter.

Screaming rollercoaster riders break local sound agreement

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — A Northern California roller coaster appears to have been a little too much fun.

The Gold Striker at Great America in Santa Clara had to be taken offline because riders were screaming too loudly.

The *San Jose Mercury News* reports (bit.ly/1aK6QAw) that the

shrieks were exceeding the decibel limit agreed upon in a settlement with Prudential Real Estate, which owns adjacent properties.

So Great America had to cover a portion of the track in a sound-dampening tunnel. The wooden roller coaster reopened on after the work was completed.

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