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Rodeo rides through Colby

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Friday night was apparently take your son to work day at the rodeo. This rider was getting cattle in their pens when he gave the kid a ride.

rodeo club, which has 26 members, did a lot of work "out of the arena," Russell said, and the livestock judging team helped out too. Other volunteers moved animals around or set up a pen inside the arena for the bull-riding.

"A lot of local community people help out, a lot of former team members," Russell said. "(They) come back this weekend just to help out with the rodeo."

He said he wanted to thank the businesses and individuals who sponsored the rodeo, almost all from Colby. These included 12 "title sponsors," who sponsored each of the events, the announcers' room and the emergency medical service, plus 36 other sponsors.

"Basically, we couldn't host it if weren't for them," Russell said.

The events included tie-down roping, team roping, steer wrestling, barrel racing, goat tying, bull riding, breakaway roping, bareback riding and saddle-bronc riding.

The region's next rodeo will be at Pratt Community College, from Friday, Oct. 4, to Sunday, Oct. 6. Northwestern Oklahoma State University will have one from Thursday, Oct. 31, to Saturday, Nov. 2, in Alva. The region also has seven rodeos in the spring, Russell said.

More kids vaccinated for flu now

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emergency last January when hospitals were filled with flu patients, and Biddinger said he treated many who openly regretted not having been vaccinated.

January and February typically are the peak flu months in the U.S. But small numbers of flu cases circulate for much of the year, and Biddinger said a couple of people have been hospitalized already.

"That first cough or fever is not the time to think about influenza vaccine," Schuchat said.

Flu vaccine is recommend-

ed for nearly everyone ages 6 months and older. Yet just 45 percent of the population followed that advice last year. Flu is particularly risky for seniors, children, pregnant women and people of any age with asthma, heart disease and other chronic diseases.

Two-thirds of adults 65 and older were vaccinated last year. So were nearly 57 percent of children, an increase of 13 percentage points over the past two years. The number is even higher among babies and toddlers - 77 percent - and Schuchat said pediatricians get the credit for

pushing flu vaccination in recent years.

About half of pregnant women are vaccinated, a number also on the rise since the 2009 flu pandemic illustrated that population's vulnerability.

But only 42 percent of adults younger than 65 were vaccinated, Schuchat said, with rates even lower among 18- to 49-year-olds.

It's not clear why. But "there are no good reasons to skip the influenza vaccine," said Dr. William Schaffner of Vanderbilt University.

Retired art teacher to get state honors

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more prevalent in schools," Mahin recalled.

He said he taught at the middle school for four years at the start of his career until the district brought on a full-time art teacher. When working at the high school, he sometimes taught classes at the college later in the afternoon. Moving to the college full time, he said, he was working with students for two years or less instead of four.

"You had less time to bring those students along ... in their art careers," he said.

But college offered a once-a-

semester art trip to places like Santa Fe, Chicago and New York.

"I think that was one of our highlights, was taking our students to see the city, see the museums," he said. "Having 28 college students was always quite an adventure."

High school students took trips, too, but usually to closer places like Denver and Kansas City. One exception was the year they went to Mexico with a Spanish class, with both classes going to mostly the same places.

"That was pretty interesting to visit a foreign country," Mahin said.

In 1971, Mahin resigned from his position at the high school and taught art to the children of armed service members in Nuremberg, Germany from 1971 to 1973. There was no culture shock in going to Europe, he said, but the kids he taught had been around the world and were very able. His position in Colby opened up and he came back here in the fall of 1973. He said he taught adult education classes at Ghost Ranch in New Mexico from 1984 to the end of his career.

Mahin said he comes back here at times. He helped his wife present scholarships to area high

school students in the Student Union of the college Sept. 11. He also participated in the college's Studio Friday, where anyone with an art project can come and get some advice on technique.

Rebel Jay, current art teacher, recalled working with Mahin after she stared her work here around 2008 and 2009. Jay said that Mahin could always find eyes in a picture.

"He was a hoot, he was fun to work with," she said. "It was neat to see him look at artwork, because he always looked at it a little different than anyone else."

Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the following day, space available. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

Deadline near for Colby Art Show

Artists and photographers who have not yet registered for the High Plains Art Club's juried show Friday to Sunday, Oct. 18 to 20, have only until Tuesday to submit forms and fees. There is no charge for college and high school students to enter. Bring art work and photos in the first day of the show. For a brochure, contact Alice Wolf at (785) 460-8148, 443-3707 or gawolf@st-tel.net.

Economic development board to meet

The Thomas County Economic Development Alliance board will meet at 8 a.m. Friday at the county office complex, 350 S. Range, Suite 12. For information call Christy Rocca at 460-4511.

Groundwater office to show off new digs

The Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 will have an open house from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday at its new office, 1290 W. Fourth St., to celebrate the move and to honor the retirement of manager Wayne Bossert. The public is invited to come tour the new building and congratulate Bossert as he retires after 36 years.

'Party for the Potties' dance tickets available

Tickets are on sale now for the Prairie Museum of Art and History's "Party for the Potties" barn dance and barbecue fund raiser on Saturday at the museum, 1905 S. Franklin, Colby. Admission for the dance and dinner is \$20 per person, at the door or in advance from the museum. The meal starts at 6 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Contact Director Sue Taylor at prairiem@st-tel.net or 460-4590 or go to www.prairiemuseum.org for information.

Church invites everyone to free lunch

Come and bring a friend to a free "Joyful Blessings" meal from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, Webster and Grant. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Radonda Buford at 462-2804.

Illusionist to perform at Wesleyan Church

Illusionist Mel LaMar will give a free show at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Colby Wesleyan Church, displaying juggling, ventriloquism and illusions while sharing a message. For questions, call Joy Rothfuss at 462-8391.

School to hold barbecue Sunday

Heartland Christian School plans a barbecue fund raiser from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the school. For a donation, diners can enjoy barbecue sausage, chicken or pork, corn, salad, baked beans, baked potato and dessert. Contact Kim Schriener at 460-6419 for information.

Foundation has money for fall grants

The Thomas County Community Foundation has over \$7,000 available for grants to county nonprofits and charities for its third-quarter competitive grant cycle. The application deadline is Monday; forms can be found at www.thomascountycityfoundation.com. For questions, contact Executive Director Melinda Olsen via Facebook, by e-mail at tccf@st-tel.net or by phone at 460-9152.

Free class will cover foster parenting

Anyone interested in foster parenthood can attend a free 10-week course put on by St. Francis Community Services. The course, required for all foster parents, begins Wednesday at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave. Call Nikki Engel at (785) 625-6651, ext. 23, or go to www.st-francis.org to register.

Childbirth education classes to start

Citizens Medical Center will hold a four week series of childbirth education classes beginning next Thursday. Classes begin at 7 p.m. in the hospital's conference room, for expectant mother who are due before February. The labor support partner is also encouraged to attend classes. The next series of classes begins Jan. 9. To register, contact Jeanene Brown in the hospital's education department at 460-4850.

Book Fair coming to schools

The Colby Middle School Book Fair will be open during school hours and parent-teacher conferences Monday through Thursday, Oct. 7 to 10. The Colby Grade School Book Fair will be open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8 and from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10. For information call Kelly Draper at 460-5200.



A large table titled 'Saturday Evening September 28, 2013' showing TV listings for various channels (KAKE/ABC, KBLS/CBS, etc.) and times (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, etc.). It lists programs like 'College Football', 'Chicago Fire', 'Too Cute!', 'Storage', 'Hell on Wheels', etc.

A large table titled 'Sunday Evening September 29, 2013' showing TV listings for various channels (KAKE/ABC, KBLS/CBS, etc.) and times (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, etc.). It lists programs like 'Once Upon a Time', 'Revenge', 'The Good Wife', 'The Mentalist', 'Football', 'NFL Football', etc.

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