

Colby won't have a rod run this weekend

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The annual Colby Rod Run has hit a dead end. The run, scheduled for the second weekend in June, never got going. "It is not going to happen this year," said Leilani Thomas, director of the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau. "No one came forward to chair it, unfortunately. It takes a year to plan it. We're still hopeful someone will come forward next year." Thomas said the event's absence won't have a significant impact on Colby hotels and merchants, but might hurt community pride. When the Colby Cruise to the Past Rod

Run started in 1993, it was coordinated by Bill and Bev Biel of Colby. The event brought classic car enthusiasts from three states to put their cars on display. Vehicles were also judged in various categories. The Biels stepped down last year after organizing the run. "Twelve years was a long enough," Bev Biel said at the time. The couple said last year they would be willing to help another group coordinate the event the first year or two. They are not opposed to having multiple people or groups coordinate the event. But apparently, no one was willing to step forward. Thomas said there is still plenty to do in Colby this summer.

One signature Colby event has already started. The Picnic in the Park concert series kicked off Thursday in Fike Park with a performance by Larry Booth and Brandon and Blake McLemore. Thomas said the series will take place at noon each Thursday through July 27. The schedule is:

- June 15, the McLemore Family will perform bluegrass.
- June 22, the Wagoner Family of Colby will perform.
- June 29, Shawna Kersenbrock performing western and pop selections.
- July 6, Margie Broeckelman of Oakley with country and pop.
- July 13, the Sappa Strings, Wayne and

Millie Lauritsen, formerly of Gem.

- July 20, Bill Summers and friends.
- July 27, Monica Bugbee-Miller and Carla Haggard performing country and pop.

Colby will be part of a national celebration marking the 50th anniversary of Interstate 70, Wednesday, June 21. Details are still in the works, Thomas said. She said Colby will host a summer recreation league swim meet July 7-8. The same weekend, there will be an MAYB basketball tournament at the Colby Community Building. "There will be teams from all over for those," she said. The annual Pickin' on the Plains blue-

grass festival will run July 14-16. The Thomas County Free Fair will be Aug. 1-5. Thomas said the last big event of the summer will be Celebration on the High Plains Sept. 9. It will kick off with the Colby fly-in at the airport and the celebration will take place at the Prairie Museum of Art and History. The event will feature a concert by country band Cross Canadian Ragweed. Opening act will be No Parking. For more information, call the bureau at (785) 460-7643 or the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce at 460-3401.

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changes from a fee of 75 cents per line to 5 percent of the gross income. He said that ties in with inflation so the city gets an increase as phone company income increases. The franchise is for two years Hill said, and renews for one year after that. Daniels asked if the change in the franchise fee would change customers' bills? Hill said the phone company will pass it along to the customers, but did not expect the fee to change much. Billinger said he did not think the city would see much more money, adding, "I think S&T has more customers than AT&T."

- Approved a bid from B&H Paving of Scott City for \$20,600 for applying the chip sealing this summer. Rich Simon, public works manager, said they plan to do about one-sixth of the streets. He said the success of the program from last year means they can stretch it out to a six-year program. The chip sealing program last year changed to a different size rock, and a different oil mixture. In addition to the first layer a second coat of oil was added

to the streets a few weeks after the first application, and this has held the rocks in place better than the previous application.

- Approved a bid from Tri-State Exterminating of Goodland for pesticide spraying of the City Administration Building and the airport terminal, except the café, for \$40 per month. Hill said the contract is for a year, and it will be bid out each year. In the past, said city Clerk Mary Volk, No Pest Control of Hays has been doing the spraying and charging \$25 for each location, or a total of \$50 per month.
- Approved payment to Miller Construction of \$233,176 for work completed on the intersections on Main. Darin Neufeld, engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, who is inspecting the project for the city, said part of the money paid to Miller is for the water and storm drain lines that are not reimbursed by the grant through the Kansas Department of Transportation.
- Approved payment of \$11,4445 to Evans, Bierly, Hutchison for construction inspection on the intersection projects. Neufeld said the intersections are moving along well.

Sidewalk work is being done at 12th and Main, and replacement of water lines at Ninth and Main should begin this week. Miller said that no one has complained to him about the construction.

- Approved a request for reimbursement from the Department of Transportation of \$76,639 for the brick intersection projects.
- Heard an update from Hill about the Goodland Energy Resources contract. Hill said the negotiations have been positive and he hopes to have the revised contract for the next meeting. He said the engineer who was brought in to design the power line said he thought the city might be able to work out a deal with Sunflower Electric without having to build a high-cost line. Hill said there is another route the power line might follow.
- Hill said he and Volk were working on the city budget.
- "It has been an enlightening experience," Hill said. "This is my first one, and with Mary's help, I might get through it."
- Heard an update from Simon about heating problems at Steever Water Park. He said the opening gone well, but on Monday the

heater coils started leaking. Simon said the price for a new coil is \$5,839 plus shipping, and that a new boiler would be around \$20,000. Billinger and Daniels asked Simon if the natural gas boiler could be replaced with an electric one. "Is it time to look at replacing that?" Billinger asked. "That gas meter just runs constantly."

- Heard from Power Plant Superintendent Rod Blake that Engine No. 11 is up and running at the power plant. Blake said a piston failure in March, when they were breaking in the rebuilt engine, was under warranty. He said he was not sure how of the labor cost was covered, but the parts were covered. He said when the plant crew went to

change a seal on a pump on Engine No. 10, they found that the bearings were shot, and had to get some rebuilt ones from Houston. The next city commission meeting will be 5 p.m. on Monday, June 19, upstairs in the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th. To enter the building, press the button on the wall inside the first set of doors.

Monday noon is deadline to file for Sherman County offices

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roads-street improvement project. Snethen said one person had talked to the County Clerk Janet Rumpel about the commissioner position, but no other candidates have taken out papers. Only those registered in the district can vote in the commissioner race, Rumpel said. Candidates can file by taking out a petition and getting signatures equal to 3 percent of the voters registered in their party in the district, 26 for a Republican or eight for a Democrat. Or they can pay a fee, which is 1 percent of the annual salary, \$143, to the county, plus a \$35 state filing fee. Township clerk positions are up for election in the 13 townships in Sherman County — Grant, Iowa, Itasca, Lincoln, Llanos, Logan, McPherson, Shermanville, Smoky, Staline, Union, Voltaire and Washington. There have not been any more

candidates file as of Wednesday. Randy Daise has filed for Grant Township Clerk. Shirley Anderson has filed in McPherson Township and Lou Taylor in Staline. Democrats and Republicans will be electing a precinct committeeman and committeewoman from each of the four city wards and each of the townships. These people make up the central committee for each party. Snethen said there have been some more candidates file for the Republican committee positions. In Ward 1, Roberta Bretz and Marlyn Mangus have filed for the Republican Committeewoman position. Ward 2 has two Republican women filed for the committee position, Janet S. Craft and Garnet O. Haifleigh. In Ward 4, Judi Vignery had filed for Republican committeewoman and her husband, lawyer Ron Vignery, has filed for committee-

man. In the townships, Carol J. Topliff has filed for Republican committeewoman position in Logan. In Voltaire, Myron Tedford filed for Republican committeeman and L. Tedford for Republican committeewoman. Previously, Snethen said, the clerk's office received a filing for Republican committeewoman from Karen Hooker in Staline. Harlan House has filed for Republican committeeman and his wife, Cora House, has filed for committeewoman in Itasca Township. Township office candidates pay \$1 filing fees. Snethen said there is no charge to file for political party positions. The filing deadline on June 12 is for Democratic and Republican candidates. Independent candidates, who do not appear on the primary ballot, have until noon July 31 to file for the November election

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