

Reunion starts Thursday

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with the golf tournament at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at Sugar Hills Golf Club. There will be a second session of golf beginning at 1 p.m., also with a shotgun start. Registration opens Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Sherman County Fairgrounds and will be open until 9 p.m. Alumni members not playing golf can spend the day visiting family and friends. Registration on Friday will open at 8 a.m. at the fairgrounds, and be open until 8 p.m. Day 2 of the golf tournament gets started at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start and at 1 p.m., the afternoon session begins.

A meet-and-greet with former teachers will be at 3 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 824 Main. Friday evening is open for class parties at homes and halls around the county. There will be a square dance from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Marie Edwards Hall, 2431 Walnut. A street dance, beer garden and Karaoke will be open from 8 p.m. to midnight in the parking lot west of Bankwest and the vacant lot adjacent to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In case of rain, the party will move to the VFW. Registration on Saturday opens at 8 a.m. at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Dale Schields, alumni association president, will open the assem-

bly at 9:30 a.m. with announcements and introductions. The Class of 1956, which graduated 50 years ago, will be the honored class. There will be a special assembly musical performance at 10 a.m. by the band Three-Ring Circus. Lunch will a barbecue at 12:30 p.m. at Gulick Park, Ninth and Caldwell, followed by a "Saturday in the Park" alumni concert from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. More class parties may be held in the afternoon. The reunion winds up with a dance from 8 p.m. to midnight at the fairgrounds. Bands will be Ace's and 8's (country), Pomeroy (contemporary) and Three-Ring Circus (oldies).

Former Trojan player loses spot on Missouri college's team

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

A Colby lawyer is trying to figure out why his client's basketball scholarship at a Missouri state college was not renewed. Southeast Missouri State University officials in Cape Girardeau are being tight lipped about Thursday's announcement that Andrais Thornton's money is off the table and he's off the basketball team. That announcement opened the door for questions by the player and his attorney.

"We are looking into it," Todd Stramel of Colby said Monday afternoon.

Thornton was arrested in January on campus on rape and aggravated sexual battery charges filed in Thomas County. Charges stem from an alleged assault of a 19-year-old college student and cheerleader on Nov. 16, 2003, on the campus of Colby Community College. Coach Scott Edgar made the announcement about the 21-year old Chicago native's scholarship and roster spot. Edgar was not available for comment on Monday and assistant coach Toby Lane refused to talk about the situation. Sports Information Director Ron Hines didn't offer much in the way of an explanation, either. "His scholarship was not renewed," Hines said. Asked whether the action has anything to do with Thornton's pending trial in Kansas, Hines snapped, "No comment." Thornton played basketball for Colby College during the 2003-04 season. He spent his sophomore year at Southwest Missouri State-West Plains Community College in West Plains, Mo., then transferred to Southeast Missouri, where he averaged 7.9 points and a team-high 6.6 rebounds per game for the Redhawks last year. A four-day trial in Thomas County District Court in Colby is scheduled begin on Nov. 13. Thornton, 18 at the time of the alleged incident, denied the charges at a preliminary hearing May 9. During that hearing, Stramel took the position the case was a "bad case" from the start. Assistant Attorney General Nola Wright and Thomas County Attorney Andrea Wyrick are moving the case for-

ward to trial, however. The victim claims she and a second woman, who is not pursuing prosecution of Thornton or a co-defendant, Ontario McKee of Milwaukee, were attacked by both men. She said she and her friend attended at least two parties, one on campus and the other in a downtown apartment, where they drank heavily before the alleged attack. McKee, 19, at the time, was arrested in January on the campus of

Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. McKee, as part of a plea agreement, pleaded guilty to sexual battery and was placed on unsupervised probation. Should Thornton be convicted of the rape charge, depending on a presentence investigation, he faces 20 to 54 years in prison and a fine up to \$300,000. For aggravated sexual battery, he could face four to 11 months in prison and a fine up to \$300,000.

Bus company buys Jennings school

By Kimberly Davis
The Oberlin Herald

The ink is dry, the money has changed hands and the old Jennings school now belongs to Bus and Coach International, or BCI, a California firm which plans to finish and refurbish motor coaches at the site. The company, which customizes, sells and leases busses, has been negotiating for the school property for several months. Feb. 8, the first agreement between the bus company and the City of Jennings and Heritage Associates, which runs the Czech Memorial Museum, was signed. At 2 p.m. Thursday, July 27, the people involved gathered in the office of Decatur Title and Abstract in Oberlin to sign the sales papers. Afterward, \$150,000 in an escrow account was delivered half to the city and half to the museum, said closing agent Vickie Bailey. The city and museum wound up owning the property after the board of the Prairie Heights School District realized that there would not be enough students to run the schools this year. The board asked permission from the state Department of Education to give its real estate to the city and museum so that the money could stay in town. Then the property was posted for sale on the Internet by Dave Rose with MidWest Services of Salina. BCI purchased the property, about 6.46 acres and the building, a 1923 brick school house with an addition completed in 1954 to bring it to 38,000 square feet. Bailey said that BCI has already begun renovations and has contracted to buy two more tracts, in-

cluding a house, to the north. In talks with county officials earlier this year, representatives of the firm said that they plan to resell about an acre to Sardo Bus and Coach Upholstery, also out of California. Sardo refurbishes motor and rail coaches. To start out, the company said, it will need about 20 employees and Sardo should need another 38. At a meeting in May, BCI officials said that they would be moving some of their key people to Oberlin and sources in town say that up to eight houses are being purchased. While she could not give specifics, real estate broker Carolyn Burtis confirmed that she is working on several housing deals for people with BCI. Vice President Lee Gilroy said he bought a home in Dresden so he could be close to the new plan. He said he should be getting furniture this week. Gilroy said the company is planning to open Nov. 1, which means there will be people working in the shop then. At this point, he said, they're not sure how many jobs will be created. Until the opening, he added, they will be modernizing the facility and

Sliding fun at the fair



A slide was one of the new blow-up rides at the home-owned carnival at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair last week. The slide and a blow-up fun house were purchased to replace the old roller coaster, said Brad Schields of Sherman County Community Services, which operates the carnival.
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Crossword Puzzle

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1. Vault's tool
5. Seize without right
10. Texas armadillo
14. Ethiopian town
15. Ber___ - top Shark
16. Slang for fellow grad
17. Ear modification
19. Ravel hit
21. Licorice-flavored liqueur
22. Thick plates
23. Constellation
24. El __, Texas
26. Nonstandard dialect
30. Remunerations
34. Tropical Asian palms
35. Rail support
36. Executive of operations
37. Home of the Orangemen
42. A baglike structure
43. Furrow
44. Sonja __, skater
45. Forces
48. Lowest voices
49. Sparks
50. John Paul II's homeland (abbr.)
51. Outer layer of seeds
54. Slipshod
59. Drink
61. Capable of treatment by surgery
62. Throw or give off
63. The Shrew's hometown
65. Picasso's mistress
66. Indian groom
67. Standard of perfection
68. Poker stake
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Dad
2. Norse god
3. Angolan monetary unit
4. Auricles
5. Joins
6. Sainly (Span.)
7. Encourage
- CLUES ACROSS**
8. Rural delivery
9. Compartment for mail (abbr.)
10. Facial paleness
11. Ancient Greek city
12. Outside the city
13. "___ and Andy," TV show
18. Of the abdominal cavity
20. Oregon State Sheriff's Association
24. Extreme discomfort
25. Away from wind
26. Old-hat
27. Caucasian
28. The third hour, about 9 a.m.
29. So. Am. wood sorrel
30. Annotation to retain
31. A pictorial representation
32. Affected with fright
33. Lordship's jurisdictions
38. Acid
39. Files a suit
40. Person or ship that hunts whales
41. Affirmative
46. Flightless birds having reduced wings
47. Sudden snatch
48. North wind
50. __ New Guinea
51. Fastenings
52. __, TV award
53. Invests in little enterprises
54. Protocol
55. Mammal genus
56. Abba __, Israeli politician
57. Narrow wood strip
58. Dried and withered
60. Indicates near
64. Public promotion of a product

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