

# Colby High School graduate starts photography business

By PATTY DECKER

Free Press Editor

One Colby High School graduate has taken his love for the outdoors a step further by launching a website to promote his new freelance business in photography.

Mike Tittel, who graduated in 1995 and is now living in Seattle, Wash., said he invites people here to visit him at: [www.miketittel.com](http://www.miketittel.com)

His business consists of three areas to include stock photography, fine art prints and adventure portraits.

"My passion for the outdoors started early on during summer travels as a kid riding around in my parent's Volkswagen Vanagon," he said.

As a youngster, Tittel said, he and his family would visit western wilderness areas, which later led him toward a major in recreation at Western State College in Colorado.

"My emphasis was on outdoor leadership and a side job was leading adventure trips for the school's wilderness pursuits program," he said.

During summer breaks, Mike went further west to work as a trip leader for youth camps, while honing his own personal skills in the outdoor activities he loves so much.

Then from his wilderness experi-



Mike Tittel says he loves the outdoors so much that he recently started a photography business to capture many experiences on film.

ences, he said, spawned a desire to become a professional photographer.

"Photography allows me to share my reverence for the natural world and my

love of adventure sports with others," he said.

"Combining my outdoor skills with a natural eye for composition and artistry brings about images that preserve a piece of our vanishing wilderness and evokes a sense of adventure and discovery," Tittel said.

Initially, he taught himself the art of photography. However, in 1999, Mike completed the Rocky Mountain School of Photography's summer intensive training program and advanced nature workshop.

His adventure images include rock and ice climbing, mountaineering, whitewater rafting and kayaking, skiing and snowboarding.

Tittel's work has appeared in the Rocky Mountain School of Photography and Camp Fire Boys and Girls. Many of his fine prints have been displayed in Washington, Montana and Kansas.

According to Tittel, because of his deep connection to the earth, he contributes a percentage of profits from all fine art prints to environmental organizations dedicated to the preservation of wild areas.

Tittel hopes that people in the area will visit his site and glance through the many works that reveal a unique perspective of nature.

His parents are Doug and Debbie Tittel of Colby.

# KXXX has new farm director

By MAXINE NELSON

Colby Free Press

Phil Garthwaite is the new farm director at radio station KXXX.

His duties will consist of local farm coverage, dealing with immediate issues of agriculture producers and people in western Kan-



P. Garthwaite

sas. "I'll be out and about in the field, gathering news reports, visiting with producers, going to meetings, county fairs, a lot of things like that," he said.

Garthwaite arrived in Colby on Memorial Day, and started on the air Monday. He will be on the air at 7:05 a.m. and during the noon hour at 12:05 p.m. and at 5 minutes past 5 p.m. He says he will probably give five or six reports a day later when he gets acquainted with the area.

He is originally from southwestern Wisconsin where he got into farm ra-

dio and then took a job in Ft Morgan, Colo. "I was there for a year and then went to Columbus, Neb. for about a year. When a job opened up for a farm director in Colby, I looked into it and the rest is history," he said.

He is single and has parents and siblings in Wisconsin.

Garthwaite is a licensed Wisconsin auctioneer. He went to auctioning school in Minnesota, and attend the University of Wisconsin at River Falls. He also attended radio broadcasting school in Madison, Wis.

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# Mark Schultz working on new CD

By MAXINE NELSON

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Mark Schultz is working on his next CD, writing songs and recording them according to his parents, Ronita and Gary Schultz of Liberty, Mo., who are former Colby residents. Mark, who graduated from Colby High School in 1989 lives in Nashville, is still working part-time with the Presbyterian kids, and will be performing at the Wyandotte County Fair in Kansas on July 30.

Schultz was nominated for seven Dove Awards and named Songwriter of the Year, Male Vocalist of the Year,

New Artist of the Year, Song of the Year

for *He's my Son*

(artist and writer), Pop Contemporary Recorded Song for *He's my Son*, and Pop Contemporary Album on Christian Adult Contemporary radio charts. The Dove Awards are the Grammys of Gospel Music. He records for Myrrh Records.

Although Schultz did not receive a



Mark Schultz

Dove Award, he says he feels honored to have been nominated, along with such other high talent. The winners were: Song of the Year, *Redeemer*, by Nichole C. Mullen; Song Writer of the Year, Nichole C. Mullen; Male Vocalist of the Year, Steven Curtis Chapman; New Artist of the Year, Plus One; Pop Contemporary Recorded Song of the Year, *Redeemer* by Nicole C. Mullen. The Pop Contemporary Album of the Year was *This is Your Time*, by Michael W. Smith. Gary and Ronita attended the Dove Awards ceremony which was Thursday, April 26, at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn.

# Bankruptcy claims nearing deadline

By CARLA J. STOVALL

Special to the Free Press

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