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The third annual Colby Fly-In takes place Saturday starting at 6:30 in the morning, at the Colby Airport. A pancake breakfast and open house are planned, and among the aircraft due to appear are four W.W. II T-6 trainers. ABOVE: Airport manager Mark Ostmeyer surveys the airport in preparation for Saturday's show.

## All's 'go' for Saturday fly-in

By **DARREL PATTILLO**

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The skies above Colby will be filled with an assortment of aircraft Saturday as the third annual Colby Fly-In gets underway at 6:30 a.m. at the airport.

Among aircraft scheduled to appear is a formation of T-6 W.W.II military fighter trainers.

"The T-6 was the plane that pilots graduated to when they were done training in the Stearman Bi-Plane," airport manager and fly-in organizer Mark Ostmeyer said. "They resemble a Japanese Zero."

Four T-6's are scheduled to appear, and two rides will be raffled off.

Also scheduled to appear are aircraft from the Kansas Highway Patrol, the aforementioned Stearman

Bi-Plane flown by Robert Grace of St. Francis, which Ostmeyer explained was the main military training aircraft during the '20s and '30s, and trained pilots of both bombers and fighters who then went on to different aircraft.

Other aircraft will come from the Salina campus of Kansas State University, Eagle Med King Air, and powered parachutes.

"We've also notified the Air National Guard and the Army Reserve about our show," Ostmeyer said, "and we hope that they'll be able to bring aircraft in, but that'll depend on their current missions."

Look for production aircraft, home built and experimental aircraft, and agricultural aircraft to be on hand. For the first 100 people to register, there will be plane rides available as well.

Breakfast will be served at a cost of \$3 per person.

All proceeds from the fly-in will go to benefit Big Brothers and Big Sisters and the Colby Airport.

"We raised \$600 dollars the first year and \$800 the second," said Ostmeyer. "The money goes to the Big Brothers Big Sisters and also will help with things we are doing here at the airport, like maintenance, landscaping, special projects, anything from the special funds department."

Ostmeyer is also developing plans to attract business jets to the Colby airport.

For raffle tickets and more information about Saturday's airshow, call Ostmeyer at the airport, 462-4438.

## City schedules interviews to fill recreation's top spot

By **MICHELLE L. HAWKINS**

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During Tuesday night's Colby City Council meeting, Carolyn Armstrong, city manager, reported that interviews to fill the vacant position of recreation director/community building supervisor will be held Wednesday and Thursday.

Armstrong said five applicants have been selected to interview. The position was vacated by C.W. Cheney, who resigned to pursue other interests.

In other business:

- The council approved the addendum to the "Airport Management

Agreement" to specifically state the city provides no worker compensation coverage for Mark Ostmeyer or any of his employees working at the airport.

- Councilmen Ken Bieber and Herb Sunderman were appointed to accompany Armstrong to a meeting to discuss the possible use of Ferguson Park as an outdoor education center and wildlife habitat area operated by the state.

Leonard Hopper, district wildlife biologist for the Department of Wildlife and Parks, told Armstrong there is possible grant money to use in building an office and storage area on the site where an old barn is currently standing.

The building would be used by the Department of Wildlife and Parks. Ferguson Park is located northwest of the viaduct.

- The council approved Payroll Transfer Ordinance #2526
- The council approved Payroll Ordinance #2527.
- The council approved General Ordinance #2528.

Armstrong said the retirement coffee held for Duane Brown on Monday afternoon went well, and announced that Fire Chief Bob McLemore would be reviewing the book *Firehouse* on Wednesday at the library.

## Bush, leaders seek united approach

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and congressional leaders are trying again to find a united approach to dealing with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Agreement on an Iraq resolution could set the stage for a strong vote for the president's policies before Congress recesses for the election campaign.

The Bush administration was also pressing the U.N. Security Council to accept a proposed U.S.-British resolution to disarm Iraq, a campaign complicated by an agreement announced Tuesday between Baghdad and U.N. arms inspectors.

Powell said. "They (the Iraqis) tied it up in knots."

Bush challenged the Security Council to "show its backbone" by passing a tough resolution. The other permanent members of the Security Council — France, Russia and China — have resisted U.S.-British demands that the resolution include provisions for a military response to Iraqi failure to disarm.

Bush was conferring Wednesday with the four top congressional leaders — Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., Senate Republican leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo. — in hopes of finding common ground on a congressional resolution giving the president authority to take military action against Iraq.

Gephardt's spokesman, Erik Smith, said Gephardt and Daschle were waiting for the White House response to

their latest proposal. "Our folks are confident they are very close," he said.

While there's near-unanimous agreement that Saddam presents a threat to U.S. security interests, concurring on an Iraqi resolution has been difficult.

Lawmakers from both parties are leery of giving the president open-ended authority to wage war or to act unilaterally without the backing of the United Nations or an international coalition.

If no agreement is reached, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House International Relations Committee were scheduled to take up separate proposals Wednesday.

The version in the GOP-controlled House was likely to be closer to ideas presented by the White House. The Senate proposal was crafted by Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Joseph Biden, D-Del., and Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., a senior member of the committee.

## Enron figure to face criminal charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is bringing criminal charges against Andrew Fastow, the alleged mastermind of the financial schemes that toppled Enron Corp.

Fastow, who was Enron's chief financial officer, is said to have devised the company's complex web of off-the-books partnerships used to hide some \$1 billion in debt from shareholders and federal regulators. He is the most prominent company figure targeted so far by the Justice Department.

In August, a once-trusted Fastow aide, Michael Kopper, pleaded guilty to money laundering and conspiracy to commit wire fraud.

Kopper said in federal court in Houston that it was Fastow who provided loans for investments, received kickbacks or negotiated deals that benefited the partnerships rather than the big energy-trading company, now bankrupt.

A law enforcement source, speaking Tuesday only on condition of anonymity,

said prosecutors were bringing criminal charges against Fastow as early as today. The source did not specify the nature of the anticipated charges or whether they would take the form of a grand jury indictment or a Justice Department criminal complaint that would present some of the government's evidence against him.

Fastow's spokesman, Gordon Andrew, declined comment. The office of his attorney, John Keker, referred calls to Andrew.

## The news keeps getting worse

# Legislative leaders see need to cut another \$100 million from budget

By **JOHN HANNA**

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TOPEKA (AP) — The news about the state budget keeps getting worse.

Legislative leaders said Tuesday that the state must cut at least another \$100 million from its current budget to avoid having a deficit on June 30.

Those leaders made their assessment after a meeting of the Legislative Budget Committee, which is monitoring the state's finances. Since the current fiscal year started on July 1, most of the news about the budget has been bad.

Committee members, who include the Senate president and the chairmen

and ranking Democrats on the standing House and Senate budget committees, said they expect current \$4.4 billion in spending to leave a budget deficit of about \$103 million — even with the \$41 million in cuts that Gov. Bill Graves ordered in August.

And they think the problem could get worse. They said that when the state gets bills for the social services and aid to public schools, the projected deficit could be as high as \$200 million.

"It doesn't look bad — it is bad," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Kenny Wilk, R-Lansing. "We have bills on the books right now

that we don't have the money to pay."

They also said the looming deficit for the current fiscal year will compound budget problems that are likely to linger into the state's 2004 fiscal year. Once legislators figure out how to prevent a deficit in the current budget, they'll have to pass a balanced state budget for the next fiscal year.

"This hole is so large that it will take massive cuts, the elimination of whole departments, or a revenue enhancement," said Senate President Dave Kerr, R-Hutchinson.

The committee received preliminary tax collection figures for September,

which indicated those collections were \$14 million short of expectations for the month — \$409 million instead of \$423 million.

When final numbers are in, probably within a week, the total shortfall for July, August and September is likely to be about \$50 million, said State Budget Director Duane Goossen.

He said those numbers suggest that the total revenue shortfall would exceed \$200 million for the entire fiscal year, which ends June 30.

That would mean revenues of \$4.3 billion instead of the anticipated \$4.5 billion.

"I think that's a logical assumption," Goossen said. "That's about where we're tracking."

Last year, legislators approved \$252 million in tax increases to shore up the budget.

But the Legislature doesn't convene its 2003 session until Jan. 13, and probably won't be able to consider tax increases to fill the gap quickly enough for the current fiscal year.

"It's got to be done with spending reductions," said Senate Ways and Means Committee Chairman Steve Morris, R-Hugoton.

Graves, who is term-limited and will

leave office in January, has the authority to order further cuts in the current budget, but Goossen said Graves does not have such plans because he wants to let the new governor and legislators make decisions that play out next year.

For fiscal 2004, Kansas law requires the new governor to propose a budget that leaves a cash balance at the end of the fiscal year equal to 7.5 percent of spending.

Even if legislators cut spending significantly, the new governor will have to propose setting aside \$290 million, according to one report from legislative staff.

## WeatherWatch Colby-Oakley area

**The numbers**  
Tuesdays high, 78  
Low this morning, 40  
Year ago today, 82 and 48  
Temperature at 11:15 a.m. today, 48  
Colby's 24-hr. rainfall, 0.23  
Mingo's 24-hr. rainfall, 0.92  
Records for Oct. 2, 93 in 1938; 25 in 1985

**The forecast**  
Tonight, cloudy, showers, lows near 40. Thursday, cloudy, showers, highs in the mid-50s. Thursday night, cloudy, showers, lows 40. Friday, partly cloudy, highs near 60.

**Colby Water Usage**  
• Oct. 1 = 1.633 million gallons

## Briefly

### Medicine meeting scheduled

Area businesses can learn to protect their employees' physical health at an Occupational Medicine meeting on Oct. 8 from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Comfort Inn Convention Center in Colby.

Call (785) 462-1214, Citizens Foundation, for more information.

### Tootsie Roll Drive next week

On October 11, 12 and 13, the Colby Council of the Knights of Columbus will be handing out specially marked Tootsie Tolls while seeking donations for the mentally challenged. The members of the Knights will be at several locations in Colby, so look for these friendly gentlemen in their bright yellow and red aprons and please — be generous. Donations may also be sent to the local Knights of Columbus Council in care of Dick Parnell, Tootsie Roll Chairman, at 2820 N. Range in Colby.

Make checks payable to "Tootsie Roll Program Fund" and remember that your donations are tax deductible.

### School carnival needs help

The Colby Grade School Parent Teacher Organization is seeking donations from area businesses for the raffle which will be held during the PTO Carnival on Oct. 26. Donations can either be mailed in or the PTO will pick them up. Contact Becky Butts at 462-2774 or Julie Price at 462-3506.

### Commodities distribution set

The USDA Commodity distribution will be Monday, Oct. 21, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, at the RSVP office in the Senior Progress Center, Colby. Eligible persons may receive the commodities according to income guidelines on that date only. Expected commodities are potato flakes, peanut butter, raisins, cranberry juice, tomato sauce, instant milk, walnuts, applesauce and corn. For more information contact the RSVP office at 462-6744.

### EMTB Course reminder

Kathi Wright, Thomas County EMS director, said today that

an EMTB (basic) Course is currently underway, and is being held on Mondays and Wednesdays. For additional information call Wright at 462-4585.

### Oakley programs announced

The Western Plains Arts Association has a couple of programs scheduled in Oakley next week. The first is Sunday when "I Do! I Do!," a musical about marriage, takes the stage at the high school auditorium at 3 p.m. Admission is by WPAA season pass, or tickets at the door, \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. Then on Monday, Oct. 7, "The Brave Little Princess" will be staged at 10 a.m., also in the high school auditorium and at 1:15 p.m., "And Then They Came For Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank," will be presented in the high school auditorium.

### Center takes old phone books

The Thomas County Recycling Center is taking old telephone books at its collection site, 720 E. College Dr. in Colby.

