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Haileigh Shull, a second grade student at Colby Elementary School, took first place in the “Ugly Face Contest,” sponsored by the Community Awareness Team. Second place went to Zach Upshaw and third to Ian Koerperich. Those students are pictured on page 6. Winners were chosen by phone-in votes during the latter part of October.

Cute face wins ‘ugly’ contest

By PATTY DECKER

Free Press Editor

The votes have been cast and counted, and the “Ugly Face Contest” winner is...drumroll...Haileigh Shull, the daughter of Norman and Heide Shull of Colby.

The contest was sponsored by the Community Awareness Team and second place went to Zach Upshaw, the son of Sara Upshaw, and third to Ian Koerperich, the son of Cris and Heather Koerperich, said Carla Sharp, project director.

There were 71 votes cast, she said, and the winners all received an adult and child pass for the movie theater with first place also receiving a free popcorn and pop combo and second place getting two medium drinks.

Sharp said the contest went very well in the number of responses and by helping children better understand the ill-effects of tobacco.

“CAT believes that if we show

children at a young age what could happen to them if they smoke or chew, then maybe it would be automatic when they get older to remember those messages and think first about smoking or chewing before they do it,” she said.

“Tobacco is a very serious subject and we feel if we can stop just one child from smoking or chewing, we may have saved their life or at least helped them to live longer and healthier.”

The contest was open to Colby Grade School second graders. The 68 children participating saw four posters showing a smoker’s tongue, a baseball player’s face and the results of mouth cancer, what smoking did to the inside of a woman and the yellow-stained teeth on the outside.

“All the kids said they thought the pictures were disgusting,” Sharp said, adding that the posters were “gross and yucky.”

Taylor Miller, a Colby High School senior and member of the team, said all the children were co-

operative and had a lot of fun with the project.

“The ‘Ugly-Face’ contest was a great idea,” he said. “Not only did it allow the youth to physically express their repulsion for the use of tobacco products, but it help us teach them hands-on lessons about the dangers of all tobacco products.”

Kelsey Strickler, another member of the team, talked about the project as well.

“I think we are the only type of group that talks to young people about smoking and tobacco,” she said. “The kids learn a lot when we are there because we only go once in awhile and they get excited to see us.”

For Strickler, another benefit of projects like this one, is that it gives youth a different opinion on their minds because the parents that do smoke usually don’t tell their kids how bad it is.

For those interested in learning more about the awareness team, call 460-4881 or 460-7451.

Halloween night was quiet here, but tempo picked up on Saturday

By TISHA COX

Colby Free Press

Halloween was a quiet night for the Colby Police Department ,but the rest of the weekend was busy.

“We had a little mischief over the weekend,” said Chief Randy Jones this morning. “Halloween night was quite quiet for us.”

There were a couple of incidents of criminal property damage over the weekend to several cars at the South Park Apartments and also at

the high school.

“We didn’t have any Halloween-related calls,” he said, adding there were no reports of egging or crowds or the usual Halloween mischief.

He said there were other things going on, like a report of a DUI but for the most part, Friday was quiet. Shull said it was one of the calmer Halloween holidays he remembers.

Saturday morning, Shull said, someone had busted off the side-view mirrors on seven parked ve-

hicles. He didn’t have an estimate of how much damage was caused.

Also reported Saturday evening were three or four vehicles with paint-ball damage.

Shull said Sunday someone reported there was some damage to the lawn at Colby High School between the main entrance and east door.

Someone had driven onto the lawn with a vehicle and left tracks, including spin-outs.

Air Force Band conductor brings an impressive portfolio to Colby concert

By TOM (TD) DREILING

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Major A. Phillip Waite is commander/conductor of the United States Air Force Heartland of America Band which appears in concert at the Colby Community Building at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The free concert is sponsored jointly by the Western Plains Arts Association and the *Colby Free Press*. Although the concert is free, tickets are required and they can be had by mailing a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Pat Ziegelmeier, Colby Community College, 1255 South Range, Colby, Kan. 67701.

Major Waite joined the United State Air Force in June 1989, following three years as Director of Choral Activities at Western Illinois University and six years teaching choral music in Texas, New Mexico and Colorado.

He earned his Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education-Voice from the Eastman School of Music. In addition, Major Waite received as Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting from New Mexico State University, a Master of Military Operational Art and Science from Air Command and Staff College, and completed one year of study toward the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Choral Music at Arizona State University.

While attending Officer Training School, Major Waite gained the distinction of being the only USAF Band Officer ever selected as officer Trainee Wing Commander. Furthermore, he was named a Distinguished Graduate and received the Dick Scobee Award for leadership and integrity upon graduation.

Major Waite was assigned as conductor of The Singing Sergeants and associate conductor of The USAF Band in Washington, D.C. In this capacity, he made five national television appearances and conducted The Singing Sergeants on eight compact disc releases. In October 1994, Major Waite once again earned the title of Distinguished Graduate, this time from Squadron Officer School. Then, he briefly assumed the duties of deputy commander and conductor of the USAF Band before being named commander and director of the USAF of the Pacific-Asia at Yokota Air Base, Japan in 1995.

In October 1998, Major Waite became the commander and conductor of The USAF Band of Mid-America located at Scott AFB, Illinois. In this position he was selected as one of the 10 outstanding USAF Public Affairs company grade officers for 1999 and the outstanding Air Force Band Officer for 2000. In 2001, Major Waite was chosen to attend the Air Command Staff Col-

lege where he was hand-picked from 581 students to lead the college’s capstone event, the Gathering of Eagles. Following this success, he was selected from over 500 U.S. field grade officers as the Executive Officer to the Air Command and Staff College Commandant. Finally, in 2003, Major Waite was named as commander and conductor of the USAF Heartland of America Band.

The major has conducted more than 890 programs during the past 14 years in six countries and 43 of the 50 United States. His concert highlights include multiple White House performances for Presidents George H.W. Bush and William J. Clinton, as well as featured appearances before President George W. Bush and U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan during the 2001 Philadelphia 4th of July celebration. Further, he led a 50th Anniversary recreation of the Glenn Miller AAF Orchestra in Carnegie Hall and on the 4th of July in Boston, Mass. before 500,000 people.

His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star.

Kansan continues abortion fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fresh from helping Congress and President Bush create new abortion restrictions, Kansas Republican Sen. Sam Brownback is at the center of Republicans’ next big push against abortion: parental notification.

Brownback wants to require parental notification when children of U.S. armed forces members seek abortions at military facilities.

The measure would have relatively small impact, since abortions at military facilities are restricted now to times when a mother’s life is endangered or in cases of rape and

incest. But it would send a big message about the ambition of GOP congressional leaders to chip away at the legal right to an abortion.

“That’s the way major social change happens in this country, a long, continuous effort,” Brownback said in an interview. “The partial-birth abortion debate in itself was about a seven-year-long debate, but during that period of time, you saw hearts and minds change. The public has gone pro-life, overall, in the opinion polling. That’s a huge thing.”

Congress on Oct. 21 sent the

White House a bill banning what abortion opponents call partial-birth abortion. The measure, which Bush intends to sign, would prohibit abortions, generally carried out in the second or third trimester, in which a fetus is partially delivered before being killed.

The bill imposes the most significant restriction on abortion since the Supreme Court legalized abortion three decades ago. It was supported by the five Kansas Republicans in Congress — Brownback, Sen. Roberts and Reps. Tiahrt, Ryun and Moran.

Weather Watch

Colby, Oakley, Hoxie
forecast

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Areas of fog. Lows in the lower 30s. North winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of showers and thunderstorms 50 percent. **Tuesday...**Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. North winds 5 to 15 mph. **Tuesday night...**Partly cloudy. Lows around 30. East winds 5 to 10 mph. **Wednesday...**Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. **Wednesday night...**Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.

By the numbers:
Sunday’s high, 52
Low this morning, 32
Records for Nov. 3, 82 in 1915 and 4 in 1899
Year ago today, 35 and 21
Precipitation Nov. 2, 0.01
24-hour precipitation to 8 a.m. today, 0.10
Month’s precipitation, 0.11
Year’s precipitation 14.37

Colby firemen called to home

By TISHA COX

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A fire in Colby on Wednesday caused smoke damage to a home.

Assistant Fire Chief Rick Dickman said 26 members of the Colby Fire Department responded

to the fire. “It was a residential house,” he said. Dickman said Melinda and Willie Enfield live in the home at 655 W. Walnut.

He said Enfield got home after 10 a.m. Wednesday and noticed the house was blackened inside. She

then called the fire in at a neighbor’s home at 10:32 a.m. Dickman said the fire was in a bedroom on the main floor and only took 11 minutes to contain.

The blaze caused heat, smoke and fire damage to the bedroom and

extensive smoke damage to the main floor. “Nobody was injured,” he said. The cause of the fire is unknown.

They will go back and take another look to see if the cause can be determined, he said.

Briefly

Osteoarthritis discussion Thursday

There will be a 50-minute presentation on osteoarthritis at 10 a.m. on Thursday, in the education room at Citizens Medical Center, 100 College Dr., Colby. The theme: “Living With Osteoarthritis,” will be the focus of the talk by Brad Rea, physician assistant, at the Hays Orthopedic Clinic. Topics discussed will include why people get osteoarthritis, identifying symptoms, treatment options and seeking treatment. The presentation is free and open to everyone. For questions, call Jeanene Brown, education director, at 462-7511

Names wanted for Heart Tree

The family and friends of the late Dr. Jeff Jennings are once again sponsoring a Heart Tree in his memory. If someone knows of any children in the Colby area whose Christmas wishes should be placed on the tree, call 462-2179.

College board meets today

The Colby Community College Board of Trustees will

meet at 5 p.m. today in the board room of the administration building for its regular meeting. Items on the agenda include approval of contracts and agreements; vehicle bids; server hardware bid; enrollment initiatives; wellness center; and policy and procedure manual.

Landfill hours change for winter

The Thomas County landfill has now started its winter hours, said Larry Jumper, supervisor. Effective this week the hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Hospital phone numbers change

Telephone numbers at Citizens Medical Center in Colby will now have the “460” prefix rather than “462,” but with one exception, said Tama Unger at the hospital. The only telephone number that was not changed was at the main switchboard, which is still 462-7511. Otherwise all other telephone numbers at the hospital will now be “460.” The

change was effective on Monday, she said. For questions, call 462-7511.

Childbirth classes scheduled

Colby Childbirth Education will be holding classes on the four Tuesdays of the month, which are Nov. 4, 11, 18 and 25. This is a change from the published classes from earlier this year. Class will begin Tuesday, Nov. 4 from 7-10 p.m. at the Health Science Building at Colby Community College. For information, call Tina Schrick at 462-6845.

Blood drive planned Wednesday

The Colby Community College nursing department is sponsoring a blood drive from 10 a.m. until 2: 30 p.m. on Wednesday in the student union on campus. All eligible blood donors are needed, especially those with types 0-negative and O-positive.

For an appointment or questions, call Tina Schrick, 462-4788.

