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Sex offender jailed here for not registering

By PATTY DECKER

Free Press Editor

A Wisconsin man is being held at the Thomas County jail for failing to register as a sex offender, a spokesman for the Colby Police Department said today.



W. Buckel

William David Buckel, 26 known by the nicknames of Billy Bob or Billy Bob Thornton, was arrested Friday, March 12, on a warrant from the U.S. Marshal's Office on behalf of the state of Wisconsin.

"We had some inquiries from the public asking if we have caught a child molester," said Gary Shull, Colby Police Department investigator, "but just to set the record straight, Mr. Buckel was not arrested for a sex crime in Colby or Thomas County."

Shull said that Colby authorities actually have no idea what Buckel was accused of by authorities in Waukesha County, Wis. other than the fact that whatever occurred did require him to register as a sex offender in 1997.

The first contact that Colby police had with Buckel was in July of 2003 when officers here discovered that he was a registered offender in Wisconsin.

"After 10 days and when he did not register with the Thomas County Sheriff's office as required by law" Shull said, "we contacted the Thomas County Attorney's office as well as the Kansas Bureau of Investigation Registered Offender office in Topeka."

The reason for the inquiries, he said, was to find out if either the county attorney or KBI wanted to

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Gary Shull,
police investigator

prosecute Buckel.

"We were instructed to contact Buckel and have him register, which he did on July 28, 2003," Shull said.

Buckel then moved two times from that date before being contacted again by police to update his registration, which Shull said he did on Feb. 25, 2004.

Following the February registration, it was later learned that Buckel had moved again and that time he did not update his registration resulting in Wisconsin issuing an arrest warrant.

Buckel is still awaiting extradition back to Wisconsin and remains in jail here, Shull said.

In the criminal complaint from Wisconsin, which was filed by Sandy Cornell, a sex offender registration specialist, Buckel is accused of not complying with the guidelines of his program.

Failure to comply could mean that Buckel faces up to six years in prison or a fine of up to \$10,000.

Anyone interested in knowing more about sex offenders in most states and what they were convicted of can locate that information on the Internet. The website is: <http://sexoffender.com>



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Greg Cabrinha, one of the new owners of Deep Rock Cafe, washed windows Thursday morning in preparation for the opening of the cafe next week. Cabrinha and his wife, Ginalyn, bought the restaurant after moving to Atwood in December.

Deep Rock gets new owners

By TISHA COX

Colby Free Press

The Deep Rock Cafe is under new ownership.

Greg and Ginalyn Cabrinha of Atwood are getting the restaurant ready to open next week.

"I took over a couple of weeks ago," Greg said.

He said they were looking for a restaurant opportunity after moving to Atwood in December and when the chance to buy the Deep Rock came up, they jumped at it. There will be changes at the restaurant but the name

will remain the same. Familiar menu items will also be back.

"A lot of our cooking will be from scratch," he said, adding he will be responsible for most of the cooking and Ginalyn will be doing the baking. Breakfast will likely be from 6 or 7-11 a.m., lunch available from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and dinner after.

Breakfast will be traditional, Greg said, with foods like bacon and eggs and pancakes.

Lunch will be sandwich driven with items like hamburgers, and dinner will provide traditional fare. There will also be daily specials like

Reuben, meatball and salami sandwiches.

"Of course we'll continue our lunch buffet," he said. Homemade fried chicken will still be a lunch time staple on the buffet line along with meatloaf and other items.

"Dinner is going to be meat and potatoes," Greg said.

The dinner menu will offer a variety of meats like ribeye steak, short ribs, sirloin and prime rib. He said there will also be "loaded baked potatoes."

Greg said they also have a cereal malt license and will be able to serve

beer during lunch and dinner. "That's a big change for this place," he said.

He's spent more than 26 years in the restaurant business in both the kitchen and the front.

They're also considering offering regular theme nights of offering different types of cuisine such as Italian, Asian, or Mexican. "Our thought is that in addition to our regular menu, we could provide opportunities to enjoy different styles of cooking," Greg said. "We're happy to be here."

Teacher returns from break with something special

By TISHA COX

Colby Free Press

Some people bring back stories from spring break.

Some bring back souvenirs.

But one Colby teacher topped all of that: she brought back a new name.

Amanda McGee, vocal music

teacher at Colby High School, married Colby Middle School social studies teacher Shaun Kidder on March 17 — St. Patrick's Day.

"I picked that day so he would never forget," Amanda said, adding that it was also so they could use spring break to relax after their special day. She said they will go on

their honeymoon after the school year ends.

Others spent their time in less dramatic fashion. District curriculum director Diana Wieland took off for warmer surroundings with her husband Denis. Diana said they went to Tucson, Ariz. to visit family. She said they haven't been down

there in a while. "It was beautiful 85 degrees," she said. "We ate and relaxed."

District business officer Jo DeYoung spent her break at the office.

"My job is exactly the same during spring break," she said. She did say it was quiet with most of the staff gone, but she did miss every-

one. Colby High School Principal Brian Kraus said he spent the first part of his break working, and then spent time with his mother because of his father's recent death.

While the Colby school district's break is over, Colby Community College's break is underway. Their classes will resume next Monday.

Chamber office reminds members of nomination requests

By PATTY DECKER

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And the winners are...

The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce reminds members that there are only six days left for submitting nominations for the Community Service and Business Person of the Year awards.

Both awards will be announced during the annual Chamber banquet on Friday, April 16, at the City Limits Convention Center.

Jada Tubbs, executive director of the chamber, said each year awards are presented to individuals who have made valuable contributions in promoting the county.

For those unfamiliar with the awards or nomination process, Tubbs reviewed some of the basic criteria.

One of the requirements to receive the Community Service Award, she said, is that a person must have volunteered time without

pay to their community.

In addition, the recipient of this award must be a Chamber member or an employee of a Chamber member.

The Business Person of the Year award is sponsored by the Colby Ambassador Club and based on accomplishments made in 2003, she said.

When determining nominations some items to look at include significant contributions made in the

Colby or county business community, positive personal attitude, professionalism, management skills, and attitude toward the public.

Along with the business attributes, the judges will also be interested in the voluntary efforts by the business in advancing the community of Colby and Thomas County, Tubbs said.

Nominations for both awards must be returned to the Chamber of Commerce office by Wednesday,

March 31.

For those needing application forms, either call the Chamber at 460-3401 or stop by the office at 350 S. Range, Suite 10, Colby, Kan. 67701.

The deadline for banquet reservations is also approaching.

Tickets are \$25 each or \$250 for a corporate table with all payments and reservations due back to the Chamber by Friday, April 9, she said.

Briefly

Share delivery Saturday

The Heartland Share delivery is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. at the Sacred Heart School gymnasium.

The menu for the month includes bacon, sausage, roast beef, chicken, breasts, pepperoni pockets, broccoli, lettuce, onions, potatoes, apples, oranges, grapefruit, bananas and bundt cake. There are a few Shares left over if someone is interested in ordering. A share is \$17.50, said Gene Griffin, one of the coordinators. For questions or to buy a share, call her at 460-3579.

FFA plans auction, supper

The Colby FFA will hold a mountain oyster fry, work auction and silent auction, Friday, at the Thomas County 4-H Building in Colby. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the work auction at 7 p.m. and silent auction ending at 7:30 p.m. The menu will include a variety of soups, baked potato bar, and homemade desserts. The FFA members will be sold at the work auction and required to do eight hours of work for

the highest bidder. For questions, call 460-5300.

Puddle Duck sets enrollment

Pre-enrollment for Puddle Duck Preschool is scheduled for Wednesday, March 31 and Thursday, April 1, from 4-6 p.m., at 520 W. 5th, Colby. The preschool is non-denominational and open to children 3, 4, and 5 years of age. For information or questions, call Amy Jennings, director, at 460-2603 or 460-8388.

Special fair board meeting set

The Thomas County Fair Board will hold a special meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30 at the 4-H Building at the Thomas County Fairgrounds in Colby. The meeting is open to the public.

Guard to hold open house

The Colby Army National Guard unit is hosting an open house at 7 p.m., Friday, April 2, for family or anyone inter-

ested in the Kansas Army National Guard. "We would like to educate families and others on the educational benefits the Guard has to offer," said Sgt. Billy Jones, public relations officer. The National Guard Armory in Colby is located at 475 S. Range

Childbirth classes scheduled

Colby Childbirth Education will begin another series of Childbirth Education classes in April. Classes will be held Thursday, April 1, 8, 15, and 29 from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Health Sciences Building at Colby Community College. The next class will be a weekend retreat July 9 and 10. To preregister, call Jeanene Brown at 785-460-4850 or 785-462-7105.

Discounted park permits continue

The Thomas County Clerk's office is reminding everyone that vehicle park permits will be discounted until Thursday, April 1. After that date, said Tracey Perkins, county clerk, the annual costs will go to \$44.50; second to \$24.50; senior and disabled rates, \$22.25 and second at \$12.25.



Colby, Oakley, Hoxie area

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. East winds 5 to 10 mph. **Friday...**Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Some thunderstorms may be severe in the afternoon. Breezy. Record highs. Highs in the upper 80s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph becoming south 15 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Chance of thunderstorms 20 percent. **Friday night...**Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms then scattered thunderstorms after midnight. Some thunderstorms may be severe in the evening. Windy. Lows in the upper 40s. South winds 20 to 30 mph shifting to the west after midnight. Chance of thunderstorms 30 percent. **Saturday...**Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Windy. Highs in the mid 60s. North winds 20 to 30 mph decreasing to 10 to 20 mph in the afternoon.

The numbers
Wednesday's high, 82
Low this morning, 42
Records for March 25, 86 in 1907 and +2 in 1965
Year ago today, 61 and 34
Precipitation past 24 hours, 0.00
March total, 0.74
March snowfall, 1 inch
Soil temperature, 57

The sources:
The forecast is from the National Weather Service, and other numbers are from the Northwest Research-Extension Center, Colby.

