

Weather Corner



Warmer, but wind predicted

The forecast
Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around 29. Blustery, with a northwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.
Wednesday — Mostly sunny with a high around 54. North wind between 10 and 15 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Wednesday night — Partly cloudy with a low near 24. Northwest wind around 10 mph.
Thursday — Partly cloudy with a high around 48. Breezy with a north wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.
Thursday night — Mostly clear with a low around 22.
Friday — Mostly sunny with a high near 57.
Friday night — Mostly clear with a low around 23.
Saturday — Mostly sunny with a high near 62.
Saturday night — Partly cloudy with a low near 24.
Sunday — Partly cloudy with a high near 48.
Temperatures
Monday's high, 57
Low this morning, 29
Records for this date, 67 in 1964, -22 in 1911
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.0
January's precipitation, 0.03
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Impersonator says Elvis gets royal treatment

WICHITA (AP) — Most people have seen Elvis Presley impersonators who resemble the king of rock 'n' roll about as much as Willie Nelson resembles Liberace.
But here comes Marc Baker, who, at age 16, looks and croons like the young Elvis.
A junior at West High School here, Marc says he comes from a musical family and that his family is very supportive of his job.
Yes, this Elvis thing is more than a hobby.
His parents, Cynthia and Fred Baker, run the sound equipment when their Elvis has a gig, and brother Matt, 9, is on security detail and hands out his brother's business cards.
"They're great," Marc said. When reminded that he will have to remember them if he becomes rich and famous, he chuckled: "Yeah, I've heard that speech many times."
Last summer, when Marc and his brother sold tomatoes, they made several hundred dollars. Marc planned on applying his share to the purchase of a car. Instead, he ended up getting new sound equipment.
"My theory was you have to spend money to make money," he said.
Marc became intrigued with Elvis in 2002, on the 25th anniversary of Elvis' death.
"I admired him because when he wanted to do something, he stuck with it and he did it, no matter what people said about him," Marc said. "I really respect him for that."
He researched Elvis' life, studied his music and watched most of his movies several times. He memorized all the words to his songs, and all his moves, so he could resemble Elvis as closely as possible.
His favorite Elvis song? He likes all of them, but if he had to choose one it would probably be "Suspicious Minds."
He's donated his time and talent for the past three years performing as Elvis at charity events for organizations such as Lifeline, Race for the Cure, the Special Olympics and the Alzheimer's Association.

Briefly

Final Four in bowl contest announced

Only four people are in the running to win the 790 KXXX-Colby Free Press 2005 Bowl Spectacular, out of 262 entries. There is a tie for first with Dale Plumisto of Colby, who needs Penn State and USC to win, and 10-year-old Hayleigh Shull of Colby who needs Florida State and USC to win. In third place is Brent Owens of Edson who needs Penn State and Texas. Larry Weber of Grainfield is in fourth place and he needs Florida State and Texas. The top four towns are competing for best football town in northwest Kansas. The following towns are in the running for the Rose and Orange Bowls: 1. Rexford; 2. Oakley; 3. Grainfield (the defending champ); and 4. St. Francis.

College plans special meeting

The Colby Community College Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting at 5 p.m., Monday, Jan. 9, in the board room of Thomas Hall to discuss the presidential search and consulting with the board's attorney. In addition, the board will also talk about the progress of the Wellness Center. For questions or an agenda, call 462-3984.

Colby singles, couples dance Friday

The Colby Singles and Couples dance, which was cancelled, is now back on from 8 p.m. to midnight, Friday, and the City Limits Convention Center in Colby. Entertainment will be provided by Jim Barnes. The event is open to both single people and couples.

Blood testing for Wellness Fair nears

The Colby Wellness Fair will be held Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006 and as in previous years, prior to the fair, a variety of screening laboratory tests will be offered, said Tracey Gilcrist, wellness committee member. Blood tests will be drawn on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 4 and 5 and also on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 7, 9, and 10. All blood testing will be done from 6 until 9 a.m. with registration in the lobby of the Citizens Medical Center Specialty Clinic. Anyone planning to be tested should fast 10-12 hours prior to the test so an accurate level on the Lipid Profile can be attained. Healthcare providers will share general explanations of the test results during the fair at 9:15 and 10:15 a.m. and again at 11:12 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on the day of the fair.

More details about the Wellness Fair will be published in future editions of the Colby Free Press.

For questions about testing or general information, call Jeanene Brown, 460-4850, another committee member and the education director at Citizens Medical Center.

Genesis food drive to continue

With the holiday season behind us Colby Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3882 Auxiliary will continue the Genesis food collection at LeRoy's Printing, 560 N. Franklin in Colby.

County annual reports due

Shelly Harms, Thomas County clerk, has forwarded notices and annual report forms to the township, cemetery and fire districts so they may begin compiling the information for the annual report on Nov. 30, 2005.

The report contains information on all income and expenses in each fund. It provided certification from the financial institutions on their ending balances in each fund. The reports are due in the office of the county clerk no later than Tuesday, Jan. 31.

'Beyond the Gates of Splendor' open to everyone

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

Pastor Jamie Bloom, along with the congregation Community Church in Oakley, invites the public to view the documentary "Beyond the Gates of Splendor" on Sunday.

The 40-minute documentary tells the story of the spearing deaths of five Christian missionaries in the Amazon basin of Ecuador on Jan. 8, 1956. Community Church is located at 806 E. 2nd Street, and the film will be shown during the worship service starting at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday marks the 50th anniversary of the deaths of Nate Saint, Roger Youderian, Pete Fleming, Ed McCully and Jim Elliot. Their deaths at the hands of Waodani tribesmen captured world-wide church culture and media attention at the time. Steve Saint, son of Nate Saint and bush pilot who made the first friendly contact with the tribe, narrates the documentary.

Sermons to focus on story

During the four weeks following the showing of an abridged version of "Beyond the Gates of Splendor" Rev. Jamie Bloom's sermons will specifically look at these topics: the power of love, the power of forgiveness, the power of legacy and the power of God's Word.

A full-length epic movie "End of the Spear," which opens in theaters nation-wide later this month, tells the story from the tribe's perspective.

Bloom believes both the documentary, and movie which is rated PG-13, will present a positive message to people.

"Both the documentary and the movie dramatically remind us of the power of legacy," Bloom said. "Our lives can profoundly influence and inspire others now and after we are

gone. We do not live for ourselves alone and our lives impact generations, either positively or negatively."

Bloom said both films are timely in our nation's history.

"Our military personnel in Iraq are impacting generations positively," he said. "The face of Iraq is being changed. Fifty years later, the lives of the five missionaries and their message - 'living out God's Word can change a human heart' - continues to transform lives and cultures."

Besides impacting the church culture by focusing on the power of love, forgiveness, legacy and God's Word, Bloom thinks the documentary and movie will impact the secu-

lar culture in several ways.
"In a society of war and violence, if Christ-like love is demonstrated in our relationships the divorce rate will be dramatically reduced as will be domestic violence, crime, greed and many other social ills," Bloom said. "Forgiveness transforms a setting of tragedy into a stage of triumph. You don't find forgiveness, you give it."

He said when forgiveness is extended "hatred is neutralized,

bitterness is erased and joy replaces deep-seated sorrow."

"Because our lives influence, impact and inspire others, a life committed to living God's Word will transform our culture in a positive way; honesty will replace dishonesty; respect for individuals, property and government will lessen lawlessness; caring will replace abuse; and poor reputations will be replaced with godly character, just to name a few," Bloom said.

Astronauts raise money to help director's defense

HUTCHINSON (AP) — Several former astronauts are collecting money to pay legal expenses for Max Ary, the former Cosmosphere director who was convicted of stealing artifacts from the space museum.

Thomas Stafford, Eugene Cernan and Wally Schirra have set up a Web site to accept donations.

A federal jury in November found Ary, the former president and chief executive officer of the Hutchinson space museum, guilty of 12 counts that included theft of government property, wire fraud, mail fraud and money laundering.
Ary has accumulated more than \$500,000 in expenses related to his trial, according to a statement on the Web site.

"Gen. (Tom) Stafford, who is a client of mine and one of the astronauts in the state of Oklahoma, was instrumental in concluding that we ought to do this to assist Max," said Walter Hammert, a certified public accountant in Oklahoma City.

Astronauts Alan Bean and Jim Erwin also have donated to Ary's defense fund, Hammert said.

"We do anticipate additional astronauts will be contributing because we feel very strongly about this down here, and we think it has been a gross miscarriage of justice for the judicial system to do what they have done to Max Ary," Hammert said.

Prosecutors claimed Ary stole items that belonged to NASA and the Cosmosphere and profited by

selling them.

Ary acknowledged that he sold items that belonged to NASA and the Cosmosphere but said it was a mistake — that the artifacts had accidentally been intermingled with items in his own space artifact collection.

The five contributing astronauts have made donations to the Cosmosphere in the past, Hammert said.

"And they all feel very strongly about the backstabbing that your yo-yos up in your area have given to Max Ary. That's my observation," he said.

Through Daniel Bateman, community outreach manager for the Cosmosphere, executive director Jeff Ollenburger said he had no comment on the Web site or any of Hammert's statements.

The site also encourages letters in support of Ary before the sentencing hearing.

Ary faces up to five years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine on each count of mail and wire fraud, and a maximum of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for the other charges.

He was also ordered to forfeit \$124,140 to the government. Sentencing was set for Jan. 19.

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