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Dwayne Jenik of Colby, stood in front of his 1956 Ford Crown Victoria, as a mover got ready to load the car into a hauler. Jenik was loading the car so it could begin the first part of its long jour-

ney. The car was bought by a man in the Netherlands who plans on showing it. From Colby, it was on its way to Baltimore and then on a ship to the Netherlands.

They're shipping out an old family friend

By TISHA COX

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Dwayne and Norma Jenik's 1956 Ford Crown Victoria is on its way to the Netherlands.

The couple, of Colby, had the car for 19 years before deciding to sell it this year.

Jenik said he saw his first Crown Victoria in 1955 and decided he wanted one. In 1956, Ford came out with another model, one that he liked even better than the first.

He retired from the Air Force in 1978 and started looking for one of the cars to buy. In 1984, he

found one.

"I bought it up in Nebraska," Jenik said. "We lived in Colorado at the time."

The engine had to be rebuilt, the interior needed work and it needed some new chrome pieces.

"We worked on it for about 10 years," he said. "During that time we entered it in car shows even though it wasn't ready to be showed." The car, however, was chosen for three People's Choice trophies and six plaques.

The decision to sell the car wasn't an easy one. Jenik said it was partly because they're getting older. Stor-

age was also an issue. He also has a 1950 custom Mercury.

"We felt we would get more good out of letting it go," he said. "Storage has always been a problem."

He said they have a one-car garage and the weather here is colder so they went ahead and advertised the car in the *Crown Victoria Newsletter*. They were then contacted by a man from the Netherlands who wanted to buy the car.

"Both of us were sad to see it go," he said. "It's part of the family, had it almost 20 years."

The man did buy the car and it's now on its way to Baltimore, where

it will be checked into a shipping terminal and then loaded onto a ship and transported to the Netherlands.

"He promised me he was going to park it by a windmill and some tulips and get a picture," Jenik said, adding he has an album of photos of the car, starting with pictures of what it looked like when he got it to now. He plans on adding the new picture to the album when he gets it.

Once in Europe, it will be shown in auto shows there.

"I bet he gets a trophy over there too," Jenik said.

New doctor to open practice Nov. 10

By PATTY DECKER

Free Press Editor

Colby hospital officials confirmed earlier this week that Dr. Gary Slavens, a general family practitioner, will join the Family Center for Health Care in November.

The announcement was made by officials at Citizens Medical Center and chairman of the hospital board, Vern Schwanke, talked about the

news.

"We are very excited to welcome Dr. Slavens to our community," he said on Monday.

"We know he will be a great asset to our medical community as well as our community as a whole."

In addition to Slavens interest in general family practice, Slavens also has extensive training and knowledge of obstetrics and will have privileges at Citizens Medical

Center to perform his own Cesarean sections, Schwanke said.

Schwanke said Slavens is expected to begin his first day of full time practice on Monday, Nov. 10.

He does plan to be in Colby for some orientation and to see patients during the week of Sept. 28 to Oct. 3, said Tama Unger, public information officer at the hospital.

For those wanting to schedule an appointment or for other informa-

tion about the new physician, Scott Focke, manager of Family Center for Health Care, said to call (785) 462-6184.

"The hospital's labor and delivery department is proud of its 20 years of obstetrical service," Schwanke said.

"Slavens is a welcome addition to the staff of dedicated health care professionals," the board chairman added.



Ready for the 30s?

Colby, Oakley, Hoxie area Tonight...Very cool. Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. North wind 10 mph becoming southwest late and decreasing to 5 mph. **Friday...**Mostly sunny and warmer. Highs in the mid 70s. West wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south early in the afternoon. **Friday night...**Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s. **Saturday...**Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s. **Saturday night...**Partly cloudy with scattered showers. Windy. Lows in the upper 40s. Chance of rain 30 percent. **Sunday...**Scattered showers during the day...Otherwise partly cloudy. Cooler and windy. Highs in the lower 60s. **Monday...**Partly cloudy. Lows near 40 and highs in the mid 70s.

By the numbers
Wednesday's high, 96
Low this morning, 41
24-hour precipitation to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
Month's precipitation, 0.02
Year's precipitation to date, 14.02
2002's precipitation to date, 9.94
The forecast is from the National Weather Service.

'460'

City getting a new phone prefix

By PATTY DECKER

Free Press Editor

The City of Colby will soon have a new telephone prefix following unanimous approval by the council to change service from Southwest Bell to S & T Communications, Inc. at its meeting earlier this week.

No exact date was provided for the change; however, when the telephone numbers do change, the prefix will go from "462" to "460." In the proposal presented to the council by Pat Mallory with S & T Communications, the cost for nine access lines and 79 numbers would be \$823.25 as opposed to Southwest Bell's cost of \$976.34.

Carolyn Armstrong, city man-

ager, also said the change would result in separate bills for the city and county since previously both entities were billed together. Mallory also told the council there were no compatibility issues when testing the system earlier.

The council also approved a contract to purchase 15 acres of land from Lonnie Wilson located east of Wagoner & Sons Salvage Yard in the amount of \$30,000. The land was purchased so that the city can build a new water treatment plant facility, which is expected to go on line by the year 2006. The current plant located near the Colby Country Club would then be abandoned, Armstrong said.

The city also directed Police

Chief Randy Jones to conduct a speed study in the area of Maize Road. The decision to begin a study was brought forward by Doug and Melissa Johnson who live in that area and were concerned about the traffic.

According to Doug Johnson, present at the meeting, there are about nine children under the age of 12 living in that neighborhood and many motorists do not drive within the speed limits. He requested the city put up a "Children at Play," sign or something to alert vehicles that children are playing.

Although a sign would not change the speed limit in that neighborhood, it might help motorists to be more aware.

Briefly

Miss Rodeo America here Friday

Miss Rodeo America is coming to Colby for a "meet and greet" at Buffalo Creek's new location, 700 Horton Ave., Oasis Travel Center, and everyone is welcome. The event begins at 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

Piano recital Sunday

The students of Sharon Kriss will perform at 4 p.m. on Sunday, at the Colby United Methodist Church. "An Afternoon of Piano Pops" will feature selections from many Broadway musicals, movies, and television shows as well as the flavor of a little rock 'n roll along the way, Kriss said. Please plan to attend and watch these talented musicians perform, she said..

Grade school plans open house

There will be an open house for students in grades first through fifth at Colby Grade School on Monday, said Terrel

Harrison, principal. Parents are invited to attend class with their child and participate in a language arts/reading lesson. A schedule will be sent home today with each student, she said. For questions, call the grade school at 460-5100.

College to offer certification courses

Colby Community College will offer certification courses for social service designees and activity directors starting on Monday, Sept. 22. The courses will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 22, Nov. 3 and 10 in the Robert Burnett Memorial Student Union. Four college credits and two certificates will be awarded for attendance at all eight classes. Two college credits and one certificate will be awarded for six classes. To enroll or for more information, call (785) 462-3984, Ext. 286.

Learning center enrolling

The Thomas County Learning Center, 305 N. Franklin in Colby, is now taking enrollment applications. One function

of the center is to give students a chance to get their high school diploma. For those wanting to enroll or for eligibility information, call 465-7900.

Job Service open over noon hour

The Colby Work Force office (formerly known as Job Service) at 485 N. Chick is staying open during the lunch hour. Linda Groff, local supervisor, said the change went into effect last week and is expected to be a permanent situation. For questions or information about how the Colby Work Force office can help people find jobs, call the office at (785) 462-6862.

Childbirth classes underway

Colby Childbirth Education classes are being held on Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m.. This is a four-week series and is held at Colby Community College in the Health Science Building. Call Amy Hutfles at 460-4344 if you need additional information.

Isabel makes noisy entrance

ATLANTIC BEACH, N.C. (AP) — Hurricane Isabel lashed the North Carolina coast with screaming wind and heavy rain today while areas as far north as Pennsylvania, already soaked by a wet summer, braced for possibly ruinous flooding.

The Category 2 storm was expected to slam the Outer Banks by midday with 100 mph wind and a storm surge of up to 11 feet, which could be magnified by early afternoon high tide. Forecasters were worried that, as with Floyd in 1999, the worst damage could come from flooding far inland.

Most of the barrier islands were nearly empty early Thursday as rain fell strongly at a 45-degree angle, driven by 60 mph wind gusts that turned sand grains into darts and howled like jet engines.

"It's like a sand blaster. You need a face shield," said Nick McClintock, a pipefitter who used his welding mask to glimpse the 15-foot waves whipping the surf frothy white at Nags Head.

At least 25,000 customers in southeastern Virginia and 13,000 in North Carolina had lost electricity by midmorning as the wind toppled trees onto power lines.

More than 300,000 people in North Carolina and Virginia had been urged to move to higher ground. Even seasoned storm veterans succumbed to the five days of warnings that started when Isabel was a Category 5 leviathan with 160 mph wind.

A few thousand hardy souls ignored mandatory evacuation orders and remained behind. Virginia Beach police suggested they write their names in permanent marker on their forearms so they can be identified if they are injured or killed.

At Howard's Pub on isolated Ocracoke Island, bartender James Tucker said he and five other employees resolved early Thursday to "hang out and drink beer until the cable runs out."

The tourists, he said, were all gone. That's good, said the 13-year-island-resident: Rookies tend to get scared.

A hurricane warning was in effect from Cape Fear in southern North Carolina to the Virginia-Maryland line. A tropical storm warning extended northward to New York's Long Island, including parts of New York City.

At 8 a.m. EDT, Isabel was about 110 miles south-southeast of North

Carolina's Cape Hatteras. It had picked up speed, moving northwest at around 15 mph. It's expected to stay at a similar strength as it moves closer to land and could spawn isolated tornadoes in eastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia.

AccuWeather Inc. said Wednesday that the storm's northwest track, hitting North Carolina's angled coastline with a direct punch, will have the effect of pushing water toward the mainland, producing 12-foot storm surges and waves up to 40 feet high off the Virginia capes.

"This is probably going to ram right into the coast head-on," said Kerry Schwindenhammer, a meteorologist with the State College, Pa.-based forecasting company. "It's not a case of a glancing blow."

Forecasters said Isabel was expected to maintain its status as a hurricane for about 24 hours after landfall. It was expected to move north across North Carolina and Virginia and then take a path through western Pennsylvania and western New York state before dissipating in Canada by Saturday.

In the nation's capital, federal and district offices were ordered closed, and Congress canceled votes so members could return home. Amtrak canceled all service south of Washington.

Up to a foot of rain was possible in West Virginia's hilly Eastern Panhandle and more than 9 inches of rain was forecast for parts of Pennsylvania.

Governors of West Virginia and Delaware declared states of emergency, anticipating flooding.

Pennsylvania officials said the ground is so sodden that it would take as little as 2 to 4 inches of rain to cause rivers and creeks to spill their banks.

John and Rita Razze's home in Chadds Ford, Pa., was flooded with several inches of water when rain earlier this week caused the nearby Brandywine River to overflow. Now, with everything pumped out and cleaned up, John Razze worried that the ground would be unable to absorb any of Isabel's rain.

"Usually we stay here and wait it out," said Razze, who left work early Wednesday to move anything he could carry to the second floor. "This time, we're going to get the heck out of here."

At historic Jamestown, Va., archaeologists blanketed a dig of the first permanent English settlement in America with a tarp.

West Nile in Trego County

TOPEKA (AP) — State health officials confirmed three more cases of West Nile virus in humans Wednesday, bring the total 26 for 2003.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment said the new cases struck a 38-year-old in Harvey County, a 52-year-old in Trego County and an 83-year-old in Stafford County.

Kansas keeps track of only the most severe cases of West Nile virus. KDHE said it's likely that many other people in the state are infected by the virus, but the cases are mild

and the victims don't realize they're ill. Kansas has recorded one West Nile death this year — John Hogboom, 93, of El Dorado, who died Aug. 10. Last year, Kansas reported 22 human cases of West Nile with no fatalities.

Health officials expect cases to increase because West Nile virus season peaks in August and September.

The virus was first detected in Kansas this year in May among mosquito populations in Crawford County. It has since spread to horses, birds and humans.

