

Weather Corner



Rain, storms possible

Tonight — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 a.m. Partly cloudy with a low around 62. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday — Partly cloudy with a high near 91. South wind between 10 and 15 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 67. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday — Partly cloudy and hot with a high near 97. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 66. Sunday — Partly cloudy with a high near 95.

Sunday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 66.

Monday — Partly cloudy with a high near 94.

Temperatures

Wednesday's high, 108 in 1916, 45 in 1974

Low this morning, 87

Records for this date, 58

Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00

August's precipitation, 1.26

Water Use Report

Wednesday, August 2

• 2,031,800 gallons

3.5 million = Water Watch.

4 million = Water Warning

4.5 million = Water Emergency

Editor's note: Since water usage fell below the 3.5 million gallon mark on Wednesday, the Water Watch, which reached the second day has been cancelled. The process will start over again should the usage climb above the 3.5 million gallon mark.

A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Briefly

Sheltie puppies stray from home

The Colby Animal Clinic, 810 E. Fourth St., is looking for the owner of two Sheltie puppies, sable and white in color. The puppies are being held for their owner to claim them. If they remain unclaimed, the pups will be available for adoption. For questions, call 460-8621.

Youth group plans fund-raiser

The Colby Sacred Heart CYO, a Catholic youth group, is taking orders for Freestone peaches, Bartlett pears and Gala apples until Tuesday, Aug. 15. Payment is due when the fruit arrives.

Delivery dates are from 4 to 8 p.m., Sept. 1 and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sept. 2 at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S.

Range Ave., Colby.

For questions or to place an order call: Courtney Ress, 462-6596; Paige Pfeifer, 460-6998; Angelica Lambert, 462-3159; Sacred Heart Rectory, 462-2179; or Megan Allen of Brewster, (785) 694-2934. All proceeds benefit the CYO program.

Sacred Heart enrollment Tuesday

Enrollment for Colby Sacred Heart School will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, at the school, 1150 W. Sixth St., said Principal David Evert. For questions, call 460-2813.

Colby school reopens Aug. 24

The first day of classes for students in the Colby School District is Thursday, Aug. 24. Enrollment for all kindergarten through 12th grade begins at 7 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 10,

in the commons area of Colby High School. New students will enroll at appropriate buildings starting at 8 a.m., Friday, Aug. 11.

Public school enrollment Aug. 10

Enrollment for new students at Colby Public Schools is scheduled from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 10, in the Colby High School commons area.

Enrollment for new students will go from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, Aug. 11, in the respective buildings.

For questions, call 460-5000 or the grade school, 460-5100; middle school, 460-5200 or high school, 460-5300.

Former Colby Trojan faces rape charge

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

A Colby attorney is trying to figure out why his client's scholarship at a Missouri university was not renewed for another year.

Southeastern Missouri State University officials are saying little about the July 27 announcement that Andrais Thornton's scholarship was dropped and he is no longer on the basketball team. That announcement opened the door for questions by his attorney.

"We are looking into it," Todd Stramel said Monday.

Thornton was arrested in January on the university's campus located in Cape Girardeau on rape and aggravated sexual battery charges filed in Thomas County. Charges stem from an alleged assault of a then 19-year-old college student and cheerleader on Nov. 16, 2003, Colby Community College campus.

Head coach Scott Edgar made the announcement about the 21-year old Chicago native's scholarship and roster spot. Edgar was not available for comment on Monday and Toby Lane, assistant coach, refused to talk about the situation. University Sports Information Director Ron Hines did not offer details.

"His scholarship was not renewed," Hines said.

Asked whether the action by the university has anything to do with Thornton's pending trial in Kansas and Hines said, "No comment."

Thornton played basketball for Colby Community College during the 2003-04 basketball season.

He spent his sophomore year at Southwest Missouri State-West Plains Community College in

West Plains, Mo., then transferred to Southeastern Missouri State where he averaged 7.9 points and a team-high 6.6 rebounds per game for the Redhawks in 2005-06.

Thornton's four-day trial in Thomas County District Court in Colby will begin Nov. 13.

Thornton, 18 at the time of the alleged incident, denied the charges against him at a preliminary hearing May 9.

During that hearing, Stramel took the position the case was a "bad case" from the start. Assistant Kansas Attorney General Nola Wright and Thomas County Attorney Andrea Wyrick believe differently and are moving the case forward to trial.

The alleged victim claims she and a second woman who is not pursuing prosecution of Thornton and a co-defendant, Ontario McKee of Milwaukee, Wis., were attacked by both men.

She said she and her friend attended at least two parties, one on campus and the other in a downtown apartment, where they drank heavily before the alleged attack.

McKee, 19 at the time of the alleged incident, was arrested in January at San Angelo University in San Angelo, Texas. McKee, as part of a plea agreement, pleaded guilty to sexual battery and was ordered to unsupervised probation.

Should Thornton be convicted of the rape charge, and depending on a presentence investigation, he faces 20 to 54 years in prison and a fine up to \$300,000.

Should he be convicted of the aggravated sexual battery charge, he faces four to 11 months in prison and a fine up to \$300,000. Thornton remains out of jail on \$100,000 bond awaiting trial.

Good deal



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Kaala Case browsed through the stacks of books available at the Pioneer Memorial Library book sale Saturday. The sale runs through Saturday, and is one of several the library holds each year.

For the Record

The following arrests or incidents have been provided by either the Thomas County Sheriff's office or the Colby Police Department. All suspects were booked into the county jail and are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The Thomas County Jail is used by Colby, Oakley, Logan and Thomas counties.

Thomas County Sheriff's Sunday, July 30

• **Possession of marijuana:** Catherine Ann Burns, 51, of Springfield, La., was arrested at 7 p.m. by the Kansas Highway Patrol at Interstate 70 and U.S. Highway 40 (milemarker 76). She was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving under the influence and endangering a child. She is being held in the Thomas County jail.

• **Possession of marijuana:** Peter Ajan III, 44, of Springfield, La.,

was arrested at 7 p.m., by the Kansas Highway Patrol on I-70 and U.S. 40 (milemarker 76). He is being charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He is being held in the Thomas County jail.

• **Forgery:** Ramona Joy Byrd, 49, of Manchester, Tenn., was arrested at 5:45 p.m. by the Oakley Police Department at U.S. Highway 40 and I-70 near Oakley. She is being charged with six counts of forgery from a company in Tennessee and being held in the Thomas County jail.

Monday, July 31

• **Violating protective order:** Douglas Emerson Bennett, 23, of Atwood, was arrested in the 1100 block of South Franklin Avenue in Colby by city police at 3:38 p.m. He is charged with violating a protective order, obstructing official duty, and failure to appear on a support

warrant from the Athens County Sheriff's office in Ohio.

• **Obstructing official duty:** Wendy Lee Jackson, 24, of Colby was arrested at 3:38 p.m. in the 1100 block of South Franklin Avenue in Colby by city police. She was charged with obstruction of official duty and was released with a notice to appear Aug. 15 in the Thomas County court.

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Fri. & Sat. : 7:15 & 9:15 (PG)
Sun - Thurs. : 7:15 1:35

COLBY THEATRE
JULY 28 - AUG. 3
LADY IN THE WATER
Fri. & Sat. : 7:00 & 9:00 (PG-13)
Sun. - Thurs: 7:00 1:50
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND
Fri. & Sat. : 7:15 & 9:15 (PG-13)
Sun. - Thurs: 7:15 1:40

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First National Bank will not be open Sat., Aug. 5th

in order to participate in the Thomas County Free Fair Parade.

We encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the parade and fair!!

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Military News

Colby graduate completes Air Force basic training

A Colby High School and Colby Community College graduate recently completed basic military training.

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Christopher M. Barnum completed his six-week training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.



C. Barnum

organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations," an Air Force spokesperson said this week.

In addition, Barnum and other airmen completing basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Evan and Regena Barnum of Colby.

SIZZLING SUMMER SALES EVENT

Thursday, Friday, Saturday ~ August 3rd, 4th, 5th

Entire Stock of Suits	Reduced 25%
Sportcoats (Select Group)	Reduced 40%
Short Sleeve Sport Shirts (Over 150 in stock!)	Reduced 40%
Short Sleeve Knit Shirts	Reduced 33%
Tall Men Sportshirts	Reduced 40%
Tall Men Short Sleeve Knit Shirts	Reduced 33%
Short Sleeve Silk Crewneck Shirts	Reduced 40%
Short Sleeve Banded Bottom Knit Shirts	Reduced 40%
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