

Weather Corner



Highs near 40, lows around 20

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around 18. Breezy with a west wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. **Friday night** — A 20 percent chance of snow before midnight. Partly cloudy with a low around 17. Blustery with a north wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 37. Breezy with a north wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. **Saturday night** — Clear with a low around 22. **Sunday** — Sunny with a high near 49. **Sunday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 26. **Monday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 57.

Temperatures
Wednesday's high, 38
Low this morning, 23
Records for this date, 81 in 1972, -14 in 1960
Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.00
March's precipitation, 0.00
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119.

Insurance agent alleges unfairness

GARDEN CITY (AP) — When Paul Bergersen told the state agency that regulates insurance firms that his company was treating auto policyholders with Hispanic surnames differently than others, investigators had little experience to draw upon.

Bergersen, who is white and was Shelter Mutual Insurance Co.'s leading salesman in Kansas when he filed his formal complaint in May 2003, told the Kansas Insurance Department that Shelter canceled or failed to renew auto policies after the initial 60-day underwriting period for Hispanics but not for other groups.

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 the towns of Colby and Oakley and Logan and Thomas counties.

Thomas County Sheriff Tuesday, Feb. 13

- **Service rendered:** The sheriff's office reported many 911 calls at around 1:18 a.m. and 1:53 a.m. of a jack knifed semi on Interstate 70.
- **Disorderly:** Galen David Youngblood, 49, of Newton, was arrested at 1:23 a.m. by Colby police. The charge pending disorderly conduct.

Wednesday, Feb. 14

- **Accident:** Assisted Kansas Highway Patrol at 9:26 a.m. with rollover on I-70.
- **Service rendered:** A deputy called in at 11:09 a.m. advising he was helping Kansas Highway Patrol with slide-offs.

Thursday, Feb. 15

- **Death investigation:** A 911 call at 4 a.m. sent deputies and Thomas County Emergency Medical Services to unidentified location regarding death of a spouse. Coroner and funeral home called.
- **Suspicious incident:** A 911 call at 9:10 a.m. advised of two men in the 800 block of South Franklin — one carrying a rifle under his coat.

Friday, Feb. 16

- **Animal complaint:** Several calls at 11:28 a.m. advised of cows out north of Colby on Kansas Highway 25

Colby Police Department Tuesday, Feb. 13

Briefly

FFA Chapter plans fundraising event

Colby High School's FFA Chapter is sponsoring a Mountain Oyster Fry at 6 p.m., followed by a labor auction at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 15, at the Thomas County 4-H Building. For tickets, call Shawna Howell, 460-5320.

Judging team plans fundraiser

The Colby Community College Livestock Judging Team is taking orders for homemade cinnamon rolls to raise money to attend the annual "Cow Palace" judging contest in San Francisco, Calif. The cost \$10 and anyone interesting in placing orders should call McKenzie Chambers at (303) 775-9506.

Colby Diplomat luncheon March 7

The Colby Diplomats invite the ladies of the community to the group's annual spring luncheon and a "light-hearted"

look at fashion. The event is from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 7 at Colby Country Club. Reservations must be made by Friday, and can be made by calling the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce at 460-3401.

'Some Enchanted Evening' March 11

Western Plains Arts Association will present "Some Enchanted Evening" by Windwood Theatricals at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 11 in the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College. Admission will be by WPAA season ticket, or at the door: \$15 for adults, \$8 for children.

Annual soup dinner Saturday

The Gem Lions Club is sponsoring its annual soup day from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday in the Gem Community Building. The menu includes veggies, chili and potato soup. Free will donations are accepted and all proceeds will benefit Gem projects.

Bluegrass festival Saturday

A mini-festival, sponsored by the Colby Bluegrass Committee, will be held from 7-10 p.m., Saturday, at the City Limits Convention Center, Colby. Entertainment includes Sons and Brothers of Westcliffe, Colo. (7 and 9 p.m.); McLemore family of Colby, 8 p.m.; Chase McNich, 2006 youth contest winner at 7:50 p.m.; and guest appearance by Marsahl Allen Bailey. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling (800) 611-8835. All proceeds will go toward the "Pickin on the Plains Festival" this summer.

Shepherd's Staff plans tournament

Shepherd's Staff Conference and Retreat Center in Rexford will sponsor its first Miracle Marathon Tournament May 12 at Heritage Hills Golf Club in McCook, Neb. For more information, contact Ron Boller, director of outreach by e-mail at kola464bear@netscape.net or 785-687-2565.

More than 71,000 Kansans miss telephone tax

The Internal Revenue Service estimates more than 71,000 federal tax returns from Kansas failed to request the telephone excise tax refund, reducing their refunds by at least \$2.1 million.

The IRS found more than 10 million early filers nationwide did not request the one-time refund.

"Many taxpayers are overlooking this special refund and the chance to get a bigger refund," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "We encourage taxpayers to

spend a few extra minutes reviewing their tax return to make sure they are making an accurate request. A little extra time can mean a bigger refund check."

To make requesting the refund easier, a standard amount, from \$30 to \$60, was established and taxpayers only have to fill out one line on their return.

Using the standard amount is optional and taxpayers can request the actual amount of excise tax paid for long-distance phone service

between March 2003 and August 2006 by calculating the amount of tax paid from their phone bills.

The government stopped collecting the three-percent long-distance excise tax last August, and federal officials authorized a one-time refund. The IRS even created a special form, the 1040EZ-T, for individuals who do not have to file a regular tax return.

"The 1040EZ-T is very simple and it can be prepared and filed electronically at no cost by using Free

File at IRS.gov, or it can be mailed to the IRS," said IRS spokesman Michael Devine.

Taxpayers who did not request the Telephone Excise Tax refund when they filed their 2006 federal tax return, must file a Form 1040X Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, to get that money.

"Do not file a Form 1040EZ-T if you missed requesting this refund, because that would have the same effect as filing two tax returns and is likely to delay any refund, prob-

ably for months," Devine said.

The estimated one million Kansas taxpayers who have not filed their taxes yet should make sure the correct telephone excise tax refund amount is entered on line 71 of the Form 1040, line 42 of the 1040A, or line 9 of the 1040EZ.

For more information and answers to the most commonly asked questions, go to IRS.gov and select the link for the Telephone Excise Tax Refund, or call the IRS toll free at (800) 829-1040.

Marquette's motorcycle museum recognizes sport

By Ron Wilson

Kansas State University

The race is on. With a roar, the motorcycles take off from the starting line. It's a spectacle to behold, as they vie for position and make the turns. Today, we'll meet the man who has won more of those races than any Kansan in history. We'll also meet the new museum that he operates that honors the sport of motorcycle racing. Strap on your helmet, it's today's Kansas Profile.

Stan Engdahl is the retired motorcycle racer who with his wife LaVona, are curators of the new Kansas Motorcycle Museum in Marquette.

Stan grew up at Marquette. He says that after World War II was over, he was looking for some excitement. He went to a motorcycle race and thought it looked like fun. He said, "I could do that. They're not going all that fast." Then he raced in the next one, and he says, "I found out they were going really fast!"

But he loved racing motorcycles - or motor-sickles, as he pronounces the word — and it got into his blood. That was the beginning of what might be the most dominant record over the longest time period of any sports figure other than a coach in

Kansas. He has won more than 600 trophies, including numerous state and national titles, in races spanning every decade from the 1940s to the 1990s. Wow. That makes for more sequels than Rocky.

Stan operated a combination TV repair and motorcycle shop in downtown Marquette. When he retired, he sold the building to the city for a dollar. Some city leaders had the idea to turn the building into a museum to display vintage motorcycles.

Stan says, "I told 'em they were nuts. We wouldn't get one row of motorcycles in here in a year." Wrong. Stan says, "Within 45 days after opening, we had this big room full of donated motorcycles."

Labor Day weekend of 2003 marked the opening of the Kansas Motorcycle Museum in Marquette. Stan and LaVona agreed to be curators. Stan has all 600 of his trophies on display plus two championship motorcycles, the steel shoe he wore to make the turns, and countless items of history and memorabilia.

For example, there's a black and white photo of Stan racing on his motorcycle with some funny looking thing attached to his leg. Stan explains, "I had broken my leg in a race and showed up at the next one on crutches. They weren't about to

let me race. But I told 'em I was the two-time defending champion and deserved a chance to defend my title. Besides, this was a benefit for the Institute of Logopedics and they showed up with two busloads of crippled children, so I had to race for them."

Finally the race organizers had Stan sign a long legal release form and let him enter the race. The picture shows a piece of wood that Stan duct-taped to his cast. He not only made it through the race, he won first place.

There are countless other stories to go with magazine covers, uni-

forms, historical displays, and more. But most of all, there are motorcycles: Lots and lots of motorcycles. Stan says, "We've had motorcycles donated from all over the country." There are more than 100 bikes and 46 different brands, including rare, vintage, and one-of-a-kind bikes. One recent donor brought \$200,000 worth of motorcycles in a single load. Stan says, "The people have been wonderful."

The people have also come to visit. I was the 16,154th person to sign the guest register. This museum has had visitors from coast to coast and 24 foreign countries. All

this in the rural town of Marquette, Kansas, population 537 people. Now, that's rural.

In May 2007, a annual motorcycle rally will be held in Marquette. For more information, go to www.ksmm.us.

The race is on. One can understand why people are racing to Marquette to see the Kansas Motorcycle Museum. We commend Stan and LaVona Engdahl and all those who are making a difference by supporting this remarkable jewel of racing history in rural Kansas. It's definitely worth a trip to the finish line.

ESTATE AUCTION

For Leonard & Myrna Heskett & Others

DATE: Saturday, March 10, 2007

Time: 10 a.m. CT (doors open at 8 a.m. day of sale)

Auction Location: T-N-T & Jones Facility - 200 N. Franklin - Colby, KS

Preview sale items between 5-7 p.m. CT Friday, March 9, 2007

GUNS & PEDAL TRACTORS WILL SELL @1:30

GUNS: New Frontier Colt .22 revolver/.22 mag cyl - never fired; Ruger new model single six .22 revolver/.22 mag cyl - never fired.; 30 cal U.S. carbine good original condition; Marlin model 1894 .357 mag cal carbine

PEDAL TRACTORS / CAR: John Deere LGT pedal tractor John Deere 3 hole lo pedal tractor John Deere Model 520 pedal tractor Old fire truck pedal car

PLUMBING: Gen Eye 3 Pipe Inspection/location system - 200' of push cable with camera head, Monitor BIK-E, white, Built in TV-VCR; Jetter (General J-2900) - Jet set with Vibrapulse, 200' cable with 4 styles of spray heads, 3000 psi max, Honda engine, 11 hp, Direct drive pump; White Kohler under counter-self rimming; Kitchen sink, 24" x 18" x 7" deep; White 21" x 19" Rectangular Lavatory sink; 9 - Bone 19" x 17" Pedestal Lavatory Basin for 4" centerset faucet; 8 - Bone Pedestal; 11 - Bone 20" x 17" Oval drop-in Lavatory for 4" faucet; 11 - Bone 19" Round drip-in Lavatory for 4" centerset faucet; 6 - Compression Basin Faucets; 16 - Diverter Tub spouts; 7 - Hot & Cold water supply 1/2" special FIP Wing Elbow (CPVC); White Porcelain Hand Sink; White 19" x 17" Oval drop-in Lavatory for 4" centerset faucet; 3 - White Pedestal Lavatory 17" x 19" Oval; General Speed Rooter 91 sewer machine with 100 foot cable (1 year old); White 18" x 17" wall hung Lavatory for 4" centerset faucet shower doors; 33" x 22" double bowl cast iron sink - used; Misc duct work fittings

BUCKLES: 1981 John Deere gold buckle; 1988 John Deere gold buckle; Other John Deere 7 Misc buckles; 1983 Hesston youth buckle; 1984 Hesston youth buckle; 1985 Hesston youth buckle; 1986 Hesston youth buckle; Other Hesston buckles; Garden City Western Railroad Buckle 1984; 82 Hi Plains Journal Buckle #60; 100th year Hi Plains Journal Buckle #350; Wichita Co Centennial Buckle; U-S Forest Service Ranger Buckle

ANTIQUE & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: Fancy Potbelly stove; Charter Oak stove; Trunk; Old

veterinarian cabinet; Pool table; Old iron bed; Old goose decoys; Wash boards; Bottle capper; Old chemistry set; Old metal seat; Christmas articles; Old jars and jugs; Old stand ash trays; Old silverware; Old tins boxes; Montgomery Wards 10.3' cu ft Chest Freezer; GE Refrigerator 19.7 cu ft; Pipe collection in case; Old Elgin sewing machine 6 drawer with treadle; Old buffet; Sewing basket; Salt & Pepper shakers; Butter mold and paddles; Secretary stand; Quilts; Model T light; Old postcard collection; Old medicine bottle; IGA express electric train set; Crockets; Old Picture Frame; Gun Cabinet; 2 drawer Metal File; Dressers; Wooden Magazine Rack; Small Mangus push button Organ; Lots of Misc odds and ends; Lots of books; Coffee tables and end tables; General Electric portable Dishwasher; Old Harnesses; Old cream Cans; Lawn Boy Mower; Old pump Jack; 2-men Tree Saw; Battery Charger; Model A Hood; Misc tools; Old fishing Poles; Old Swift Meat Hooks; Old Hand Saw; Ice cream chain; Old Red Wagon; EZ Lift Jack; Extension ladders; 2 - Antique mantel clocks 1920s; 2 - Homemade clocks; Electric anniversary clock; Several lighted beer signs (some neon); 2 - Packages of old Chinese firecrackers; 2 - Couches and love seat; Rug Doctor Shampooer; Framed pictures; Shelves; Several VCR tapes; Small roll top desk; BF Goodrich lighter sign; Old John Deere sign; Walter woods cast iron seat; Buckeye last iron seat; Western roller cast iron seat; Deering cast iron seat; Horse collar; 1948 John Deere pocket ledger - Colby KS; 1948 John Deere pocket ledger - Oakley KS; 1949 John Deere pocket ledger - Selden KS; Old John Deere stickpin; John Deere pocket knife; John Deere ash tray; John Deere Necktie (old); 1994 John Deere Sun Catcher; Old John Deere Manuals; Old Chevy and Nash manuals; Old IH Manuals; Several old Union Pacific manuals; Old Union Pacific RR Wrench; Old Stover Grain Thermometer; Old Cigarette Advertising Cigarette lighters; Miller Beer clock; Marlboro clock

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