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Bike riders to stop here on long trips

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Not one but two cross-country bicycle tours are due to arrive in Colby this week.

The first group is "Pedal for Prevention," a ride to raise money for prevention and awareness of child sexual abuse. Three men, Tyler Gilliam, Landon Phillips and Michael Allen, set out from Charleston, S.C., in early August on a trip that will take them all the way to Los Angeles with stops in Nashville, Tenn., Kansas City, Fort Collins, Colo., Casper, Wyo., and Bend, Ore.

The group's goal is to raise \$40,000 for Darkness to Light, which trains adults to how to deal with and prevent child sexual abuse. The men, now in the 23rd day of the trip, say they have raised \$5,000 so far. Paige Campbell, program director at Northwest Kansas Regional Prevention Center in Colby, said Darkness to

Light is one of the organizations the center uses for adult training.

The trio had a Global Positioning System marker that updated their progress on their website www.pedalforprevention.com, but it malfunctioned.

Campbell said she wasn't sure when the cyclists would get to Colby, since they are never sure exactly how far they'll get each day. The group's latest blog entry, dated Saturday, said they arrived safely in Topeka, after experiencing stop-and-go city traffic, blowing dust and blown tires. Campbell said she expects them in Colby toward the end of the week.

The second group is "Ride for Their Lives," parents of children who have been the victims of violent crimes.

Ed Smart and Ahmad Rivazfar, representing the Surviving Parents Coalition, set out with about 100 riders from Rochester, N.Y., on Aug. 20. Their trip will take them

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Cancer survivors raise money for cure

Cancer survivor Judy Withers (above left) walked with Rob Aiken, his dog Minnie – also a cancer survivor – and Ann Miner in the survivors' lap at the Thomas County Relay for Life on Friday in Fike Park. Maxine Nelson (left) also participated in that first lap, which kicked off the all-night Relay. The event raises money for the American Cancer Society, which spends it for research and to help survivors and their families. Teams at the event included the Colby Community College Cheerleaders and Dance Team (below, left), Farmers and Merchants Bank, the Northwest Kansas Research and Extension Center and Trinity Lutheran Church.



Police check car seen in cemetery

A vehicle caught on camera leaving Beulah Cemetery late at night has been identified by Colby Police, but it turns out the occupants were just tending a grave, not looking for some trouble.

The photo, published in the Friday edition of the *Colby Free Press*, showed a dark sport utility pulling a trailer in the cemetery at 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20. The photo was too dark and grainy to identify what was in the trailer or who was in the vehicle, plus it was at the wrong angle to see a license plate. Police asked for help from

the public to identify the vehicle.

Chief Randy Jones said that after the photo was published, the police station got a call from the owner, who said they had been putting solar lights around a relative's grave. Jones said the police investigated the owner's story, which checked out.

Jones said police are still looking for information in the cemetery vandalism case earlier this month. Anyone with information should call the Law Enforcement Center at 460-4460.

Colby radio deejay earns top honors

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Several personalities in Colby and Goodland for Rocking M Radio won awards from the Kansas Association of Broadcasters in the small-market radio category.

Colby Community College Radio Instructor Joe Vyzourek took first in "DJ Personality Aircheck" for the third time in his career for the "Joe Vyzourek Morning Show" on KXXX 790 AM. He also took first in 2004 and 2006.

Sacha Sanguinetti, general manager of the station, said the fact that Vyzourek has won three times

is a "real testament to Joe."

He said the diverse tastes of judges makes Vyzourek's three firsts even more impressive.

"You never know what judges are expecting when you turn in a tape," Vyzourek said.

Vyzourek also snagged second in "Complete News Feature" for his "Tri-State Harvest Reports" last year on KXXX.

The trio of Jim Ferguson, Travis Ferguson and Jay Sanderson took first place in public affairs for their "Great American Outdoor Trails Radio Magazine" on KWGB 97.9 FM in Goodland.

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Briefly

Join Cub Scouts on Tuesday

Cub Scout Troop 140 will hold a recruitment drive at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Colby Grade School gymnasium. Scoutmaster Gary Schuette said he is out to recruit boys from first to fifth grades. Their first outing will be to Goodland on Wednesday, Sept. 18. For information, call Schuette at (785) 443-3390 or Buffalo Bill District Executive Mark Schoepner at (785) 821-2489.

Scout sign-up Thursday in park

Girl Scout representatives will be in Colby's Fike Park from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday to talk about the benefits of Scouting and to help with registration. For information about Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland, go to www.kansasgirlscouts.org or call the office in Hays at (888) 811-8832.

Red Cross coming to get blood

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. Fifth St. Donors must be at least 17, or 16 with a parental consent form. To reserve a time, call (800) 733-2767. Walk ins are welcome.

Catholic youth delivering fruit

Sacred Heart Catholic Youth Organization fruit orders can be picked up from 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the 4-H building. A limited amount of extra fruit boxes will be available for sale. For information, call Megan Augustine at the rectory, 462-2179.

Library reviews baseball book

Pioneer Memorial Library will hold a book review for "Are We Winning" by Will Leitch as part of the *Booked for Lunch* lecture series at noon Wednesday at the library. Nancy Saddler will be the reviewer. For information, call Librarian Melany Wilks at 460-4470.

Extension center offers field day

The K-State Research and Extension Center will hold a free horticulture field day from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. The program includes a tour of the Prairie Star annual flower trials and discussions by K-State specialists on insects, turfgrass, tree selection and more. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. For information, call (785) 462-6281.

City to honor retiree Thursday

The City of Colby will have a retirement reception for Gary Berens from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday in the council chambers at City Hall. Berens is retiring after more than 30 years in the electric department. For information, call 460-4400.

Walk, run for Recovery Month

The Thomas County Coalition will hold a 5K Awareness Walk/Run for Celebrate Recovery Month at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Colby Community

Building. The coalition will provide hot dogs, chips and soda after the race. For information, call Melany Wilks at 460-4470.

Foundation plans fun shoot

Citizens Foundation will hold a benefit fun shoot at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Colby Gun Club, four miles west on U.S. 24, one mile south and one mile west. There help for novice shooters to learn. Registration is \$50. Proceeds will go for medical equipment and education at the hospital. For information, call Tama Unger at the foundation (785) 460-1214.



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