

Percussion artist coming to St. Francis

The Mid-America Arts Alliance and Western Plains Arts Association will present international touring artist Michael Fitzsimmons with a performance called “Drums of the World.”

The show will feature rare instruments from Switzerland called hang drums, as well as drums, flutes, pan pipes and kalimbas from other parts of the world. Fitzsimmons performs with drums, African instruments, a Mbira (thumb piano), Plains Indian and Brazilian percussion flutes, and various bamboo flutes.

The performance will begin at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, at the St. Francis High School Auditorium. Admission is by season ticket or at the door, \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. A second show for students will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 18, at the St. Francis High School Auditorium.



International touring artist Michael Fitzsimmons demonstrated his wide-ranging skill in percussion performance recently.

Cheyenne County ride Sunday to be ‘easier for kids’

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The 20th Cheyenne County Trail Ride will start at 2 p.m. sharp on Sunday at the Jeter Isely farm northeast of Wheeler.

The ride will last about 2.5 hours. To get to the Iselys’, go six miles north from Wheeler on County Road 23, then half a-mile west on Road T.

The ride is always planned for the second weekend in October, when the weather is generally a

little cooler and the trees are turning colors.

Last year, the ride was postponed to the following Sunday because of bad weather. The rain date this year is Sunday, Oct. 17.

Gary Cooper, one of the coordinators, said this ride will be a little easier terrain and be ideal for kids.

The highlight will be the top of “Morris Hill,” where the riders will be able to see for miles in all directions. Cooper said there

will be a water break on top of the hill.

Cooper also coordinated the first Cheyenne County Trail Ride 20 years ago. The goal, he said, was to explore the county on horseback. Some of the rides have overlapped areas, he said, but no one seems to care.

“We are starting to run out of places to ride,” he said, adding that he has the route for the 21st ride spotted already.

Each year, the number of riders

varies, depending on the weather, the economy and conflicting events, he said.

When the ride started, it was held in June, but there were so many things going on that it was moved to the fall.

Through the years, the lowest number of riders was 18 or 19, but generally there are anywhere from 65 to 127 riders.

Those on the ride will be able to donate to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

“Donations will be accepted for the kids who would like to saddle up but can’t,” said Sharon Olofson, coordinator of that effort.

After the ride, there will be a barbecue with the meat being prepared by Doug Ross.

For information, call Cooper, (785) 332-2904; Olofson, (785) 332-2248; Joe Hoffman, (785) 332-2154; Todd Krien, (785) 332-3246; or Frank Tracy, (308) 423-2646.

On the Beat

- COLBY POLICE**
Wednesday
- 12:07 a.m. – Checked on sheriff’s unit at Seventh and French with traffic stop.
 - 4:44 a.m. – Security check at Walmart.
 - 10:35 a.m. – Large dog chasing cars on Willow Avenue by Walmart. Unable to locate.
 - 2:37 p.m. – Assisted ambulance crew at Budget Host Inn.
 - 3:07 p.m. – Subject having problems with juvenile son. Spoke with subjects; everything OK.
 - 3:50 p.m. – Walk-through at library.
 - 7:08 p.m. – Lost license. Report filed.
 - 7:28 p.m. – Walk-through at Walmart.
 - 10:51 p.m. – Suspicious incident: Subject came to station wanting to speak with officer about family issues. Information provided.

- THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF**
Wednesday
- 12:01 a.m. – Eric W. Ehlers arrested on warrant out of Salina on traffic stop at Seventh and French.
 - 7:41 a.m. – Black cow in roadway on K-25 mile 187. Contacted owner.
 - 12:59 p.m. – Civil standby at 2160 E. Fourth No. 14.
 - 1:41 p.m. – Spoke to subject on phone about civil matter.
 - 5:20 p.m. – Civil stand-by at Colby Trailer Village.
 - 10:17 p.m. – Unattended death: Report filed.

Teen bags bear with new bow

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. (AP) – A 17-year-old Michigan girl began her big-game hunting career with a bang – or rather a whoosh – by killing a 448-pound black bear with a bow and arrow from 16 yards.

High school senior Jessica Olmstead of Battle Creek shot the bear during a hunting trip last month in Oba, Ontario.

She told the *Battle Creek Enquirer* that the bear was the first animal she had killed with the new bow.

“As soon as my dad got it for me, I was immediately comfortable and I was ready to use it the next day,” she said. “When I go out hunting, it’s really exciting.”

“Whenever I see a bear, I just want to go at it. When you’re hunting, your heart is racing, your blood is pumping, and you feel that adrenaline rush. I really love to hunt.”

Her father, Tim Olmstead, said his daughter eats the animals she hunts, including the bear, and does not kill just for fun.

He told the paper he’s been teaching others to hunt for more than 30 years and he’s never had a student pick up the fundamentals as quickly as Jessica.

“I’m not just saying this because she’s my daughter,” he said, “but she’s probably one of the best listeners I’ve every taught.”

Jessica’s hunting exploits range beyond the wilderness. Earlier this month, she caught a 20-pound salmon in Lake Michigan, near Holland.

“Fishing is a lot like hunting in a lot of ways,” she said, “but I think that with fishing, it takes a lot more strength and a lot more patience to be successful.”

Thomas County Jail

- Booked into the Thomas County jail:
- John Samuel Kuder, 33, Colby, Aug. 31, driving with license suspended or revoked, obstruction of official duty, accident involving damage to vehicle, driving under the influence (second offense), driving under the influence (Allen County), transporting open container/alcohol (Allen County), driving with license suspended or revoked (Allen County), Colby Police Department; released Sept. 15 to Allen County.
 - Timothy Alan Vandruff, 48, Leavenworth, Sept. 4, failure to appear/child support, Thomas County Sheriff’s Office, charges dismissed on Sept. 7.
 - Joseph Junius Brooks, 49, Opelousas, La., Sept. 6, possession of a narcotic drug, possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, Thomas County Sheriff/Jackson County, Mo., released Sept. 13 to secure transport.
 - Kirt Alan Dugger, 19, Colby, Sept. 7, theft, police department,

- released same day on notice to appear.
- Heather Lee Truan, 20, Colby, Sept. 7, theft, police department, released same day on notice to appear.
 - Raul Tarazon, 25, Colby, Sept. 13, driving without a license, police department, released same day on notice to appear.
 - Rosalina Whinant, 55, Brewster, Sept. 13, domestic battery, sheriff’s office, released same day on recognizance.
 - Bonnie Leagh Petersen, 45, Brewster, Sept. 14, theft, sheriff’s office, released same day with charges not filed.
 - Christopher Ryan Gatz, 24, Colby, Sept. 15, aggravated burglary, aggravated sexual battery, police department, released Sept. 15 on recognizance.
 - Jonathan Andrew Smith, 23, Colby, Sept. 15, criminal threat, police department, released same day with charges pending.
 - Raymond Evert Bowser, 30, Goodland, Sept. 16, rape, indecent liberties with a child, Logan

- County Sheriff’s Office, released Sept. 17 on court authority.
- Gary Lee Delgado, 23, Las Vegas, Sept. 17, possession of meth-amphetamine, Kansas Highway Patrol, released Sept. 18 on recognizance.
 - Michael Dean Jones, 22, Colby, Sept. 19, battery, police department, released same day on recognizance.
 - Amy Suzanne Knipp, 25, Menlo, Sept. 19, driving under the influence, domestic battery, criminal damage to property, Thomas County Sheriff/Court Services, released same day to parent or guardian.
 - Tiffany Dianne Ellegood, 40, Colby, Sept. 20, worthless check, sheriff’s office, released on recognizance.
 - Steven Darnell Gary, 49, Tulsa, Sept. 21, driving with license suspended or revoked, Highway Patrol, released same day on notice to appear.
 - Chelsea Ann Warta, 19, Colby, Sept. 23, worthless check, sher-

iff’s office, released same day on recognizance.

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Lesson: paint won’t faze tasers

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) – A Cheyenne man who doused himself with white latex paint in hopes of avoiding a police Taser was hit with the stun gun anyway.

The Taser chase happened Sept. 16, when Cheyenne police went to Brian Mattert’s house on a domestic violence call. The *Wyoming Tribune Eagle* reports that when police arrived, Mattert thought they’d use a Taser on him, so he hastily covered himself in paint and told officers that if they shot him with the stun gun, he’d die.

Officers told him the paint wouldn’t affect the Taser’s capability. According to police, Mattert

scuffled with officers and was hit with a Taser twice before officers handcuffed him.

He faces several criminal charges. The officers’ uniforms had to be cleaned.

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