

Lots of fall season fun to be had in Colby

Wow, can you believe how quickly the holidays are approaching?

We have Halloween behind us and Thanksgiving on its way, which means we are in the midst of a busy time of the year and winter is on its way. Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday.

We still have work to do before the year ends. I thoroughly enjoyed the Tourism Conference in Dodge City; the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism is working on some new programs which we will be telling you about in the future. We heard from Secretary Robin Jennison, Assistant Secretary Linda Craghead and Tourism Director Becky Blake, as well as most of her staff. Mark Mayfield and Aaron Davis, who you might remember as a University of Nebraska football player, were two of our motivational speakers. There were breakout sessions on advocacy, social media and generational marketing. Dodge City showed us hospitality and many new attractions. It was a great educational time.

The 2012 Adult Leadership Thomas County class is hard at work on their class project to increase awareness of recycling in the schools. They are making a DVD which will be given to students and providing bins for recycling in all schools in Thomas County.

Kevin Bomhoff was in Colby meeting with people interested



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• On the Road Again!

in a more healthy community. Bomhoff coordinates organization development at the Wichita State University Center for Community Support and Research and is a faculty member of the Kansas Leadership Center. Several members of the class, Leadership Thomas County board President Sherry McDonald and myself joined him and health professionals from the community to discuss civic leadership and working for a healthy community.

The Convention and Tourism Committee has given the go-ahead to replace our old billboards, which are very faded.

We have some exciting events coming in November.

First of all don't forget to vote Tuesday at the Colby Community Building. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Pioneer Memorial Library will hold *Booked for Lunch* from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Food for Thought will be at noon Thursday, Nov. 15, at The Prairie Museum of Art and History. Dr. Freddie Lamm will present a program on the history of the Colby

Research Center.

A special event is planned from 2 to 4 p.m. Veteran's Day, Sunday, Nov. 11. A Hometown Gospel Show: A Tribute to Veterans will be held in the Frahm Theatre at Colby Community College. The show will feature the McLemores, Tom Harrison and Jeff Wagoner, the Bugbee Sisters, Lisa Schroeder and Family, Leon Woofter, Larry Booth, Jay Stewart, Pat Ziegelmeyer and Perry and Terry Baird. Tickets will be available at the door. This program is being staged by the Pickin' on the Plains committee and is sponsored by Colby Community College Music Department.

Special sporting events include the Saddler Farms Classic, Friday and Saturday at the Community Building. The men's basketball games will begin at 7:30 p.m. both evenings.

The Ambassador Classic comes with six visiting teams and Colby Community College men and women's basketball teams. Games will begin at 2 p.m. daily at Colby Community College Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 8 to 10.

Colby Kids Wrestling sign up and information meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at City Limits Convention Center. Contact Erma Kraft if you have questions.

Other November happenings include the high school play at 7:30

p.m. Next Thursday and Friday, in the High School Auditorium.

The second speaker in the Max Pickerill Lecture Series will be Dr. Andrea Stanton. The program will be Tuesday, Nov. 27, at the Cultural Arts Center.

The Colby Diplomats are having their Ladies Luncheon from 11:30 to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, at the American Legion. Reservations must be made to the Colby Chamber at 460-3401 by Wednesday, Nov. 14.

At 5 p.m. Nov. 27, at the 4-H Building beginning, the women of the Northwest Research Extension Center/Northwest Area Office are holding their annual Genesis fund raiser

Diann Gerstner and the consumer science agents are doing their Harvest of Holidays program from 6 to 8 p.m. at the same location.

Finally, Santa City opens the day after Thanksgiving. It will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Nov. 23 to 25. This is a must-see for kids.

Happy Thanksgiving to each and every one of you from the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Colby Visitors Center and Convention and Tourism Committee.

Leilani Thomas is director of the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau, a long-time civic volunteer and a passionate observer of the tourism industry.

Film features actors and leaders over age 65

"Wisdom," an award-winning documentary, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College.

Instructor and counselor Ryan Hale arranged for the free showing of this documentary which features 60 people over the age of 65.

The documentary, by film maker and photographer Andrew Zuckerman, includes writers, musicians, artists, actors, designers, politicians, business and religious leaders.

In a white setting, stripping away externals of status and cultural differences, these figures talk about topics ranging from the state of the world to their creative processes. They give their answers about love, pursuing a career, maintaining a work ethic - and even the failures and

roadblocks they've faced. Some of those featured in the documentary include Madeline Albright, Buzz Aldrin, Burt Bacharach, Clint Eastwood, Billy Jean King, Henry Kissinger, Kris Kristofferson, Graham Nash, Willie Nelson, Billy Connolly, Jane Goodall, Bill Withers, Ted Kennedy, Robert Redford, Vanessa Redgrave, Bishop Desmond Tutu, Nick Nolte and Yoko Ono.

According to the film maker, "the opinions and experiences expressed are sure to make you cheer one moment and feel like booing the next, as these iconic figures discuss humanity, their work, global issues, peace and war, love and romance, taking care of one another, and the next generation."

For information, contact Ryan Hale at (785) 460-5544.

Burglar makes sandwiches

MONROE, Mich. (AP) - Authorities say a hungry burglar apparently made and ate a sandwich at a southeastern Michigan home before taking off with a \$25 towel rack.

The Monroe Evening News reports (bit.ly/VaYM49) the theft

happened sometime between Friday night and Saturday morning while a family was away from a Monroe home.

Police in the city about 35 miles southwest of Detroit say that a plate was left behind on a counter.

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