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Above: Colby Community College freshman Shareka Purnell and sophomore Brent McCoy did a run-through in the studio of KTCC, the college radio station, Wednesday afternoon. Students have been getting ready for the modern rock station to go on the air for the first time this semester on Tuesday morning. **Above right:** The KTCC radio tower on campus. **Below right:** The call letters of the station.



College radio moving toward rock

By TISHA COX

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“Good morning, this is KTCC, the voice of Colby Community College.”
That will be the wake up call next Tuesday morning as the college’s radio station cranks up for another school year. It’s going to sign on early — at 6 a.m. — and changes are promised.
Corey Sorenson, radio instructor and station manager for the signal located at 91.9 on the Fm dial, said he thinks the changes will please most listeners.
“We’re shifting it more to what’s referred to as modern rock,” he said. “A lot of bands made the transition and we lost a lot of the pop bands we had last year.”
Sophomore Wyatt Rundel, station program director, said he thinks the change will be accepted.
“Some people will hate it, some people will like it,” he said. “I think it’s a good mix.”
The White Stripes, Good Char-

lotte, Limp Bizkit, 311, Yellowcard, Modest Mouse, Green Day, Slipknot, Korn, Eminem, Outkast, The Strokes, Godsmack, Nickelback, Nirvana, Less Than Jake, P.O.D. and Jet are examples of what the station’s revamped rotation will sound like.
Less hip hop in the daily lineup is part of the change, but Sorenson promised listeners won’t have to do without. There will be a hip hop show from 9 p.m. to midnight on Wednesdays.
Other programming will include a rock show from 9 p.m. to midnight on Tuesdays and the “All Request Bash” with JR and C-Rich from 9 p.m. to midnight on Thursdays. The specialty shows kick off their run for the year on Tuesday, Sept. 14.
Though listeners will be getting a taste of some different bands, it’s business as usual for the students who will be manning the station.
“It’s for students to learn to be on the air, how radio works,” Sorenson said.
Students manage the day-to-day operations of the station, complete

with a staff of student directors and deejays.
Twenty students signed up, which was a few more than last year, which will enable the station to broadcast on weekends.
Sorenson said for a college of its size, Colby has a station that outbroadcasts the stations at other state schools, including Kansas State University in Manhattan.
Sorenson also said Colby students get on the air much sooner than students at some bigger schools. A little over two weeks into the semester and students are already getting the chance to gain valuable experience.
“We are a real radio station except we don’t get paid,” Rundel said.
Sorenson said the students are getting anxious to get on the air and Rundel said the freshman are doing well, working with the sophomores to get ready for their on-air debut.
Rundel said the deejays will work three-hour shifts and will do at least two a week, but almost

everyone puts in extra time at the station, doing prep work and more.
“There’s a lot of extra effort people don’t see,” he said.
Sorenson said the college has a good station that gets support from the community and besides listening, the community can do more this year. He said businesses or individuals can underwrite station programming — anything from sports, news and music to the public affairs programming being offered this year.
In addition to music, because of its non-commercial status, the station is encouraged by the FCC to run public affairs shows. Starting Sunday, Sept. 19, the station will run shows ranging from books to health and news on Sundays and afternoons.
Rundel said some of the broadcasts this year will include all of the home Colby High School football games and the station might do away games also if there is interest.

County okays new 911 system and ambulance

By TISHA COX

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Thomas County is getting a new 911 system and a new ambulance.
The county commissioners approved the lease-purchase of a new 911 system and the purchase of a new ambulance at their meeting Tuesday at the courthouse.
The commissioners approved the 911 system’s amount of \$66,818 from SBC-TCI of Wichita, said County Clerk Tracey Perkins.
They will also pay \$6,935 a year for five years for maintenance.
Perkins said the money is coming from the county’s 911 fund and a grant that county emergency preparedness director John Lygeros has requested.
She said the 911 money comes from surcharges on phone bills through companies like SBC and S&T and the money is received quarterly. Commissioner Ron Evans said the county will own the equipment after three years and it will be installed within the next 30-60 days. Thomas County Emer-

gency Medical Services Director Kathi Wright was also at the meeting to discuss ambulance bids.
Wright said four bid requests were sent out and they only received back two.
The bid of \$90,246 from Midwest Vehicle Professionals in Wichita was the winning bid.
The high bid of \$94,419 for the ambulance was from Lifeline Emergency Vehicles through Rocky Mountain Emergency Vehicles in Denver, Colo.
Evans asked how the new ambulance was going to be paid for and Wright said through money allocated for an ambulance in their capital outlay fund.
Juanita Dewey, administrator at the Thomas County Health Department, was at the meeting to discuss some policy updates and also talked briefly about government funds the department is getting.
She also told the commissioners the county is getting \$16,994 in bioterrorism funds from the federal government.

Thomas County one of ten added to disaster relief list

TOPEKA (AP) — Ten more counties have been added to the list of those eligible for disaster relief because of summer storms, tornadoes and flooding, state and federal officials announced this week.
The announcement means 29 counties are now covered by a disaster declaration issued last month by President Bush.
The counties can seek reimbursements for losses or costs from storms hitting Kansas in June and July. The Federal Emergency Management Agency pays 75 percent of

the costs, and nonfederal sources pay the other 25 percent.
Also, some nonprofit agencies providing government-like services also are eligible for relief.
The latest counties covered are Barton, Decatur, Marion, Morris, Ness, Pawnee, Sheridan, Thomas, Wabaunsee and Wallace. Those counties join Butler, Cherokee, Ellis, Geary, Graham, Jewell, Labette, Lyon, Mitchell, Osborne, Phillips, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Shawnee, Smith, Trego, Woodson, and Wyandotte.



What are these five up to? (see page 10)

Colby Hoxie Atwood Good chance for rain



Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the 50s. Winds south 20-25 mph, shifting to the southwest late, 10-20 mph. **Saturday...**Partly cloudy, a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Winds west 10-20 mph, shifting to the north 10 mph late. **Saturday night..Cloudy.** 60 percent change for rain. Lows in the 50s. Winds north 10-20 mph. **Sunday...**Partly cloudy. Highs in the 70s. North winds 5-15 mph with higher gusts. **Labor Day...**Partly cloudy. Highs in the 70s. Slight chance for thunderstorms..
The numbers
Thursday’s high, 90
Low this morning, 60
Records for Sept. 3, 105 in 1947 and 32 in 1974
Year ago today, 86 and 53
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
September total, 0.00
Soil temperature, 77
The sources:
The forecast is from the National Weather Service, and other numbers are from the Northwest Research-Extension Center, Colby. A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.
Water use
• Sept. 2 = 2,627 million gallons.
Water advisories
• Water **Watch** is 3.5 million gallons for 3 consecutive days.
• Water **Warning** is 4.0 million gallons for 3 consecutive days.
• Water **Emergency** is 4.5 million gallons for 3 consecutive days.

Briefly

Girl Scout registration Tuesday not Saturday

Girl Scout registration in Colby will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, (and not Saturday as reported in the Thursday, Sept. 2 edition) at the Girl Scout Center in the basement of Puddle Duck Preschool, 520 W. 5th St. Levels of girl scouting, said Shannon Koon, one of the coordinators, are Daisy, which is for kindergarten students; Brownies for first, second and third grades; Juniors for fourth, fifth and sixth grade; Cadettes for seventh and eighth grade girls and Seniors for high school freshmen, sophomore, juniors and seniors. “Even if you have never been a girl scout before,” Koon said, “sign up and join us for adventure, friendship and fun.” For questions either call Penny Cline at (785) 460-2929 or Koon after 5 p.m. at (785) 460-6662.

No paper Monday, but yes Tuesday

The *Colby Free Press* will not be publishing a paper on Monday, Labor Day. The staff will be taking the holiday off to spend with family. However, you can expect to receive a paper on Tuesday, said the publisher Tom A. Dreiling. “We want to serve our readers as best we can during these extended weekends that include holidays, thus we will run the press on Tuesday,” he said.

Guard seeking names for banner

The 170th Maintenance Division of the Kansas Army National Guard is asking the community for the names of family members serving in any branch of the service to put on a banner that will be displayed during Celebration on the High Plains on Saturday, Sept. 11 and other events. Staff Sgt. Donald Frecks with the Guard said the names put on the banner will be read during Patriot Day festivities at the celebration. For information or to submit a name, call Frecks at 785-462-8370.

Commissioners meet Tuesday

The Thomas County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the courthouse. Clair Schrock, director of the county road department, will

give an update on the county’s roads and bridges. Also, the courthouse will be closed Monday for Labor Day.

Trash routes will not operate Monday

The City of Colby Sanitation Department will not be operating Monday due to the Labor Day holiday. Yard waste and trash will not be picked up on Monday, but will be picked up Tuesday, along with the regular Tuesday route, officials said. For questions, call the public works department at 452-4420.

Landfill closes for Labor Day weekend

The Thomas County Landfill will close at noon Saturday in order to observe the Labor Day weekend. The landfill will remain closed until 9 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 7, said Larry Jumper, supervisor.

Anniversary luncheon planned

Everyone is invited to attend Living Independently in Northwest Kansas’ 25th Anniversary on Friday, Sept. 10 from 10 to 2 p.m. at 2401 East 13th Street in Hays. There will be speakers and a free lunch for anyone attending. For information or questions, call 1 (800) 569-5926 or (785) 625-6942.

Colby High 2004 yearbooks available

The Colby High School 2004 yearbooks are now available for last year’s graduates to pick up. Anyone who has ordered a yearbook, said Donna Henry, journalism and yearbook advisor, can go to the high school office during regular school hours. She also wanted to mention that there are extra 2004 yearbooks for those who didn’t order one last year.

Scouts seek vendors for October event

Two Girl Scout Troops in Colby (Troops 162 and 167) are looking for vendors for the Craft-a-ganza Craft fair scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 23. The craft fair will be held in the community building and all proceeds will go toward trip expenses throughout the year.

