

Weather  
Corner



No change  
in sight

**Tonight...**Decreasing clouds. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

**Saturday...**Increasing clouds. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. **Saturday night...**Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

**Sunday...**Decreasing clouds. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

**Monday...**Increasing clouds. Highs in the mid 90s.

**Tuesday...**Increasing clouds. Highs in the mid 90s.

**The numbers**

Thursday's high, 92

Low this morning, 64

Records for this date, 106 in 1957 and 46 in 1952

Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00

Month's precipitation, 1.42

Soil temperature, 80

**Water Data**

**WaterWatch** — Demand for 3 consecutive days exceeds 3.5 million gallons per day.

**WaterWarning** — Demand for 3 consecutive days exceeds 4.0 million gallons per day. City will begin conservation efforts.

**WaterEmergency** — Demand for 3 consecutive days exceeds 4.5 million gallons per day. No outdoor watering allowed along with other conservation efforts.

Thursday's water use not available.

**The sources:**

A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Sentencing set  
for DUI repeater

**By Jan Katz Ackerman**  
*Colby Free Press*

OAKLEY — An Oakley man, Harry L. Roudebush, 69, was arraigned in Logan County District Court on Thursday for driving under the influence of alcohol on April 25, his third such offense.

Roudebush waived his rights to a trial and pleaded guilty before District Judge Glenn Schiffner.

“They stopped me for driving under the influence. I had one can of beer and it showed I was drinking,” Roudebush told the judge.

Schiffner accepted Roudebush’s guilty plea and told him since it was his third conviction he faces 90-days in jail and a fine between \$1,500 and \$2,500. He said after a mandatory sentence of 48 consecutive hours in jail, he could apply for a house arrest or work release program. He also told Roudebush he’d be required to complete an alcohol treatment program to be approved by the court.

Attorney Charles Stewart told Schiffner his client had undergone an alcohol evaluation about a month ago, and asked if the outcome of that evaluation would suffice. Schiffner agreed.

Roudebush will remain out of jail on a recognizance bond until he is sentenced at 10 a.m. on Aug. 4.



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Briefly

**Social, Rehabilitation office moving**

The Colby Social and Rehabilitation Office will be closed Tuesday, July 12 and Wednesday, July 13. They will be open in their new location at 1135 S. Country Club Drive, Suite 1, Colby, on July 14. If anyone needs to report child/adult abuse, neglect or exploitation, call 1-800-264-3798 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. After hours, week-ends and holidays, call 1-800-922-5330 or your local law enforcement. If you need assistance with food stamps, medical, vocational rehabilitation or child care please call (785) 543-5258. The office apologizes for any inconvenience.

**Tech college to showcase house**

The Northwest Kansas Technical College, Goodland, is having an open house to the public from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The open house is to showcase the project house that has been built this year, said Jeremy Littrell, publications and events coordinator.

**Queen/princess contestants sought**

The Thomas County Rodeo Queen and Princess contest is seeking contestants for the 2005 pageant on Monday, July 25 in Colby. For those interested in the queen competition,

the age range is 16-23. For the princess contestants, age range is from 12 to 15. Junior princesses from 8 to 11 years old are also eligible. A trophy saddle will be awarded to queen along with belt buckles and crowns for all winners. For questions or an entry form, call (785) 586-2228.

**La Leche meetings Sunday**

La Leche League of Northwest Kansas will have a local meeting series on breastfeeding information, from 3 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 10 and August 7, at First Presbyterian Church meeting room, 515 W. 4th, Colby. The July Sunday meeting will be on advantages of breastfeeding and the beginning weeks. The August meeting will be on avoiding difficulties and on nutrition/weaning. All interested parents-to-be, parents with nursing babies, and support people are welcome to these informal meetings. Call Connie Davis, (785) 460-7188, for questions or general information.

**Five-year reunion forms available**

For those planning to attend Colby’s All School five-year reunion, but have lost their registration forms or didn’t receive on, they can pick forms up from Sharon Bieker at F & M Bank, 240 W. 4th St., Colby.



TAMA UNGER/Colby Free Press

Melissa Wessel and Samantha Wolf (standing, left to right), and Citizens Medical Center Auxiliary board member Carolyn Miller (seated right) watch Janice McCart, hospital administrator (seated left) and Sharon Kriss, chairman of Citizens Foundation, (center) sign scholarship checks awarded to Wessel and Wolf on Thursday.

Foundation scholarships awarded

**By Jan Katz Ackerman**  
*Colby Free Press*

Two Colby Community College students are this year’s recipients of Citizens Medical Center Foundation scholarships.

Samantha Wolf, Colby, and Melissa Wessell, Hoxie, each received \$1,000 to further their education in medical based majors during a ceremony at the hospital’s boardroom.

Wolf has just completed two years of her education at Colby Community College. She will transfer to Kansas State University this fall to continue pursuit of a degree in kinesiology. Wessell attends the community college’s nursing program and plans to become a registered nurse.

Tama Unger, director of fund development and community relations at Citizens Medical Center, said Wolf was awarded the Dr. Jeff Jennings Memorial Scholarship. Dr. Jennings was a native of Thomas County, a graduate of Colby High School and Colby Community College and was practicing medicine at Colby Medical and Surgical Center at the time of his death in December 2001. Unger said the scholarship was established in his name to honor his commitment to his hometown and rural family practice. The first scholarship was awarded in 2003.

Wessell was awarded the Citizens Medical Center Health Care Scholarship, funded in part by the Citizens Medical Center Auxiliary. The scholarship was first awarded in 2004.

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of applications we received again this year. We congratulate and encourage Samantha and Melissa in their endeavors to provide needed health care services to the people in rural areas of America. Citizens Foundation supports excellence in health care, and these two individuals are examples of that excellence,” Unger said.

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Doctor search is continuing at Oakley

**By Jan Katz Ackerman**  
*Colby Free Press*

OAKLEY — The search for another doctor to work in Oakley continues.

Donna Reed, manager of New Frontier Medical Clinic, said Thursday morning the board of directors continues the recruitment process for another doctor for the community.

Last month, one of two doctors, Dr. Bruce Woodford, left the community to return to active duty with the military. Woodford’s leaving left Logan County Hospital and New Frontier with only one doctor, Dr. Celeste Rains, and one nurse practitioner, Ramona McCarty.

Reed said this is a difficult time of year to be recruiting a doctor.

“We were actually looking for a doctor before Dr. Woodford left, and we have several recruiters looking and we’ll focus on finding a doctor one doctor at a time.

“All the doctors who just graduated have been placed, and the ones who will graduate in a year aren’t ready to make a decision about where to go,” she said.

Despite the challenge of recruiting a doctor, Reed is excited about the arrival of a physician’s assistant.

“Amanda Reid, a student at Wichita State University, will graduate on July 29, and she’s coming here to work,” Reed said.

Reed said it will take a couple

weeks for Reid’s license to be issued, but that she’s already on staff at the clinic and hospital.

Reed said several temporary services will be assisting Rains, McCarty and Reid with weekend on-call coverage.

“We’ll have (Olathe-based) Docs Who Care cover one weekend a month, and we have a list of resident students who come out from Salina and Wichita,” she said.

Reed noted that while the cost for a temporary doctor’s coverage runs about \$50 per hour, each doctor is required to pay for his or her own malpractice insurance while they provide service in Oakley.

**Western Kansas Council on Estate Planning and Giving**  
*presents their*  
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•**Conrad Teitell**- Publicly Supported Charities, Private Foundation & Everything in Between: Talking & Understanding the Talk

•**Mike Ramsey**- Water Rights & Estate Planning Issues

•**Jason Lacey**- Retirement & Deferred compensation Plans Update

•**Rob Telthorst**- The Truth about Estate & Business Planning

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**Drill team plans car wash Saturday**

The Colby High School Drill Team is having a car wash starting at noon on Saturday between J-J Oil and Deep Rock Cafe. All proceeds from the car wash will go to help send the drill team to a competitive event this fall.

**Share signup continues until Saturday**

Heartland Share signup will continue through Saturday at State Farm Insurance Agency, 905 E. 4, Colby.

**‘Red, White and Blue’ dance Saturday**

The Golden Buckle Square Dance Club will feature Mike Oliveri, Northglen, Colo., calling during its “Red, White and Blue square dance,” starting at 8 p.m (CDT) Saturday at the Colby Community Building.

**Puppeteer show Saturday**

In conjunction with the summer reading program at Pioneer Memorial Library, Priscilla Howe will be in Colby to present a puppeteer show entitled, *Dragons Galore...and More*, starting at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, at Fike Park. There will be a watermelon feed and Larry Booth of Colby will entertain at 1:15 p.m. and prior to the puppeteers.

Trial date scheduled  
for Oakley resident

**By Jan Katz Ackerman**  
*Colby Free Press*

OAKLEY — An Oakley man faces trial after pleading not guilty in Logan County District Court on Thursday.

Jason C. George, 21, of Oakley, claims he did not attempt to sell or have in his possession a controlled substance when he was arrested by the Oakley Police Department on Sept. 21, 2004.

Police Chief Danny Shanks said prior to the hearing, George was arrested for attempting to sell marijuana.

George told District Judge Glenn Schiffner he was “not guilty” of either charge.

Originally charged with attempting to sell a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school, that charged was dropped and George was charged with a lesser felony of attempting to sell a controlled substance.

Schiffner told George even the lesser charge carries a penalty of between 14 and 51 months in prison and a fine not to exceed \$300,000.

The judge told George the charge of possession of a controlled substance carries a penalty of between 10 and 42 months in prison and a fine not to exceed \$100,000. According to court documents, George has a July 3, 2003, prior conviction for possession of a controlled substance from Harris County District Court, Harris County, Texas.

Schiffner set a pretrial hearing for 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 12, and told George’s attorney, Caleb Boone, Hays, he needed to have any motions he planned to file done so by Aug. 1.

“The defendant anticipates filing a motion to suppress,” Boone said.

After the hearing, Boone said he plans to file a motion to suppress the evidence the Oakley Police Department took from George at the time he was arrested.

A four-day trial has been set for Nov. 14 through 18, with a starting time of 8 a.m. each day. George will remain out of jail on a recognizance bond while he awaits trial.

Justices hearing school bill

TOPEKA (AP) — A \$148.4 million education funding package was designed to keep the Kansas Supreme Court from shutting down public schools, but legislative leaders weren’t sure how the justices would react to it.

A hearing today gave the court a chance to hear arguments on why it shouldn’t withhold state funds from public education to compel legislative compliance with a past judicial mandate to increase spending on schools.

The court set a target of \$143 million and a deadline of July 1, which legislators missed by five days when they adjourned a special session Wednesday night.

“What they do with it is up to them,” said Senate Majority Leader Derek Schmidt, R-Independence. “As long as the court is in town, I remain nervous.”

Cutting off money to schools could keep 445,000 students and 64,000 teachers and support staff out of classrooms once the new school year starts in August.

The Legislature’s package, which would be funded by existing state revenues, includes \$27.7 million in property tax relief.


A key issue is whether the court will count those dollars as helping fulfill its mandate.

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