

Weather Corner



Heat beat continues

Tonight... Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday... Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.
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Friday... Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday... Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.
Sunday... Increasing clouds. Highs in the upper 90s.

The numbers
 Tuesday's high, 93
 Low this morning, 62
 Records for this date, 111 in 1934 and 44 in 1987

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

Month's precipitation, 1.42

Water Data
 Water Watch — Demand for 3 consecutive days exceeds 3.5 million gallons per day.

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

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

Water use average for July 8-10 = 2,783,800 gallons

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

Donation assures fence and gazebo at Colby Complex

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

A memorial donation will allow construction of a fence and gazebo at Prairie Senior Living Complex.

According to Janice McCart, administrator, trustees at Citizens Medical Center met on July 7, for their regular monthly meeting. The trustees learned a donation from the Alberta Myers' family will enable the complex to install vinyl fencing on the southwest and southeast sides of Prairie Senior Living Complex.

In addition, the same memorial donation will allow a gazebo to be built on the southeast side of the building, the side designated as the special care unit, McCart said. A dedication of the project is scheduled for Aug. 16.

McCart said the trustees approved credentials for various local and visiting medical staff. Those approved were Martin H. Kinsman, physician's assistant from Hays, John F. Patterson, certified registered nurse anesthetist working at the hospital, Jenny Niblock, nurse practitioner at Family Center for Health Care.

Consulting physicians approved were Raymond W. Smith and Michael J. Wright, both of Hays, William S. Clifford, Garden City, James C. Holmes, and Denver.

McCart said the trustees reviewed and approved policies and procedures for the acute care substance abuse program, and made a minor change in the human resource holiday pay policy. In the past, only employees designated as full-time or part-time were paid holiday pay. This left out certain employees which were call in on an as-needed basis.

McCart said changing the wording in the policy to "any hourly employee" will now designate those called in on an as-needed basis, as well as those working full-time or part-time, will receive holiday pay.

Briefly

Fair board to meet Thursday

The Thomas County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday at the 4-H Building at the county fairgrounds. Items on the agenda include Thomas County extension agent report; financial report and bills; committee reports on the buildings and grounds, carnival, rodeo, parade, demolition derby, races, fair book and advertising; old business on the barbecue and tent rental; new business on plastic tables for the 4-H Building and booth rental at the Commercial Building. The meeting is open to the public.

Extension office plans open house

The Thomas County Extension office in Colby will hold an open house from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, and also on Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the west wing of the office complex, 350 S. Range Ave. The open house will showcase the celebration of 4-Hers over the last 100 years. There will also be activities and presentations by all the agents with lots of fun and educational opportunities for both young and old. On Thursday, children will be able to make bottle rockets starting at 5:30 p.m., and then learn how to make microwave

biscuit bubble bread and strawberry smoothies at 6 p.m. Starting at 6:30, get all your tips for tree and lawn care; finally get your updated report on the local and regional wheat plots. Staff members at the extension office are encouraging everyone to drop and and take this time to meet the new staff, receive door prizes, and enjoy homemade refreshments.

SRS office opens Thursday at new site

The Colby Social and Rehabilitation Office will be open in their new location at 1135 S. Country Club Drive, Suite 1, Colby, Thursday. The office apologized for any inconvenience.

La Leche meetings continue

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, par-

ents with nursing babies, and support people are welcome to these informal meetings. Call Connie Davis, (785) 460-7188.

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. Also registration information can be obtained by going online at <http://www.eagles-alumni.org>.

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. Contestants will be judged in horsemanship, interview, speech and modeling. For questions or an entry form, call (785) 586-2228.

Two judges order Quinter resident to prison term

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

HOXIE — Two area judges have ordered a Quinter man to prison, but it's not certain how long he'll be there.

Tuesday morning, District Judge Edward Bouker, Hays, revoked 21-year-old Bobby J. Harvey's probation in Gove County District Court. Tuesday afternoon, District Judge Glenn Schiffner did the same in Sheridan County District Court. But, there is some confusion about how long Harvey will be confined, because while the two judges were aware of each other's court date with Harvey, they didn't know each other's intent for his sentence.

Harvey was on probation in Sheridan County for two crimes he committed in Hoxie - a May 2003 break-in at Heim TV and Appliance and an October 2003 break-in at Mader Liquor. Last year, Schiffner ordered Harvey to serve 12-month probation, with an underlying prison term of 9-months. He also ordered Harvey to pay \$500 restitution to Heim's, and \$10,000 restitution to two insurance companies covering the businesses. But, since Harvey didn't pay the restitution, Schiffner extended his probation an additional 12 months.

In Gove County, Bouker had ordered Harvey to 18-month probation, with an underlying prison term

of 30-months, for breaking into parked cars at North Shop in Quinter. Evidence from the Hoxie break-ins helped tie Harvey to the Quinter break-ins and both sentences were being served at the same time.

Now that Harvey's probation has been revoked in both counties, it's still unclear if he'll serve 30 months in prison or 39 months, with time off for good behavior.

Prior to the hearing in Hoxie, Gove County Attorney Mark Schmeidler said Bouker ordered that the sentence in Gove County was "not to run concurrent with the Sheridan County term." But Tuesday afternoon, Schiffner ordered

Harvey's sentence to run at the same time as the one in Gove County after Harvey's attorney, Larry Litson, told him it was his understanding Bouker said that would be okay.

Bouker disagrees.

During a telephone interview which followed the hearing in Hoxie, Bouker said he had issued a verbal order which is to be journalized by Schmeidler saying the sentence in Gove County "not run concurrent" to any order which might be handed down in Sheridan County.

Schiffner said he thinks his order will stand because the hearing he conducted in Sheridan County was after the one Bouker conducted in Gove County.

Bouker said he would not issue an opinion on which sentence will

stand, but said Harvey will serve "somewhere between 30 and 39 months in prison."

"It's probably a thing the Department of Corrections will have to deal with," Bouker said.

According to court documents, Harvey's probation was revoked because he had "violated traffic laws, associated with the co-defendant in the case (Jonathan Harvey), failed to maintain suitable employment, left Gove County without permission and absconded from justice."

Harvey's probation officer, Justin Herbel, Hays, said Harvey also has a pending case against him in Sedgwick County on possession of marijuana with intent to sell. No other information about that case was available.

Sign man



TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

This sign caused a couple of people to take a second look as Loren Wegele of Oakley, a longtime employee of Commercial Sign of Colby, began to exit the huge structure at the Oasis Travel Center in south Colby. He had just finished doing a check up of what is called a "high rise" sign.

By Tisha Cox

Colby Free Press

Fike Park was alive with laughter and music Saturday afternoon for "Dragons Galore and More." Lawrence storyteller and puppeteer Priscilla Howe and Colby's Larry Booth provided entertainment at the event sponsored by Pioneer Memorial Library as part of its summer reading program, said library director Jeff Friesen.

He said 140 people, all families with children, turned out.

"This is probably the first event of its kind," Friesen said, adding it was a spinoff of the summer reading program, "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds."

He said Howe is on a tour of northwest Kansas libraries, so she included Colby. She told stories for 45 minutes, along with her puppets, Trixie and Belle, a dragon.

Opening act was Larry Booth, who sang songs like "Puff the Magic Dragon" and "The Song that Never Ends."

Friesen said the crowd seemed to enjoy themselves, along with the free watermelon that was served.

He said the summer reading pro-

gram is in full swing and ends on July 28. The last event is songwriter, humorist and entertainer Thad Beach at 1:30 p.m. on July 26.

Bridal Registry

Carrie Sulzman & Jeff Mark

July 16, 2005

Morgan Unruh & Jordan Owen

July 16, 2005

We'd like to extend warm wishes to Carrie & Jeff and Morgan & Jordan. We invite you up to view their gift registry!

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