

Weather Corner



Heat, wind and no rain

Tonight...Clear. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Gusts up to 30 mph early in the evening. **Saturday...**Windy. Mostly sunny. Highs around 105. South winds 20 to 30 mph. **Saturday night...**Clear. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Gusts up to 35 mph early in the evening. **Sunday...**Mostly sunny. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs around 100. South winds 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 35 mph. **Sunday night...**Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 60s. **Monday...**Partly cloudy. Highs in the 90s. **Tuesday...**Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs around 90.

Temperatures
Thursday's high, 101
Low this morning, 65
Records for this date, 107 in 1934 and 51 in 1989.
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
Month's precipitation, 1.54
Water Terms
•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.

Water use (nokt 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.

Hoxie library to conclude book program

HOXIE — A celebration to conclude summer reading will feature a musician and songwriter.

The 88 children who attended the summer reading program at Sheridan County's public library in Hoxie will be entertained by Thad Beach from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. next Tuesday.

Beach, a resident of Salina, is a full-time musician and songwriter who has specialized in versatility and originality.

Having been called a "one-man band," Beach is able to play the harmonica and guitar simultaneously. In addition, he plays the ukulele, mandolin, jaw harp and a variety of home-made instruments he carries in what he calls a "Band in a Bucket."

For more information about the upcoming event, contact Cindy Eller, library director, at (785) 675-3102.

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Briefly

'Gigantic' yard sales begin Saturday

The Colby High Plains Lions Club in conjunction with the Highway 25 Association is sponsoring a city-wide garage sale on Saturday. There will be garage sales going on that weekend from Interstate 70 at Colby to Interstate 80 at Sutherland, Neb., officials said. Booths for the sale will be set up in the parking lot of the Thomas County Office Complex or at various other locations in Colby. For a map, either stop by the Visitor's Center near Interstate 70 or call Hazel Estes (785) 821-2492.

Nine-Run-Run entry forms available

The Thomas County Emergency Medical Services is inviting everyone to participate in its 10th annual Nine-Run-Run event, Saturday, July 30 at Fike Park. There will be racing events to include a 53K bike ride; 2K fun run/walk; 5K run; and 10K run. For questions, call Kathi Wright, director, at 460-4585 or stop by their office at 1275 S. Franklin and pick up an entry form. The races are divided into age

divisions with registrations starting as early as 6 a.m. for bikes and 8:30 a.m. for runners/walkers. Watch for more information in the Colby Free Press.

Extension office closed during fair

The Thomas County Extension Office will be closed from Tuesday, Aug. 2 through Saturday, Aug. 6 during the county fair. For questions, call 460-4582.

Alumni association seeks books

The Colby High School Alumni Association needs 2002-2003 yearbooks for their upcoming reunion. If anyone has yearbooks they would like to loan or donate, call Bernice Skiles, 460-5151.

Chorus rehearsals start next week

Rehearsal will continue for the Colby Alumni Reunion's Eagle Feathers Chorus on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Colby area in the Colby United Methodist Church choir room, 950

S. Franklin. Janet Wolf, director, is also asking that those interested in attending to "please bring your classmates." Sharon Kriss will be the accompanist for the chorus.

Heartland Share delivery Saturday

Heartland Share delivery will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart School gymnasium, 1150 W. 6th St. The menu for July is shrimp, chicken breasts, bratwursts, hot pockets, supreme pizza, chicken nuggets, potatoes, lettuce, cucumbers, apples, oranges, pears, peaches, nectarines, chocolate chip cookie dough. For information, call 460-3579.

Public invited to competition day

The public is invited to attend the horsemanship, speech and fashion show portion of the Thomas County queen/princess competition. The horsemanship competition begins at 10 a.m., Monday, at the Thomas County fairgrounds with the speech/fashion show at the Quality Inn (off the main lobby), 1950 S. Range Ave. starting at 7 p.m. For questions, call Marie Skolout, coordinator, in Levant at (785) 586-2228.



Nicolle Keenan, 17, spent part time grooming her entry for the beef show at the Logan County Fair in Oakley. The livestock auction started at 5 p.m. today with the demolition derby at 7:30. Saturday brings the parade at 10 a.m., Old Settlers Breakfast at 7:30 a.m., kids peddle tractor pull at 4 p.m., free barbecue at 5 p.m., awards presentation at 6 p.m. and the truck and tractor pull at 7 p.m.

Logan County Fair Scenes



JAN KATZ ACKERMAN/Colby Free Press

These two pigs decided it was just too hot to stand up and look pretty for Logan County fair-goers at Oakley. Temperatures above 100 degrees found the pig on the left hiding its nose and snoozing, while the other simply chilled out.

Efforts to renovate Logan County 4-H building underway

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

OAKLEY — An extensive renovation project is underway at Logan County's 4-H building, but funds for the project are low.

Lori Sporer, family and consumer science agent in Logan County, said because raising money for the nearly \$200,000 project is going slow it is merely creeping along.

"The \$200,000 is a rough estimate for remodeling the kitchen, the large meeting room, new bathrooms with showers for when we have horse shows or other events in the arena, along with central heating, air conditioning and insulation," she said.

Sporer said the original completion date for the project came and went three years ago, and with only \$5,000 in the bank the need for donations is great.

"I would love to set a new target date for spring 2006, so that contractors could start before we need the building for the fair next summer.

Five county fairs in July without air conditioning is five fairs too many," Sporer joked about her time spent as an agent in Logan County.

However, raising money for the project took on a serious tone during 2004, with the help of donations of cash and services from local and area businesses.

"Last year, we had two fundraisers.

"We sold banners for the 4-H

building and we had a beef raffle. In addition, Midwest Energy donated \$500, but we have a long way to go," Sporer said.

Knowing the renovation project is a large undertaking, Sporer said it will be done one step at a time. She said the heating and air conditioning portion of the project, which is estimated at \$40,000, is expected to be first item on the "to do" list.

"What we want to do is do it in phases. We'll raise money to do some of the work, and then raise more money to do more work," she said.

Sporer said remodeling the kitchen is particularly one part of the project the community can utilize.

She said people who host wedding and anniversary receptions at

the current building are not able to prepare for the event on site because of the kitchen's small size.

She said the renovation project will include not only an expanded kitchen, but updated appliances as well.

And renovation of the large meeting room is expected to include a locked storage area for tables and chairs.

Sporer said while the Logan County 4-H enjoys offering people the use of the on-site tables and chairs, those items tend to "disappear."

"When the building is open in the winter, it's amazing how many tables disappear.

"I know people have good intentions of using them and bringing them back, but I'd wonder how

many of our tables are propped up against basement walls and need to be returned. However, they do trickle in and out throughout the year," she said.

Anyone interested in learning

more about the 4-H building renovation project or wishing to donate toward it can contact Sporer at the Logan County Extension Office at lsporer@oznet.ksu.edu or call, (785) 672-3245.

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