

Weather Corner



High 80s, lows in 50s

The forecast
Tonight...Clear with a low in the high 40s. North northeast wind between 7 and 10 mph.
Thursday...Mostly sunny. High in the low 80s. Calm wind becoming south between 8 to 10 mph. **Thursday night...**Slight chance of showers and thunder-showers after 7 p.m. Partly cloudy. Low in the high 50s. South southeast wind between 7 and 10 mph. **Friday...**Mostly sunny. High in the high 80s. South wind 7 to 10 mph. **Friday night...**A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 7 p.m. Partly cloudy with a low in the high 50s.
Temperatures
 Tuesday's high, 88
 Low this morning, 59
 Records for this date, 104 in 1926 and 41 in 1944
 Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
 August's precipitation, 3.03
 Soil temperature, 70
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
 Aug. 29 = 1,924,900 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.

Briefly

College to hold special meeting

The Colby Community College board of trustees will hold a special meeting at 5 p.m., Thursday, in the board room of Thomas Hall. Agenda items include a program review and executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. For questions, call 462-3964.

Gaither video Sunday

Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine, is sponsoring a Gaither Video concert starting at 6 p.m., Sunday. The featured video is "A Texas Homecoming," and open to everyone.

Share signup next week

Heartland Share signup for September will begin on Monday, Sept. 5 through Friday, Sept. 9, at the State Farm Insurance office, 905 E. 4th, Colby. The order will go in Monday, Sept.12 and delivery will be Saturday, Sept. 24. For questions, call 460-3579.

School night for scouting Tuesday

An information/registration night for potential Cub

Scouts is scheduled Tuesday, Aug. 30, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Colby Grade School cafeteria. "This is an opportunity for people to come and ask questions about Cub Scouts and sign up for years of fun and personal growth," said Jan Barnum, one of the organizers. Cub scouting is for boys in the first through fifth grades. For questions prior to the meeting, call Barnum at 462-6503.

County offices closed Monday

The Thomas County courts, all county offices to include the health department will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5, for the Labor Day weekend, said Shelly Harms, clerk. The county landfill will be closed Sunday and Monday.

Commissioners to meet Wednesday

The Thomas County Commissioners will hold their end-of-month meeting at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the courthouse. Items on the agenda include a monthly report on Thomas County Emergency Medical Services by Kathi Wright and Martin Rinehart; a proposal from county department heads for a future Web page; approval of the Aug. 15 minutes and second half of accounts payable for the month; household and hazardous waste report and permit renewal; proposal from

Commercial Sign to paint windows. The meeting is open to the public.

Page City reunion scheduled

The Page City Alumni School Reunion will be held on Friday, Sept. 2 and Saturday, Sept. 3 at the Colby Community Building. Activities begin Friday at 7 p.m. with a time for visiting and snacks. On Saturday, events start at 11:30 a.m. with a potluck at noon and a program following the meal. Most activities will conclude by 5 p.m. Drinks and table service will be provided at the potluck. All Page City graduates, attendees, and any one in the community is encouraged to attend. All are welcome. For questions, call Sharon Stramel, (785) 460-3706.

Methodist Mission auction nears

The Colby United Methodist Church, 950 S. Franklin, is sponsoring a mission auction on Sunday, Sept. 18, with dinner and silent auction at noon followed by the live auction at 12:30 p.m. All proceeds will go to benefit mission work and items for the auction are still being accepted. For questions or to find out how to donate an item, call 462-6503.

College's tutor program receives certification

By Debbie Schwanke

Colby Community College

Derick and Amber Lorentz spend a great deal of time in the Comprehensive Learning Center at Colby Community College. In addition to attending classes full-time, the newly married couple work as tutors in the center.

Derick, McCook, Neb., is majoring in accounting.

"I help other students with accounting I & II, college algebra, managerial accounting and macroeconomics," he said. "My wife Amber is a tutor for biology, microbiology, chemistry I & II, English I & II and college algebra."

In addition to her duties as a tutor, Amber, who is a native of Oberlin, is a Presidential Scholar at Colby College. Presidential scholars are selected on the basis of leadership, academic achievement, poise and potential contribution to the college. They are expected to be leaders on campus and serve as positive examples for the entire student body. Presidential scholars also represent the Office of the President and are responsible for a number of campus activities.

Derick serves as a tutor in student support services and is active in Phi Beta Lambda, an organization for students interested in business.

Following graduation from Colby College in May, Derick and Amber plan to transfer to the Uni-

versity of Nebraska in Lincoln.

"We plan to complete our undergraduate degrees in Lincoln," said Derick. "I will continue my education in graduate school with plans to complete requirements to take the CPA exam. Amber plans to apply for acceptance to the school of dentistry."

Several students are hired each semester by director Joyce Washburn to serve as peer tutors in the center.

"Colby Community College was recently notified that our tutor program has been certified at Level I and II by the College Reading and Learning Association," Washburn said. "The association's paraprofessionals, Brenda Kinderknecht, Connie Davis and I, put in a great deal of time last year to meet the criteria and complete the documentation necessary to receive the certification."

Colby College President Dr. Mikel Ary recognized Washburn for her dedication to the college and her leadership skills.

"Joyce has done a commendable job as director of the Comprehensive Learning Center and as division chair of the academic services and developmental education division," Ary said.

"She recently served as co-chair of the Self-Study Steering Committee which resulted in a 10-year reaccreditation by the Higher Learn-



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Peer tutor Amber Lorentz (Oberlin), freshman Kelsey Leak (Wellington) and tutor Derick Lorentz (McCook, Neb.) work together in the Comprehensive Learning Center located in Thomas Hall on the Colby College campus. Leak plans to major in wildlife biology at the college here.

ing Commission. On critical institutional issues I have consistently turned to Joyce for help in solving important challenges. Her success in this initiative is no surprise based upon her talents and commitment to the college," he said.

Aside from its main goal of creating a positive learning environment in post-secondary settings, the association in recent years has expanded its programming to include learning assistance, study skills and tutorial assistance. Among its many

programs is certification of tutor training programs at various levels.

Basic training (level 1) requires a minimum of 10 hours of tutor training, a minimum of 25 hours of actual tutoring, an earned A or B in the subject content being tutored and a formal evaluation process.

Advanced training requires at least 20 hours of tutor training,

which usually takes place in a half-semester course and 50 cumulative hours of tutoring.

All services in the center at Colby Community College are provided at no charge to students.

The center is open Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Sunday from 4-8 p.m.

Oakley's hospital, Stafford facility only two in state for pilot program

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

OAKLEY — The hospital in Oakley is one of two in the state selected for round two of a public health awareness pilot program.

The program, Kansas Rural Health Works, is run by the Kansas Hospital Association in Topeka.

"The Kansas Rural Health Works program expands the public's awareness of the economic impact of health care and stresses the critical role hospitals play in rural development," said Thomas L. Bell, president of the Kansas Hospital Association.

"We anticipate this awareness will assist local decision-makers at becoming more proactive and in-

volved in planning and supporting their local health care system."

Kyle Hahn, administrator at Logan County Hospital, agrees.

"This program will help us identify and determine local health care needs and wants," Hahn said. "It will increase awareness of health care importance, assess citizens' perceptions of our present health care services, identify our assets and key issues in the community and evaluate the feasibility of possible initiatives."

Hahn said the Kansas Rural Health Works program will begin at Logan County Hospital in September. He said an oversight group, of which he'll be part, will be formed and Fred Jones, Logan

County Economic Development director, will be the lead facilitator of the group. The project is expected to last about one year.

Hahn said program activities will be varied.

"We will get some energetic people together to help promote health care in Logan County," he said. "We will disseminate surveys to find out what the residents of Logan County want for health care services and try to meet their wants and needs. Hopefully, we will raise awareness of health care in Logan County.

Besides the hospital in Oakley, the other Kansas facility chosen for this round of the program is Stafford District Hospital in Stafford.

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