

Weather Corner



Breezy, sunny and warmer

The forecast
Friday night...Mostly clear with lows in the high 60s. Breezy with a south wind between 20 and 30 mph.
Saturday — Mostly sunny with highs in the low 90s. South wind 15 to 20 mph.
Saturday night...Partly cloudy with lows in the low 60s.
Sunday...A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy and breezy with highs in the low 90s. Breezy with a south wind between 15 to 25 mph.

Sunday night...Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with lows in the low 60s.
Monday...Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with highs in the high 80s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

Monday night...Scattered showers and thunderstorms before 7 p.m. Partly cloudy with lows in the high 50s.

Tuesday — A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a high near 90.

Temperatures
 Thursday's high, 95
 Low this morning, 58
 Records for this date, 101 in 1931; 34 in 1941
 Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
 September's precipitation, 0.00

Soil temperature, 81
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
 Sept. 8= 2,582,900 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.

Correction

In the Thursday, Sept. 8 edition of the Colby Free Press, the outline under the Koster article was in error. It should have read: Lori Koster enrolled her children, Brayden, 9, Noah, 6, Reagan, 3, and Alex, 11, in school at Hoxie Grade School on Tuesday.

The Koster family evacuated their home in Biloxi, Mississippi, to get out of harms way from the hurricane which hit the Gulf Coast on Aug. 29. The family expects to be in Hoxie for about one month before being allowed to return to their home.

The Free Press apologizes for this production error.

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Ad Council

Briefly

Blood drive planned next week

The Thomas County Chapter of the American Red Cross is sponsoring a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the Colby Community Building. For questions or to volunteer, call Jo Cheney, co-chair, 462-2082 or to make an appointment call 1 (800) GIVE LIFE.

County commission to meet Monday

The Thomas County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday at the courthouse. Items on the agenda include health department administrator Juanita Dewey on a bioterrorism contract; county road department supervisor Clair Schrock with a discussion on a Kansas Department of Transportation project contract; Lynnette Koon and Larry Jumper on critical area planning and the purchase of a grass drill; approval of Tuesday, Sept. 6 minutes; approval of first half of September bills; emergency medical services August report; appointment of Sue Evans to Northwest Kansas Community Corrections governing board; appointment of new fair board member; landfill totals for August and road department August work report. The meeting is open to the public.

'Kids For Safety' event planned

The Thomas County Health Department is again offering its "Kids for Safety," from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 28, at the Colby Community Building. Highlights of the event include water safety demonstrations, music and other learning experiences. Everyone, young and old, is encouraged to attend, said Juanita Dewey, administrator. More details will appear in a later edition of the *Free Press*.

Library to help hurricane victims

The Pioneer Memorial Library will be donating all fines this week to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts through the American Red Cross, said Jeff Friesen, librarian.

After school enrollment nears

The Thomas County Interagency Coalition in conjunction with area businesses and organizations is conducting an after school program for students in third, fourth and fifth grades, said Kim Chain, regional prevention center. The purpose of the after school program is to provide a safe place for children to go after school where trained adults provide healthy snacks and constructive activities. The program will

run Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, starting Monday, Sept. 12 and continuing through Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Colby Community Building. Transportation from Colby Grade School to the community building will be provided by the Colby School District; however, parents must pick their child up from the community building at 5:15 p.m. For questions or to enroll, call Chain at 460-8177.

EMT classes begin Monday

Thomas County Emergency Medical Service is sponsoring an EMT Class starting at 6 p.m., Monday, at the Thomas County EMS building, 1275 S. Franklin, Colby. Interested individuals can call 460-4585 for an information packet concerning class dates and times, meeting places, college credit and fees, textbooks and lab equipment needed, and of course the requirements. Financial assistance is available.

Chorus rehearses every Tuesday

The Hi-Plains Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines holds rehearsals every Tuesday at 7:30 pm. at the Colby United Methodist Church, 950 S. Franklin Ave. All female singers are encouraged to attend anytime. Larry Patterson of Norton is the director.

Probation revoked on teenager with 50 crimes

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

A revocation of probation hearing took place on Wednesday for one of two Colby teens charged with over 50 crimes.

Authorities asked District Judge Glenn Schiffner to send Levi Jones to Labette Correctional Boot Camp in southeastern Kansas at Fredonia.

Thomas County Attorney Andrea Wyrick told Schiffner it was the "state's position" that Jones was not taking serious his probation and the boot camp might "wake him up."

A crime spree in early January resulted in Jones and Donald Clapper, then 16, being charged with 27 felonies and 24 misdemeanors for crimes committed Jan. 3 and Jan. 5.

Authorities then estimated Jones and Clapper victimized multiple farm operations throughout Thomas County resulting in more than \$100,000 in property damage, including theft of a race car valued at about \$6,000.

The crime spree took place less than three months after both teens were arrested for an unrelated bur-

glary in Oct., 2004. In the 2005 case, Jones was charged as an adult, Clapper as a juvenile.

Dian Organ, intensive supervision officer with the Northwest Kansas Community Corrections, along with Wyrick, filed paperwork asking Jones' probation be set aside.

Jones' attorney, Scott Showalter, Goodland, said while his client ad-

mitted to probation violations over the past "four to five months," he didn't believe it warranted being taken off probation.

Showalter asked Schiffner to "hold off" and give Jones more time.

"This hammer is clearly resting over his head," Showalter said.

Schiffner disagreed.

"You were charged with 52 counts and got 51 of them dropped. That would appear to me that was a tremendous break. I'm basically shocked you took it so lightly," Schiffner said. In an affidavit on file with the court clerk's office, Organ said Jones violated his probation on more than one occasion. She said Jones admitted to having missed appointments with his probation officer, didn't return to Hays on time after visiting his family in Colby, had alcohol at his home in Hays, lied about being employed, missed curfew, and failed to make restitution payments.

"If you fail to complete Labette Boot Camp or come home and do not complete the term of the sentence the penitentiary is the next step," Schiffner said.

Jones' sentence to Labette Boot Camp will be for a period of six months.

Former Leoti man pleads guilty to third DUI

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

OAKLEY — A former Leoti man on Thursday plead guilty to driving under the influence of alcohol for the third time.

Nick Campus, 28, now a resident of Salina, waived his right to a jury trial and told District Judge Glenn Schiffner he was guilty.

Campus' attorney, Jake W. Books, Scott City, said Campus checked himself into Valley Hope

in Norton for in-patient two days after arrested on June 4.

Brooks asked Schiffner for the lightest sentence possible, saying Campus had completed treatment at Valley Hope. Brooks told the judge his client is now a resident at Breakthrough, halfway house in Salina for the chemically dependent.

"Basically I got done working, started drinking and drove home and was stopped. I failed a breath test and was arrested on June 4,"

Campus told Schiffner before sentencing.

Jerry Norris, director of Breakthrough, testified on Campus' behalf.

"He's been an excellent young man," Norris said. He added that Campus has completed about half of the program which lasts four to six months, depending on the person's needs.

Norris said Campus was holding a job with Swan's in Salina and he'd

been complying with all the criteria of the halfway house.

Schiffner sentenced Campus to the custody of Logan County Sheriff Pat Parson for a period of one year, of which according to state law 48 hours are to be served in jail. The balance on the sentence will be served on probation.

Campus must complete the program at the halfway house, pay a fine of \$1,500, as well as court costs and probation fees of \$202, bear no firearms for a period of five years and submit blood and saliva samples to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. His jail time is to be served on Oct. 1 and 2, of which he'll receive 12 hours credit for the time when he was in jail when arrested in June.

Judge ends Colby man's probation

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

A Colby man's probation was revoked Wednesday and it's not sure where he'll spend time in confinement.

Eric S. Schiltz, 24, appeared in Thomas County District Court and District Judge Glenn Schiffner told him he needed to take life more seriously.

"Mr. Schiltz, you haven't been very successful staying out of jail and you need to pursue whatever assistance you can to stay out of jail and be a good citizen of this community," Schiffner said.

Schiltz was on probation for an April, 2002, arrest for four counts of burglary, four counts of theft, one count of criminal damage to property and two drug charges.

In July, Schiltz was arrested on theft charges, starting the revocation process.

However, while in jail more charges were filed against him. Schiltz was charged with conspiracy to commit bringing contraband into the jail. Schiltz's mother, Connie Schiltz, 41, on Aug. 4, allegedly attempted to take a screwdriver hidden in a shirt and a bag of chewing tobacco hidden inside a radio into the jail to be delivered to her son. A jailer found the items and reported the incident. Charges are pending against Connie Schiltz.

With only 14 days left on Eric Schiltz's 12-month original underlying prison sentence, his attorney, Charles Stewart, Oakley, didn't argue against the revocation process. But he did tell Schiffner his client needed counseling as part of a recommended treatment process.

Schiffner ordered Schiltz to the custody of the Kansas Department of Corrections.

The judge said it will be up to

state officials whether Schiltz will serve the balance of his sentence in the county jail or be transported to a state facility.

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