

Weather Corner



Highs in 90s, lows about 50

The forecast
Tonight...Partly cloudy with lows in the high 50s. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Saturday — Mostly sunny with highs in the low 90s. South southwest wind between five and 10 mph.
Saturday night — Mostly clear with a low around 56.
Sunday — Mostly sunny with highs in the low 80s.
Sunday night — Mostly clear with lows in the mid 50s.
Monday...Mostly sunny with a high around 80.
Monday nigh — Partly cloudy with a low around 55.
Tuesday — Mostly sunny with high around 85.
Temperatures
Thursday's high, 78
Low this morning, 52
Records for this date, 98 in 1955, 28 in 1903
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.04
September's precipitation, 0.04
Soil temperature, 74
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. 14= **The sources:**
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119.
Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Workers sent to Mississippi felt scammed

LAWRENCE (AP) — Two Lawrence residents who responded to a flier looking for workers to help with Hurricane Katrina disaster relief say they feel scammed.
Kalila Dalton, 20, and Chris Tucker, 23, joined several other friends who responded to the call for assistance. They were told they should expect to work at least 40 hours a week for at least six weeks, be paid \$7.50 hourly, and be provided with bus transportation, meals and hotel accommodations.
“I felt like we got scammed pretty good,” Tucker said. Tucker and Dalton wanted to leave but said they were told they could be shot by National Guardsmen enforcing martial law and that there was no transportation home. “I just thought, ‘I’ve got to get out of here, even if it is hitchhiking or finding a bicycle,’” Tucker said.

Hoxie Medical Clinic

Announces Clinic Hours for Dr. Brewster Kellogg

Dr. Kellogg from the Family Center for Health Care in Colby will be seeing patients in the Hoxie Medical Clinic on **Monday, Sept. 19 from 9 a.m.-Noon**

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Hoxie Medical Clinic

826 18th Street
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Briefly

Old cell phones wanted

Colby Grade School is collected old cell phones with proceeds going toward the purchase of new playground equipment, said Tami Brown, coordinating the project. Drop-off sites are located at Gavons Electronic, 1870 S. Range; the service desk at Dillons, 1605 S. Range; Unicel, 1933 S. Range; Beringer Hardware, 165 W. 4th or at the grade school, 210 N. Grant. In addition to helping the school, she said, those donating will also be helping the environment through recycling efforts. For questions, call Brown at 460-5100, ext. 1305.

Commissioners to meet Monday

The Thomas County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday at the courthouse. Items on the agenda include a meeting with Lynette Koon of the Thomas County Conservation District to discuss cost sharing on a grass drill; approval of Monday, Sept. 12 minutes; annual statistical and procedural compliance review within the county appraiser's office report; sign letter to John Trembley to officially appoint Sue Evans to Northwest Kansas Community Corrections; appointment of new fair board member; review of applications for custodial/lawn maintenance position for courthouse.

Recycle sale Saturday

The Citizens Medical Center Auxiliary is sponsoring a recycle sale, 7:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, at 545 Woofter Ave. All proceeds will go toward hospital improvements.

WPAA starts season Sunday

The season opener for the Western Plains Arts Association will be *Denver A Cappella Project*, starting at 3 p.m., Sunday, in the Atwood High School auditorium. Admission is by WPAA season ticket or at the door: adults, \$10; students, \$5.

Gaither video concert Sunday

The Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine, is sponsoring a Gaither video concert starting at 6 p.m., Sunday. This week's concert will feature "Mark Lowery Goes to Hollywood." The concert is open to the public and free of charge. "Enjoy great gospel music on the big screen," organizers said.

Booster Club member drive begins

The Colby Booster Club is currently having its membership drive and is encouraging business, individuals and families to join. Dues help support all activities supported by the

booster club. Costs include: \$10, Colby Booster; \$25, bronze; \$50, silver; and \$100, gold. Those wanting to join and support the club can make checks payable to the CHS Booster Club and mail to: CHS All Sports Booster Club, PO Box 136, Colby, Kan. 67701. Officers this year are Dennis Peterson, president; Russ Martin, vice president; Raenette Martin, secretary; Tanya Staats, treasurer.

Drama department plans event

The Colby Community College drama department will present the comedy *Love Thy Neighbor* on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Nov. 3-5 in the Cultural Arts Center located on campus. Advance tickets will be available at the Campus Bookstore. Tickets will also be available prior to each performance at the door.

EMT class enrollment still open

Kathi Wright, EMS director with the Thomas County Emergency Medical Service, said there is still time to enroll in the EMT class, which will begin Monday, Sept. 26, starting at 6 p.m. at the EMS building 1275 S. Franklin, Colby. The first meeting this week was informational, she said, and no classroom work has started yet. If interested, call 460-4585 for an information packet concerning class dates and times.

Red hat invasion



JAN KATZ ACKERMAN/Colby Free Press

Queen Mum Gayla Berggren, second from left, helped other members of Ladies of Ahhs Red Hat Society from Oakley and Colby enjoy sights and exhibits at the Kansas State Fair on Thursday. Red Hat Society members from across the state were honored during the fair Thursday and red hats were seen far and wide through the crowd on fairgoers. Pictured with Berggren are Kay Anderson, Glenda "Granny" DeLair, Shirley May Hutton, background. Ceanne Rinehart is not pictured.

Kansas man enjoys natural living

TORONTO (AP) — It began with a walk in the woods to find the makings of a simple bow and arrow for his children. About 20 years later, Gary Weisenberger can walk in the woods and make everything from clothing to medicine.
“For thousands of years we used natural materials for everything,” said Weisenberger, a freelance native plant specialist from Toronto. “We’ve only been ‘modern’ for a few hundred years.”
While he’s mastered edible and medicinal plants, Weisenberger’s best known for his ability to turn Kansas plants into baskets that are both functional and artistic.
Inside his home are a wide variety of baskets made from local materials. There are several baskets of tree bark, from a cup to a gallon in size. Weisenberger explained he sliced away sections of red mulberry and American elm. The containers were then laced up with strips of bark.
Though his woven baskets are more complex, their materials are readily at hand.
After driving the few miles from his home to Cross Timbers State Park, Weisenberger walked to the edge of a camp site and immediately found the makings of a basket wait-

ing to be woven. Weisenberger pulled up a four-foot section of buckbrush runner, a vine-like growth that helps the common briar spread through the woods.
“If you can wrap it around your finger and it doesn’t break, you’ve got basket material,” Weisenberger said, curling the runner around his forefinger. Swamp dogwood is one of Weisenberger’s favorite weaving materials. Virginia creeper is another possible vine-like plant.
Some of Weisenberger’s biggest baskets have been woven with bullrushes. The wide-stemmed leaves are also pliable enough to be woven extremely tight.

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Thomas County Learning Center
for eligibility and enrollment information:
305 N. Franklin, Colby, 465-7900

Man acquitted of felony murder

EL DORADO (AP) — A man present at the fatal shooting of Greenwood County Sheriff Matt Samuels was acquitted of first-degree felony murder but convicted of conspiracy to make methamphetamine. On Wednesday, the Butler County jury also acquitted Matt Denny, 23, of manufacturing methamphetamine.
The sheriff was killed Jan. 17, while trying to serve a search warrant at a home in the Hilltop area of Greenwood County. Federal prosecutors have charged Scott Cheever, 23, in his death, saying Cheever shot Samuels to protect a meth lab.
Cheever could get the death penalty if convicted.
Denny testified that he witnessed the shooting but also said he didn’t know Cheever had planned to make meth when the two went to the home. Prosecutors had said Denny was a lookout.
State law allows felony murder charges to be filed against accomplices in dangerous crimes that re-

sult in death.
However, merely being present when a crime is committed does not qualify as complicity.
“This case was unique,” Denny’s lawyer, Paul McCausland, said after the verdict. “The path that led to Sheriff Samuels going to serve warrants on Scott Cheever was very different than the path that led Matt Denny to a meth lab in Greenwood County.” District Judge Mike Ward also noted during the trial that the Legislature likely wouldn’t have intended the law to apply in Denny’s case.
“This is such a tragic case,” McCausland said. “Sheriff Samuels was a good man. My client feels bad about even how he got in the position of being there.”
The conspiracy conviction carries a prison sentence of 11 1/2 to 17 years. Two other defendants, Belinda Cooper and Billy Nowell, have pleaded guilty to federal drug and weapons charges and are awaiting sentencing.

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Ask Tom Betz-we kept getting postscript error

Years of Collecting For Sale

Saturday, Sept. 24 • 8:00 a.m.-??

Collectibles: Old Rawleigh Old Silverware & Bottles
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