Weather Corner



Cooler temps this week

The forecast

Tonight — Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows around 60. South winds 10 to 20 mph with gusts to around 35 mph. Tuesday -Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Tuesday night — Colder...Breezy. Mostly cloudy. A chance of thunderstorms in the evening...Then a slight chance of showers after midnight. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the north 15 to 25 mph after midnight. Chance of rain 30 percent. Wednesday — Much cooler. Breezy. Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs around 60. North winds 15 to 25 mph. Wednesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.

Temperatures

Friday's high, 87 — low, 46 Saturday's high, 86—low, 49 Sunday's high, 95 — low, 57 Low this morning, 65

Records for Saturday, 96 in 1899, 21 in 1985

Records for Sunday, 93 in 1938; 25 in 1985

Records for Monday, 94 in 1916; 26 in 1899

Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0

October's precipitation, 0 A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119.

Briefly

Where's the sign?

The Northwest Kansas Prevention Center is sponsoring an "It's OK to say No Way" contest, which will require locating the six foot "No Way" banner somewhere in Colby. The first person to call the Prevention Center at 460-8177 will win a "No Way" hoodie.

Hospital to host diabetes program

Citizens Medical Center is hosting a program on diabetes with Dr. Richard Guthrie speaking on, "Diabetes Update," starting at 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 7 in the hospital caf-care is welcome to attend this free program.

Donations sought for church auction

Plans are underway for this year's Sacred Heart Parish/ School annual benefit auction with the theme, "South of the Border." As in year's past, Sacred Heart officials will reach out to the business community asking for whatever support they can provide.

Anyone interested in giving cash, items or service, is encouraged to stop by the church office, 585 N. French, Colby, Kan. 67701 and fill out an auction donation form. The auc-

tion date will be Saturday, Oct. 15, at the TNT Building. For **Grade school plans book fair** questions or information, call 462-2179.

Pancake feed scheduled Saturday

The Colby American Legion is sponsoring its annual pancake feed/sausage feed from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8, at the club, 1850 W. 4th. All proceeds go toward youth activities, such as the baseball team and more.

Protecting nest eggs talk this week

The Colby Senior Progress Center is hosting Bonnie peka, Wednesday, at 11:30 a.m. to talk about protecting "nest eggs" from con artists. The 30-minute presentation is open to everyone and specifically to those more vulnerable to cons to include older Americans, disabled persons or women. The meeting is open to everyone. For those wanting lunch reservation, are asked to call 460-2901 by noon the day before.

Potato bar slated Oct. 12

The Senior Progress Center is planning its annual potato bar fundraising event, Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the center, 165 Fike Park, Colby.

The Colby Grade School Parent-Teacher Organization will host a scholastic book fair on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in Room 202. Hours for the fair on Tuesday and Thursday will be from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend the fair. For questions, call Mary Bates, 460-5100.

Book fair slated at Sacred Heart

A Scholastic Book Fair is planned during the parent-teacher conferences at Sacred Heart School on Tuesday from 5:30 to 9 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 6, from 2 to 9 p.m.

Tootsie roll drive nears

The Colby Council of the Knights of Columbus will be handing out "specially marked" Tootsie Rolls on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Oct. 14-16, while seeking donations for those people with intellectual disabilities, said Dick Parnell, chairman for the drive. For those who are not contacted by a Knights of Columbus member, donations may also be sent to: Tootsie Roll Program Fund, c/o Dick Parnell, Tootsie Roll chairman; 2820 N. Range Ave., Colby, Kan. 67701. All donations are tax deductible.

Sheridan County searches for new director

By JAN KATZ ACKERMAN Colby Free Press

The search for a new development director continues in Sheridan

Jacque Boultinghouse, president of Sheridan County Development. said the board of directors continues to take applications to fill the Harold Timken and Wanda Sealock vacant director position.

Mosier resigned as director of the development corporation. Mosier, or as visible as Bert was, but we are come.

worked for the corporation for 4 1/2 vears. "The board is actually taking care

of the business as it comes our way," Boultinghouse said. Board members Leanna Sloan,

Rick Leiker, Ron Schamberger, assist Boultinghouse with the work It has been four months since Bert of finding a new director.

"We are just not going as openly

who has relocated to Nevada, had working on it," Boultinghouse said about the ongoing operations.

Shortly after Mosier resigned, board members approached funding sources about continued money to pay a new director.

Of the money the development corporation receives, \$30,000 of it comes from the county, \$15,500 comes from the city of Hoxie, and the city of Selden contributes 25 percent of its monthly sales tax in-

Of that money, Mosier's last sal- development company getting the ary was set at \$37,500, plus paid vacation and health insurance.

The Hoxie-based development corporation was started about five years ago through a donation of some \$16,000.

Mosier said the gifted money came from the sale of a downtown committed to provide money for the building Jon Pope had given to the city. When the building was sold to Bob and Patty Mullins for a restaurant, the deal was contingent on the board's second week of October.

proceeds of the sale. In May, when Mosier left the job as director, he said there was \$5,931 in checking accounts, \$16,969 in a money market account, and \$16,000 in a savings account. The county, as well as cities of Hoxie and Selden, have corporation for its ongoing work. Boultinghouse said applications for director will be reviewed at the

Iwo teenagers injured Friday

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

Two teens injured in a weekend rollover accident have been released from a Colorado hospital.

Linda L. Trevino, 17, Rexford, was northbound on a Thomas County road 10 miles north and 3 miles east of Oakley when she lost control of the 1990 Ford passenger car she was driving, according to a

report filed by the Kansas Highway room and released. Patrol on Friday.

After hitting a dip in the road, the car entered the west ditch and rolled three times before coming to rest upright about 5:30 p.m., Friday.

County Hospital in Oakley and then flown to Swedish Medical Center in Englewood, Colo.

She was treated in the emergency

A passenger in the car, James Schippers, 16, Colby, was also flown from the hospital in Oakley to Swedish Medical Center.

A spokesman for the center on Trevino was taken to Logan Monday morning said Schippers was released from the facility on Saturday. It's unknown if either Trevino or Schippers was wearing a seat belt, according to the report.

Looking for a home



The Colby Animal Clinic has three puppies and one kitten ready for adoption. The puppies are lab mixes — two are all black with a little silver on the nose (one is female and one is male). The third pup is a black and silver male. The kitten is a longhair with white and gray patches. The pups are about eight-weeks-old. According to the person who brought the kitten to the clinic, it had been living at the library fountain for the last month. If interested in adopting any of these animals, call 460-8621 or stop by the facility at 810 E. 4th St., Colby.

House restored as anniversary of deadly fire nears

OLATHE (AP) — A year after a fire at their home took the lives of nearly all their family, the two surviving siblings hardly recognize what has been rebuilt. The house has new windows and

a modified layout, and more than 14. 100 volunteers gathered Saturday to fix the exterior of the house and clean up debris from the yard.

"It's very weird — the house looks different. It's odd, but not uncomfortable," said Kameron Orr. "We so greatly appreciate every-

Last Oct. 16, a fire swept through the home in the middle of the night. caped through a basement window. Kameron and her brother, Justin, Smoke and fire prevented him from lost their parents, Matt and Rebecca alerting the rest of his family. Orr, both 46; and brothers, Ben- Kameron was in Lawrence the night jamin, 18, Jeremiah, 16, and Kyle, of the fire.

ment turned up no leads and the money cause was officially listed as undetermined.

three smoke alarms, but two of them are buying a house in Olathe. didn't work properly the night of the

Justin heard an alarm and es-

ty Community College and was Investigators said the house had married in January. He and his wife

> Kameron, 20, lives in Overland Park and commutes to the Univer

sity of Kansas, where she's studying elementary education.

Saturday's "Day of Caring" was organized by family friend Ken Ross and the home's builder, Phoenix Renovation and Restoration The siblings plan sell the family Inc. Many of the volunteers were Test results on electrical equip- once it is finished and split the from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Olathe, which Justin, 24, attends Johnson Coun- Kameron credits for helping her through the tragedy.

"The biggest thing for me has been my faith. Understanding what I believe has helped me the most,"

Mistaken \$1 million payment to pharmacy brings Medicaid changes

payment from Medicaid, employees tried to return the mistaken payment but were told they couldn't send the check back.

Instead, employees were first

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — When contractor to deposit the check in bling to try to figure out how it hapthe DeFever-Osborn Drug store in the store's bank account, and future pened and why it wasn't caught," Independence received a \$1 million Medicaid payments to the store Wendy Derrick, manager of the would be drawn from that deposit. DeFever-Osborn Drug store, told That policy was later changed, and The Wichita Eagle. the mistake will be discussed during a legislative hearing Monday.

State officials, the state's billing contractor and lawmakers are try-"This has just been a nightmare, ing to figure out what went wrong." told by the state's Medicaid billing and I'm sure Medicaid is scram- All the parties involved say no

money is missing.

The problem began when the pharmacy tried to bill Medicaid for a single bottle of eyedrops.

But what came out on the Medicaid end was a bill for 99,999 bottles — at a cost of \$999,999.99. And Medicaid sent a \$1 million

\$10,000 to \$20,000, he said. check to the store. The store employee who handles Medicaid billing called Electronic Data Systems, the state's billing

> But the employee was told there was no procedure for returning the check, DeFever said. Instead, he said, she was told to deposit the the store would be drawn from that \$999,999.99.

In April, the store received the account until the money was used. check for \$1,020,523, said store Carol Pangborn, who manages owner Steve DeFever. The check the Kansas account for EDS, said included the eyedrop payment and that is normal procedure to subtract overpayments from future billings. several other billings. Normally, the pharmacy receives weekly Since the \$1 million mistake, she Medicaid checks ranging from said, the company has created a policy to accept refunds on large

"This is the most bizarre thing I've ever seen," said Pangborn, who contractor, asking how to return the has worked with Medicaid pay-

ments for 18 years. Medicaid claims are submitted to

EDS via the Internet. According to EDS' records, Pangborn said, DeFever-Osborn submitted a Medcheck in the store's bank account icaid claim for 999,999 bottles of and future Medicaid payments to eyedrops, billed at a cost of

Fundraiser planned for child with genetic disorder

glance, she's a miniature Orphan tion for insertion of a rod attached Annie. Bright red hair in ringlets frame Aubrie Dixon's face. Soft blue eyes add a gentle sweetness. But a closer look says more.

Her elfin-like appearance and oversized mouth are the immediate visible signs of Williams syndrome, a rare genetic disorder that manifests in both physical and mental disabilities.

In the innocence of her childhood, pausing to look up occasionally as naptime neared on a recent afternoon, Aubrie dropped colored plastic balls into a game, quietly retrieved them and started over again. Now two years old, she's been slow in learning to talk.

"She doesn't know any different, this is the way she's always been," Aubrie's mother, Jennifer Dixon said. Beneath her dark purple play dress, Aubrie's right rib cage twisted and rotated outward — extends toward her spine. The narrowing vessels in her heart signal her congenital heart disease, and she faces a life of mild to moderate mental retardation. Her next medical appointment is set for Oct. 14 when Aubrie will check into Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. She'll be placed in a halo

to her spine.

A condition that affects 1-in-20,000 children, Williams syndrome compares in some ways to Down syndrome, Jennifer Dixon as a horse in detail but unable to mous financial burden. draw it. A Downs syndrome child can draw the animal but can't de-

The Dixon's pastor, the Rev. Harold Nelson and his wife Jenise, of New Hope Baptist Church, were with Jennifer and Randy Dixon in there's not enough money to pay all Kansas City during a first back surgery. They'll return for the Oct. 31 rod surgery, he said.

family doctor when Aubrie was 2 days old, was the alert that something wasn't right, Jennifer Dixon said. Aubrie has two older sisters, Amber Walters, 11, and LuAnn Jennifer Dixon had planned to

return to her job as a Reno County Home Health Aide, but because of the multitude of medical appointments and her daughter's need for one-on-one care, that's been impos-

"I'm going to push her to do the

wants so she can not say 'I can't

do," Jennifer Dixon said. Right now she loves balls and books. The Dixon family has health insurance on an 80/20 plan through her husband's job, but the expenses said. Williams Syndrome children for Aubrie's medical care and the are able to describe an animal such added travel have created an enor-

Her husband, Randy, is a hard worker and does what he can to keep their family afloat, she said. They're crowded in a two-bedroom home. With only one paycheck, when the monthly bills come in and of them, they choose the ones they think are most important.

"It's hard to ask for help," Jenni-Aheart murmur, detected by their fer Dixon said. "We're not ones to

HUTCHINSON (AP) — At first traction for two weeks in preparamost she can, achieve whatever she go out and say we're dying financially here." At the same time they're blessed to have Aubrie. "She brings sunshine to a cloudy day and she's taught us a lot of lessons in her young life," Jennifer Dixon said. Their pastor has reminded them that God gives special children to special people. "I tell myself that over and over," she said. "As a mom and dad you thank God for what he gave you. And you do a lot of praying, crying and time outs." "That's our life."

> Faced with a Drinking Problem? Perhaps

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