

Weather Corner



Much colder,

The forecast
Tonight — Much colder. Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows around 30. North winds 10 to 15 mph. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. North winds 10 to 15 mph. Thursday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Northeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light. Friday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Friday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. Saturday — Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Saturday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.
Temperatures
Monday's high, 92, low, 60
Tuesday's high, 85 — low, 45
Low this morning, 45
Records for Monday, 95 in 1967, 30 in 1903
Records for Tuesday, 96 in 1900; 23 in 1932
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. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Law Enforcement News

Thomas County Sheriff's office
The following incidents, complaints or activities were reported to the Thomas County Sheriff's Office:
Thursday, Sept. 22
• Advised of possible burglary at U.S. Highway 24 and Washington, everything looked all right, public service last owners, unable to contact.
• Traffic complaint, smoking brakes on southbound semi on Highway 25 from Interstate 70 area.
• Robert Alfred Thomas, 34, was arrested by city police for driving while suspended and transporting open container. He was booked into the Thomas County Jail.
• Victoria Lynn Moses, 48, was arrested by city officers on shoplifting charges and criminal damage to property. She was booked in the Thomas County Jail.
• Traffic stop of vehicle eastbound on Interstate 70 at mile marker 59.
• Enrique Duarte, 46, was one of five people arrested in connection with drugs. Duarte was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell and was booked into the Thomas County jail.
• Mario Emilio Valenzuela, 45, was the second of five arrested in the drug case for conspiracy to commit.
• Diana Cecilia Bojorquez, 30, was the third of five arrested for conspiracy to commit by the Thomas County Sheriff's office.
• Subject called saying she had received a call from someone she had a protection from abuse order against.
• Monique Lomax, 19, fourth of five was arrest for conspiracy to commit and booked into the Thomas County Jail.
• Calbert Nelson Sabal, T.C. 36, the fifth of five was arrested also on conspiracy to commit and booked into the Thomas County Jail.
• Served three civil process orders.
Friday, Sept. 23
• Rendered assistance to the Colby Police Department on a suicide call in the 600 block of E. 8th.
• Booked and released a juvenile into the Thomas County Jail. Juvenile later transported to Larned State Hospital in Larned.
• Served an arrest warrant for Rawlins County on Terry M. Mason.
• Patrick James McNeal, 33, was arrested by the Thomas County Sheriff's office on a warrant for sale of hallucinogenic drugs within 1,000 feet of school and unlawful use of a communication facility. He was booked into the Thomas County Jail.
• Tamera Lanelle Allen, 29, was arrested by Colby officers on a warrant for the sale of hallucinogenic drugs within 1,000 feet of a school. She was booked into the Thomas County jail.
• Traffic complaint of two juveniles riding bicycles four to five miles east of Colby on Highway 24.

Briefly

Benefit dance planned Oct. 22

A benefit dance and auction will be held for Diane (Merrell) Homm, Saturday, Oct. 22, from 8 to midnight at the City Limits Convention Center, 2227 S. Range Ave. Featured entertainment will be "Shadow Riders," a country western band. Admission is \$8 per person with the auction taking place at intermission. Donations for Homm, who was diagnosed with cancer, can be left at the First National Bank. All proceeds will help her and her husband, Richard, defray medical expenses. For questions, call Sherry Barrett, 462-6095, or Carolyn Miller, 460-6896. Also miscellaneous items for the auction are needed.

Used ink cartridges requested

Jennifer Koel, Colby Grade School music teacher, has been collecting used laser/jet ink cartridges and with the proceeds has been buying microphone stands. She has collected about \$250 with this program and asks that anyone with used cartridges consider donating them for this project. Cartridges can be left at the grade school. Questions, call 460-5100.

Music Booster cards on sale

The Colby Music Boosters now have Music Booster Cards available for sale. Cardholders can save money at many Colby merchants by presenting their Booster card. These cards cost \$5 and proceeds are used for trips by the

band and choir. The cards are available from any band or choir members in seventh through twelfth grade. Cards may also be purchased by calling Joey Nichols, president, 460-0599, or Jan Barnum, vice president, 462-6503.

Square dance planned Saturday

Ron Snyder of Colby will call for the Mis-Match Dance, which is an "almost anything goes" in square dancing lingo. The event is planned for Saturday at the Colby Community Building, beginning at 8 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

Girl Scout fundraiser set Oct. 16

The Colby Girl Scouts are once again planning their "Trick-Or-Treat-So-Others-Can-Eat" food drive from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 16. Youth from the Colby community join together for this event by going door-to-door collecting food for Genesis before the winter months set in, a spokesperson for the Girl Scouts said today. For those who will not be home or for convenience, items may be left in a bag on the porch for the scouts to pick up.

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, at the club, 1850 W. 4th. All proceeds go toward youth activities, such as the baseball team and more.

Nor'West Newspapers owner elected to national post

Steve Haynes of Oberlin, president of Nor'West Newspapers, which owns the *Colby Free Press*, was elected Friday as treasurer of the National Newspaper Association. Officers and directors for the coming year were elected at the group's annual convention in Milwaukee. The 120-year-old association represents more than 2,500 daily and weekly community newspapers across the country, making it the nation's largest group of publishers. As treasurer, Haynes will supervise the association's finances for a one-year term. He is one of three elected officers who lead the association, and one of six members of

it's executive committee.

"It's a tremendous honor to represent other publishers on the national scene," Haynes said. "one few newspaper people get to experience." Haynes has served on the association's board as a district director representing Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas for five years. He was an appointed member of the

executive committee this year.

Nor'West also owns the *The Oberlin Herald*, *The Goodland Star-News*, the *Country Advocate*, *The Norton Telegram and Telegram Extra*, *The Saint Francis Herald* and the *Bird City Times* in northwest Kansas. Haynes and his wife Cynthia moved to Oberlin in 1993 after purchasing the Oberlin, Bird City

and St. Francis papers.

He was president of the Kansas Press Association in 1998 and of the Colorado Press Association in 1988. The Hayneses operated a group of papers in Colorado before moving here, and before that Haynes was a reporter and editor for *The Kansas City Times*. Haynes is a graduate of Emporia

High School and the William Allen White School of Journalism at the University of Kansas.

The couple has three children, Felicia, 31, who works for Morris Communications in Augusta, Ga.; Lindsay, 28, a graduate student at the University of South Carolina in Columbia; and Lacy, 25, who works in Lawrence.

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press
No leads have surfaced regarding the early morning assault and robbery of a Hoxie man last Thursday. "Nobody's seen anything or re-

ported anything," said Sheridan County Sheriff Jim Johnson late Monday afternoon.

Authorities in Sheridan County and surrounding area were hunting two male suspects believed to

beaten and robbed Brian Elliott, 33, as he was driving to work at Sappa Valley Youth Ranch in Oberlin.

Elliott pulled his car along side what he believed to be a stranded motorist about 5:15 a.m. approximately 14 miles north of Hoxie when he was attacked.

Johnson asked local and area authorities to look for two males, a 30-year-old white male, and another believed to be Hispanic but having no other identifying characteristics.

He also asked area law enforcement agencies to look for a 1970s gold colored Chevy Nova.

After the attack, Elliott drove himself to Hoxie where he was treated and released from Sheridan County Hospital.

He sustained minor injury to his face and ribs, and reported the attackers stole his wallet and car stereo.

Johnson said the investigation is ongoing.

Think-tank leader named education commissioner

TOPEKA (AP) — The State Board of Education picked the leader of two conservative think tanks Tuesday as the state's new education commissioner, catching many legislators off guard.

Bob Corkins, 44, of Lawrence, was chosen on a 6-4 vote reflecting the board's conservative-moderate split. No Senate confirmation of the choice is necessary.

Corkins has no experience in educational administration, in contrast to the other candidates — a school superintendent, an education professor and state education

officials from Kansas and New Mexico. But Corkins said his law degree and supervision of three nonprofit organizations will serve him well.

He has supported school vouchers and been known in recent years for arguing that Kansas already spends enough on public schools.

"I'll defer to their judgment as to where the state should go," Corkins said of the board's conservative majority. His salary is expected to be around \$140,000 a year, although the exact figure will have to be negotiated by the board.

pickup on Interstate 70 losing tires.
• Served six civil process orders.
Colby Police Department
The following incidents, complaints or activities were reported to the Colby Police Department:
Thursday, Sept. 22
• Police were advised of a domestic problem on the northwest corner of Mission and Cherry Streets.
• A car was partially blocking a driveway in the 800 block of Cherokee and police issued a warning.
• Officers rendered service in three separate incidents.
• Police were notified of a semi-trailer rear-ending a vehicle on East Fourth St.
• An automobile accident was reported at J & J Oil.
• An officer reported a West Virginia vehicle with stolen license plate at the Oasis Travel Center.
• Authorities were dispatched to Colby High School referencing the unlawful operation of a paintball gun and a vehicle that was hit by the paint balls.
• Officers responded to Oasis Travel Center after a shoplifter was reported at that location.
• An individual stopped by the Law Enforcement Center advising police that someone was following or stalking them.
• Police were notified that juveniles were riding a lawn more in the 100 block of W. 5th. Warning tickets were issued and parents were called to pick the children up.
• Officers were alerted to a suspicious person hitchhiking on Interstate 70 and Kansas Highway 25.
• Police were called regarding a student making threats at one of the Colby school buildings (not identified).
• An ongoing problem between neighbors sent authorities to the scene (no location provided).
• Police discovered an open door at a downtown building. The door was secured.
• Police were advised of a customer harassing someone at a business. The officer spoke to both people.
• Officers were advised of a semi truck being hit by a black Cadillac at Fourth and Copeland Streets. The reporting party said the vehicle went southbound in the 300 block of N. French.
• Authorities investigated a loud party complaint in the 200 block of N. Copeland. Police advised the party disperse.
Friday, Sept. 23
• Police were advised of a party in the vicinity of 4th St. and Copeland. After talking with all involved, the crowd dispersed.
• Officers were alerted to a disorderly conduct complaint in the 600 block of N. Range Ave.
• Someone reported that a man was knocking on a door in the 1000 block

of W. 5th. The man was gone by the time authorities arrived.
• Police were asked to check out the 1200 block of W. 2nd because a lot of people were walking in the street near a particular house.
• Officers were dispatched to the Oasis Travel Center regarding concerns that some people there might be getting ready for a fight in the parking lot. When officers arrived, the people left and no fight occurred.
• Service was rendered by providing a house check; assisting a van broke down in the 1200 block of S. Range; assisting with road blocks for Colby High School homecoming parade; offered block for Rexford ambulance; helped a family with a civil problem; and provided civil standby on S. Garfield.
• Police were called to the 400 block of S. Chickamauga reference criminal damage to a vehicle by vandals.
• One of the banking institutions reported receiving a counterfeit check.
• A possible theft was reported on a gas skip at the Oasis Travel Center.
• Officers were called to the 500 block of Austin regarding a stolen license tag.
• A woman was suspected of leaving a business with an item and police were alerted. The incident took place in the 900 block of S. Range. After locating the woman, police spoke with her.
• Officers issued a warning ticket on a vehicle that was called in after passing a stopped Head Start bus at Mission and Walnut.
• A miscellaneous search warrant was issued and executed. No details.
• Police were alerted about a motorcycle driving erratic on I-70 and Kansas Highway 25.
• A gas skip was reported from J & J Oil.
• Officers were advised that juveniles were yelling obscenities from a

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