

## Weather Corner



**Tonight** — Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows in the lower 30s. Light winds.

**Friday** — Warmer with sunny skies. Highs in the mid 60s.

**Friday night** — Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

**Saturday** — Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

**Saturday night** — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. The extended forecast for **Sunday and Monday** shows Sunday, partly cloudy with highs in the 70s.

**Sunday night** — Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s. Chance of rain 40 percent.

**On Columbus Day** — Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 60s.

**Monday night** — Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Lows in the 40s.

**Temperatures**  
Wednesday's high, 60, low, 30

Low this morning, 35

Records for Wednesday, 96 in 1900, 23 in 1932

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

A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

## Briefly

### Share signup continues

Heartland Share signup will continue through Friday at the State Farm Insurance office, 905 E. 4th St. Delivery is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 22, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sacred Heart School gymnasium. For questions, call 460-3579.

### Governor postpones lecture

Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius has postponed her Tuesday, Oct. 18 speaking engagement on the campus of Colby Community College, said Debbie Schwanke, public information officer. Sebelius was scheduled as the featured speaker for the Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series, but will not be available because she is traveling to China. The lecture series talk featuring Sebelius will be rescheduled for spring 2006, she said.

### Offices to open for trick or treaters

Children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to stop by three different locations as part of their Halloween trick or treating agenda, Monday, Oct. 31. Any youth in costume can stop by the Thomas County Courthouse, 300 N. Court; the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range; and/or the Colby Visitor's Center (west of Taco John's) between 3:30 to 5 p.m. for "treats."

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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. Cartridges can be left at the grade school. Questions, call 460-5100.

### 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. For questions, call 460-5100, ext. 1305.

# Hoxie teenager listed as critical after car hit by truck

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

A Hoxie teen was critically injured in an accident Tuesday afternoon near Grinnell.

Benjamin C. Mense, 17, was northbound on a Sheridan County

road at 6:30 p.m. when the driver's side door of the 1996 Dodge pickup he was driving was struck by a tractor-trailer truck.

According to a report filed by the Kansas Highway Patrol, Danny Ray Redwine, 36, of Ness City, was

driving a 1997 Freightliner when both he and Mense failed to yield to each other at an uncontrolled intersection 4 miles north and two miles east of Grinnell.

Mense, who was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident,

was taken to Gove County Medical Center in Quinter, according to the Kansas Highway Patrol.

He was later transferred to Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

His condition Wednesday night was listed as critical, a spokesper-

son for the Gove County Medical Center said.

Redwine, who also was not wearing a seatbelt, was taken to Logan County Hospital in Oakley where he was treated and released, highway patrol officials said.

# Cheyenne County trail ride planned along river bottom

By Karen Krien

St. Francis Herald

The 15th annual Cheyenne County Trail Ride has been set along the Republican River bottom southwest of St. Francis on Sunday starting at 2 p.m.

The ride is held in conjunction with the St. Jude Children's Hospital fund raiser.

The riders will enjoy the river, changing colors on the trees as well

as a little riding along the bluffs on the Douthit Hereford Ranch.

This year's ride is being dedicated to Thad Douthit who died on Aug. 17 at the age of 61.

Douthit also enjoyed the trail rides and had allowed the trail ride to be held on his land at other times.

"Thad Douthit's general spirit will be with us as we ride the land that he loved and cared for," said Gary Cooper, one of the coordina-

tors.

The weather could be a little brisk as weathermen are forecasting a chance of showers and lower temperatures.

Everyone is urged to bring a jacket just in case. If the weather is inclement, the ride will be held one week later.

Cooper said horses and riders will not only have the enjoyment of being in the quiet, autumn weather but

be experiencing crossing the river at one point.

"People might take their horses through a puddle or stream before coming to the ride," he said. The ride will last approximately 2.5 hours and about halfway through, members of the Cheyenne County Historical Society will be providing refreshments. At the end of the ride, the Cheyenne County 4-H Horse Club will have a meal which is the member's main way of raising money.

Directions to the ride are: From St. Francis, west 1.2 miles from K-Store on U.S. 36, then turn south before crossing the bridge and follow the River Road 7.4 miles.

Turn north and follow the field road to a sand pit area. There will probably already be pickups, trailers, horses and riders gathered.

For more information about the ride, contact Mr. Cooper, 785-332-2904; Martin Hilt, 785-332-3200; Sharon Olofson, 785-332-2248; or Gail Yonkey, 785-332-2488.

# Lecturer to answer tough questions about society

By Patty Decker

Free Press Editor

Author of *What's the Matter with Kansas? How the conservatives won the Heart of America* plans to speak on Tuesday at the Colby College Cultural Arts Center beginning at 7 p.m.

The presentation by author Thomas Frank is part of the ongoing Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series, which

is free and open to everyone.

In a book called "brilliant" by the *Boston Globe*, said Cathy Gordon, coordinating the series, Frank sets out to find answers to some fundamental questions to incl ude:

Why do so many Americans vote against their own economic interests?

Why aren't Americans demanding corporate accountability?

Why aren't Americans angrier about job outsourcing and layoffs than about a public display of the Ten Commandments?

How did chief executive officers convince Americans that they speak for the little guy?

Why would small farmers cast votes in favor of an economic system that will eventually push them off their land?

The lecture series has donated copies of *What's the Matter with Kansas* to Coly College and Pioneer Memorial Library.

The Colby College Campus Bookstore in the student union will also have copies of the book for sale.

For questions or general information about the lecture series, call Gordon at 462-3984.

# Nurses first to testify at Wednesday hearing

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Those individuals, in addition to Hildyard's wife, Brenda, along with Topeka attorney Carol Bonebrake, acting as witness liaison, left the room and the hearing continued.

Besides Bissitt, and Yolanda Suter who testified during the morning session on Wednesday, the only other witness to testify Wednesday was Renee Oschner. Other individuals subpoenaed to testify are current or former employees of Citizens Medical Center. They are: Carolyn Call, Janine Colson, Carol Ann McGuire, Marie McVay, Kevin Trenkle, Shane Benham, Linda Laevenstien, Annie Staats and Renee Zodrow, as well as Kerri Schippers, a nurse employed at Colby Community College. The fact someone is subpoenaed in a case does not mean he or she will be called to testify if it is determined that testimony is not needed.

According to the petition, all 18 counts in the case against Hildyard revolve around patient care except Count 11. Count 11 deals with Hildyard's alleged "unprofessional and or dishonorable conduct by engaging in disruptive behavior," the petition says.

Hildyard is alleged to have used profanity from 1999 to 2003 in the presence of hospital staff and patients and made comments to staff members that were "sexually explicit in nature and or contained sexual innuendos."

According to the petition, the doctor is alleged to have made "inappropriate physical contact and touching with hospital staff."

Prior to going behind closed doors, Gaschler said he will make a ruling in the case "30 days after closing the record."

"When the record is closed is still up in the air," O'Neal said.

Once a transcript of the hearing is produced by the court reporter taking dictation throughout the hearing, attorneys from both sides will be allowed to file briefs in the case.

Once that timeframe ends, Gaschler will close the records and the

## Timeline of actions revisited

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

The following dates provide a timeline of events leading up to the Kansas Board of Arts hearing on Wednesday.

1974: Dr. Victor H. Hildyard, II, opens practice in Colby

April 2002: Hildyard suspended from Citizens Medical Center, reinstated by District Judge Jack Burr, Goodland.

Sept. 2002: Hildyard suspended from Citizens Medical Center, reinstated by District Judge Jack Burr, Goodland.

April 2003: Hildyard's due process hearing at Citizens Medical Center.

April 10, 2003: Hildyard barred from the hospital by the seven-member governing board. During the same timeframe, Hildyard was involved in lawsuits with hospital, a Goodland surgeon, and a nurse who worked at the hospital. All of those lawsuits were dismissed.

Aug. 13, 2004: Petition filed against doctor by Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, Topeka.

Feb. 14, 2005: Amended petition filed by Board of Healing Arts.

April 2005: Board hearing rescheduled due to conflict with Hildyard's attorney's schedule.

clock will begin ticking in his 30-day ruling period.

Gaschler will issue an initial order under the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act. This order can be reviewed by the full 15-member Board of Healing Arts if Hildyard,

O'Neal, Steed or Bellquist request its review.

If Gaschler rules against Hildyard, that ruling can be appealed in Thomas County District Court under provisions of the Kansas Judicial Review Act.

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