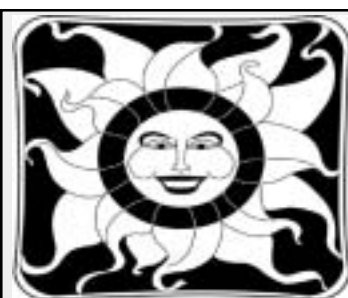


## Weather Corner



**Tonight** — Not as cool. Mostly clear. Lows around 40. South winds 10 to 15 mph. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. **Saturday night** — Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy. Highs around 70. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. **Sunday night** — Mostly cloudy.

A chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms in the evening...Then a chance of rain after midnight. Lows in the mid 40s. Chance of rain 50 percent. **Columbus day** — Cooler. Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain. Highs around 60. **Monday night** — Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Lows around 40. **Tuesday** — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the lower 60s. **Tuesday night through Thursday** — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the upper 60s. Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows in the lower 30s. Light winds. **Temperatures** Thursday's high, 48, low, 23 Low this morning, 25 Records for Wednesday, 95 in 1916, 20 in 1952 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.

## Briefly

### 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 the local Knights of Columbus Council by making checks payable to: Tootsie Roll Program Fund, c/o Dick Parnell, Tootsie Roll chairman; 2820 N. Range Ave., Colby, Kan. 67701. All donations are tax deductible.

### Pancake feed 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.

### Commissioners have full agenda

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners will meet on Monday at 9 a.m. at the Thomas County Courthouse, 310 N. Court. First on the agenda at 9 a.m. is an executive session with Dawn Nichol. At 9:30 a.m., Jim Engel, emergency management director, will report on the continuity of operations planning. There will be an executive session at 10 a.m. with Kathi Wright, Thomas County Emergency Medical Services director and at 11:30 a.m., the commission will

swear in Juanita Dewey as county health officer. The minutes of the last meeting will be read. Then there will be the Highway Department September Work Report, Landfills September Report and approval of Warrant Register to void a check to Kansas Payment Center for \$658.92, said Shelly Harms, clerk.

### 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. Organizers said they encourage everyone to "enjoy locally grown potatoes and delicious toppings." Door prizes include a porcelain doll, quilted place mats, and a variety of handmade wooden projects.

### 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.

### 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."

### 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.

### Orchestra continues rehearsals

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra holds rehearsals from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Mondays in the Colby High School bandroom. All musicians are invited to join the orchestra, said Sharon Kriss, one of the members. Musicians span a wide range of vocations and ages (middle school to retirees) from communities throughout northwest Kansas and northeast Colorado, she said. For questions, call 460-2800 or 462-2391.

### 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.

# Two plead guilty to Oakley car wash break-in

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

Individuals who broke into the car wash in Oakley have pleaded guilty in Logan County and waived extradition to Wisconsin for charges there.

Hope Alexanderia Bonander, 20, of Eau Claire, Wisc., and Deen Glen Olson, Jr., 22, Augusta, Wisc., on

Tuesday pleaded guilty to breaking into the business located on the west edge of Oakley which is owned by Joshua Gooden. After the burglary was noticed, local authorities alerted area law enforcement agencies to be on the look out for the suspects. Bonander and Olson were picked up in Goodland after they fled from Logan County during the

early morning hours of Sept. 6.

According to court documents, the charges of burglary and felony criminal damage, that being more than \$500 but less than \$25,000, were dismissed in both cases.

The criminal damage charge was amended downward to the nonperson misdemeanor criminal damage, that being damage of less than \$500,

for the guilty plea.

Bonander, who was represented in court by Charles Stewart, Oakley, and Olson, represented by Doug Spencer, also of Oakley, are each responsible for restitution to Gooden in the amount of \$1,547. Bonander is required to surrender title to a 1996 Ford Explorer to Logan County Sheriff Pat Parsons.

The vehicle will be sold at auction and the proceeds paid to Oakley Car Wash in care of Gooden. Both Olson and Bonander were given credit for time served in jail the past month and are in the process of being extradited to Chippeau County, Wisc., on forgery charges. Logan County Attorney Andrea Wyrick prosecuted the case.

# State fair winners for Thomas County 4-Hers announced

Thomas county 4-Hers did well at the State Fair in Hutchinson.

The following are results:

The purple ribbon winners were Melissa Baird in foods, Rose Bear in quilt and clothing construction, Seth Bredemeier in dog showmanship and crochet, Kaylee Keck in foods and illustrated talk, Tim Knox in photography, Rachel Lamm in

foods and Wyatt Werth in photography, a 4-H Foundation selection.

The blue ribbon winners were Andrie Baird in clothing construction, Rose Bear in wheat variety plot display 3rd place, Kayla Hockersmith in photography, Rachel Juenemann in foods, Tim Knox in foods and food exhibit, Henry Lamm in geology, Rachel Lamm in

clothing construction, Janessa Rasmussen in photography, Centennial photo, Ariel Severson in photography, and Quinnlyn Woofter in photography.

The red ribbon winners were Melissa Baird in clothing, Kimberly Gerstner in clothing, Rachel Juenemann in clothing, Elaine Lamm in clothing, Matt Lindberg in

photography, Matt Lindberg in rocketry, Janessa Rasmussen in foods, and Ariel Severson in foods.

In the horse show results Quinnlyn Woofter placed 10th overall in reining, 14 to 18 and Lucas Phillips placed 10th in the flag race, 5th in breakaway roping and 2nd in team roping. The livestock show results were Josh Mazanec was 3rd over-

all in junior sheep showmanship, 5th in class market lamb and 7th in class ewe lamb; Case Rundel was 6th in class all other breeds market steer and 8th in class crossbred market steer; Chase Reitcher was 3rd in class all other breeds and 8th in class crossbred market steer and Lane Rietcheck was 2nd in class shorthorn breeding heifer.

# 'No Child Left Behind' mandate prompts questions by state board

TOPEKA (AP)—Even in some Republican bastions, doubts have grown about the federal No Child Left Behind education reform law championed by President Bush. Count Kansas' new education commissioner among the skeptics.

Bob Corkins, hired Tuesday by the State Board of Education, is among an increasing number of people saying federal mandates for student achievement are unrealistic and could bankrupt states.

"I'm concerned — like a lot of administrators and teachers are — that it is overly burdensome administratively, and that the federal government is having undue influence over the operation of our public schools for the degree of finances that they've provided," Corkins said during an interview.

Under the No Child law, schools are required to make progress each year toward the goal of 100 percent proficiency in reading and math, or face sanctions.

The State Board of Education adopted the mandate as part of its accreditation requirements following the law's approval in 2001.

If the state changes its accreditation standards, Kansas schools still would be subject to federal sanctions for failing to meet the goal of making all their students grade-level proficient.

Corkins said he would consider working with the board to pursue waivers from the U.S. Department of Education to grant Kansas more flexibility to comply with the law. That could include seeking more latitude in defining achievement goals used to measure yearly student progress.

The state board plans to release

data Tuesday on state test scores. Those results will indicate how many schools and districts made sufficient progress and how many need more state assistance.

Afterward, the board expects to discuss how the federal law plays into ongoing school finance litigation.

Earlier this year, the Kansas Supreme Court ruled that the Legislature had failed to meet its constitutional duty to provide all students

with a suitable education, forcing a \$290 million increase in funding.

In August, Sen. John Vratil, R-Leawood, and Attorney General Phill Kline warned the board that finding enough state revenue to meet the demands of No Child Left Behind could become increasingly difficult as the 2014 deadline approaches. They argued the court could order even larger funding increases. Senate Majority Leader Derek Schmidt said it's appropriate

for Kansas to give No Child Left Behind another look.

"No Child Left Behind, while embracing admirable goals, constitutes a federal intrusion into state control of education on a scale never seen before. I think it's healthy for states to explore how we recapture some leeway from the federal government," said Schmidt,

R-Independence. "Decisions made in Washington may have the effect of prying open state coffers to a level never contemplated."

Numerous states are considering legislation or litigation to gain flexibility in meeting No Child Left Behind.

For example, Connecticut has asked a federal judge to declare that

state and local funds cannot be used to meet the federal goals.

The state claims that the law is unconstitutional because it doesn't provide all the money needed for the testing and programs.

In Kansas, House Speaker Doug Mays said legislative changes could blunt the effects of No Child Left Behind.



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