

Weather Corner



Sunny, clear high near 65

The forecast
Tonight — Mostly clear with a low around 38. East wind around 9 mph becoming south.
Thursday — Mostly sunny with a high around 65. South wind between 7 and 15 mph.
Thursday night — Mostly clear with a low near 41. South wind between 9 and 11 mph.
Friday — Partly cloudy with a high around 68. South wind between 11 and 18 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Friday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 43.
Saturday — Partly cloudy with a high around 71.
Saturday night — A chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 a.m. Partly cloudy with a low around 40.
Sunday — A chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Partly cloudy with a high near 61.

Temperatures
 Tuesday's high, 68
 Low this morning, 26
 Records for this date, 92 in 1922, 18 in 1898
 Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
 October's precipitation, 2.35
 A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Doctors talk about helping

From "NEW DOCS," page 1

really wanted to go to communities that needed their help. After their first visit, all they talked about was what they could do for Hoxie, Oakley and Colby. "They identified the needs and put that first and that's what drew them to the opportunity," Focke said. Joe Stratton, administrator in Hoxie, is excited about this new concept for attracting doctors. "I equate this out-of-the-box thinking and sharing of resources as equal to school consolidation," Stratton said.

"You consolidate so you can keep your school, and you can call anyone in my position, and we are dealing with the same thing."

Stratton said regardless of where Dr. John France lives he'll be in Hoxie one-half of the time.

Sheridan County Health Complex on a full-time basis rents an apartment at Sheridan Estates and it is used by visiting doctors and nurse practitioners who are on call.

Dr. John France will occupy the apartment two weeks each month.

He will share his on-call time with Dr. Bruce Kellogg, Colby, and nurse practitioners Kaylee Watkins, Hoxie, and Jenny Niblock, Colby, as well as visiting doctors employed by Olathe-based Docs Who Care.

Stratton said for some time now the Hoxie facility has provided specialty clinics and having Drs. Ratchnee and John France on board will be yet another asset.

"The doctors both have decades of experience with the United States Army and we are getting a podiatrist to live in the area and a doctor who will be strong for this area," he said.

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Briefly

After 5 Club plans November event

Honoring Our Grandmothers, is the November theme for the High Plains After 5 Club event. The dinner/program begin at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14, at The Colonial Steakhouse in Oakley with the featured speaker, Cynthia Leibrock, whose mission is to improve the lives of older and disabled people through interior design, a spokesperson for the After 5 Club said. The dinner and presentation will conclude by 8:30 p.m. All reservations and cancellations for the dinner event must be made by Sunday, Nov. 12, club officials said. To make a reservation, general information about the After 5 Club or nursery services, call Gloria Mattix, (785) 460-2705.

Bingo party planned in Rexford

The Rexford Royal Neighbors are planning a bingo party at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, at the Rexford Community Building. The cost is free-will donation with proceeds going to the Rexford Museum. For questions, call Gene Hawkins, (785) 687-4451.

New college course announced

Colby College will be offering, Introduction to Forensic Archeology, which will be new for the spring semester, said

Linda Davis-Stephens, instructor. The class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 3:20 p.m. beginning in January 2006. More information will follow in future editions. For questions, call Stephens at (785) 462-3984, ext. 334.

Fall festival Sunday

Heartland Christian School will hold their annual Fall Festival on Sunday. Included in the festival is a soup luncheon starting at 11 a.m.: Adults \$4, Children \$2. Carnival games will run from 12:30 p.m.-3 p.m.

New EMS director plans talk

A program on automatic external defibrillator equipment, sponsored by the Gem Lions Club, is planned for 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Gem Community Building. Ken Gatlin, director of the Thomas County Emergency Medical Services, will be the speaker. The public is invited to come learn what the equipment is and how to use it.

Jazz band to perform Sunday

Queen City Jazz Band will be performing at the Cheyenne Theatre in St. Francis, Sunday, at 3 p.m. (2 p.m. MST), sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association. The band plays

authentic New Orleans-style traditional jazz from the 1920s and 30s. With a spirit of fun and exuberance, they recreate the memorable Dixieland sounds, said association officials. Admission is by association season pass or at the door: adults, \$10, and children, \$5. This show is presented in part by the Kansas Arts Commission and the National Endowment of the Arts.

Lions plan pancake feed in Winona

The Lions Club is planning a pancake feed from 6 to 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Winona Methodist Church. The event will include all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and eggs, and coffee and juice. In addition, a special prize of a guided hunting trip will be given away. For questions, call Winona Feed and Grain, (800) 203-8158 or Winona Lumber and Supply, (785) 846-7893.

Hoedown planned Friday

A "Harvest Hoedown" featuring lots of bluegrass and western entertainment is planned Friday from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at City Limits Convention Center. For questions, call the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau, (785) 460-7643 or toll-free, (800) 611-8835. All proceeds from the admission charge will go toward funding next summer's Pickin' On the Plains Bluegrass Festival.

Elevator costly for county

From "ELEVATOR," page 1

On Monday, Commissioners Ron Schamberger, Keith Kennedy and David Zimmerman were asked about their intent in addressing the need for an elevator.

"It's too expensive," Kennedy immediately snapped.

"He said it was his understanding installing an elevator in the courthouse would cost close to \$1 million dollars.

"It's an ongoing problem," Schamberger said about not complying with the Disabilities Act for the past 13 years.

The commissioners were asked what they are doing to assure taxpayers won't bear the responsibility should someone sue the county for non-compliance of the Act.

According to County Clerk Paula Bielser, Sheridan County maintains \$1 million in liability insurance per incident in the event taxpayers are sued.

"Like Keith said, we have a phone system down here in the bottom," Schamberger said of a phone on the ground floor for patrons to call upstairs for assistance.

All three commissioners said they don't know where the public stands on the issue of installing an elevator.

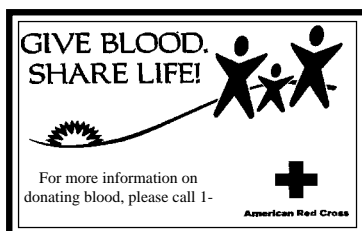
The possibility of talking a poll of residents and taxpayers is being considered and the topic of elevator installation is expected to be on future agendas.

Bergman on Monday said he has completely recovered from the fall.



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Sheridan County Appraiser David Stithem walked down the marble stairs in Sheridan County's three-story courthouse that does not have an elevator.



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A low estimate for this is \$5. Now, you're

down to a savings of \$9. Congratulations, you just drove three long, tedious hours from Wichita to K.C. to save yourself \$9. Which you are sure to lose just about the second you set foot in Vegas. And, oh yeah, don't forget you have to spend the same amount of money to get home. Ouch.

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