

Weather
Corner

Friday high
65, low 32

The forecast
Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low near 37. West northwest wind between 7 and 11 mph. **Friday** — Partly cloudy with a high around 65. North northwest wind around 7 mph becoming southeast. **Friday night** — Partly cloudy with a low near 32. North northwest wind between 6 and 8 mph. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 63. North northwest wind between 7 and 10 mph. **Saturday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 32. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 68. **Sunday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 34. **Monday** — Mostly sunny with a high around 71.

Temperatures
Wednesday's high, 81
Low this morning, 41
Records for this date, 82 in 1915, 4 in 1899
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
November's precipitation, 0.00

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

VFW ladies, 4-Hers start poppy sales

The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW, with the help of local 4-H clubs, is distributing poppies in the Colby area this week.

November is also poppy month and the time to salute the memory of those who sacrificed their health, their strength, even their lives that we might live in a free country.

The poppies used are made by disabled veterans as part of a therapy program in VA Medical Centers, she said. Donations for the "Buddy Poppies" provide money for special needs and to help veterans feel useful and needed again.

Historically, red poppies seem to pop up on battlefield and on soldiers' graves after a major war. The poppy seed lay dormant in the soil and when the soil is heavily turned our dug up it causes them to sprout with the most notable distribution taking place in World War I at Flanders Field in Belgium.

When someone comes by with poppies, Thieler said, "please remember veterans and wear the poppy to honor the dead by helping the living."

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College play begins tonight

The Colby Community College fall play, "Love Thy Neighbor," will be held at 7:30 p.m. tonight, Friday, and Saturday. Tickets are available at the Colby College Campus Bookstore located in the student union or at the door. Admission: \$5 adults and \$4 seniors and students. All Colby College faculty, staff and students are admitted free. Playwright, Gary Ray Stapp, a 1981 Colby College graduate, will be available to meet people after Friday's performance. In addition, Deb Bickner, drama instructor, wanted to remind everyone that there will be no Saturday or Sunday matinee for this production. The play will be presented three times only and all performances will be in the evening.

4-H officer training Friday

Officer training for 4-Hers is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m., Friday at the 4-H building located on the Thomas County fairgrounds. For those planning to eat pizza, officials need to know by noon on Friday. For questions, call Jan Poore, Thomas County Extension officie, (785) 460-4582.

Collection site workshop planned

A workshop will be held at Pioneer Memorial Library in Colby for instruction on how to use The Foundation Center's Cooperating Collection Site. The workshop begins at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 16, and there is no charge. The collection

site includes reference materials that are used in locating foundations to access grant funding for your cause. The collection includes different types of reference books, such as The Foundation Directory, Foundation Grants to Individuals, The Foundation Center's Guide to Winning Proposals, National Directory of Corporate Giving, and many others, as well as FC Search on CD Rom. For questions, call Debbie Tittel, 460-4470 or Western Prairie RC&D at 462-2602.

Induction ceremony Tuesday

The Colby High School Chapter of the National Honor Society will be hosting its induction ceremony for new members on Tuesday, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. The featured speaker will be Thomas County Attorney Andrea Wyrick. Those students to be inducted this year include: Ashley Barnes, Tisha Bieker, Lindsey Bugbee, Kristen Cox, Lauren Cox, Liz Erickson, Joseph Heier, Michael Juenemann, David Kinderknecht, Henry Lamm, Amanda McInay, Rishonna Martin, Sam Munderloh, Trenton Powell, Angela Rasmussen, Nicole Ritter, Cynthia Rothfuss, Trevor Siebert, Brandi Stupka, Rashaun Wilson, and Hannah Woofert. The public is invited to attend.

Brewster High plans dinner/theater

Brewster High School's drama department is hosting a dinner/theater, Saturday, Nov. 12, starting at 6 p.m. with dinner, followed by the play at 7:30 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. The play is entitled, "Here Comes the Judge." On Sun-

day, Nov. 13, an encore presentation will be held starting at 3 p.m. The play is free both Saturday and Sunday. The dinner portion of the Saturday event is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. The meal is being provided by the freshmen class, school officials said. Dinner tickets can be purchased from Aleisha Bremenkamp, Leanna Burkholder, Seth Carpenter, Chance Cranston, Melissa Crumrine, Chelsey Horney, Boone Huff, Britt Kammer, Ethan Kammer, Tyler O'Connor, T.J. Preston, Jeff Reid or Brittany Schuette.

Grandmothers focus of After 5 Club

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 must be made by Sunday, Nov. 12. To make a reservation, call Gloria Mattix, (785) 460-2705.

Christian School banquet set

The Heartland Christian School, Colby, is planning its "Partners for the Future Endowment" banquet, starting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 10, at the school, 1995 W. 4th. The deadline for buying tickets is Monday, said Kim Schriener, secretary. For questions, call 460-6419.

'Lunch-n-Learn' craft programs begin Tuesday

By Patty Decker

Free Press Editor

The Thomas County Extension Office is planning a series of holiday programs entitled "Lunch-n-Learns" with the first scheduled Tuesday from 12:05 to 12:55 p.m. During the program, said Diann Gerstner, family and consumer science agent, participants are asked to bring a sack lunch to eat while she presents some ideas for the holidays at the same time.

The purpose behind the series of programs, she said, is to share in the holiday magic with decorating and food ideas.

"I might not be a kid anymore," she said, "but when I see sparkling decorations and I smell cinnamon, vanilla or chocolate, visions of Christmas dance in my head."

Since time is precious, Gerstner encourages sack lunches so that she and others can be multitasking.

This first program, she said, will

be "Ode to Ornaments" with the idea of giving new life to old ornaments.

"Start decking the halls with what's new in holiday decorations," she said. "Sparkling bright ornaments for the tree and all around your home are the stars this season."

Gerstner will suggest trying brown, gold and even pastels for a twist on traditional Christmas colors.

"Thanks to these easy tech-

niques," she said, "participants can make the collection the night before Christmas or use the idea for making family memories at a craft table during Thanksgiving weekend."

The ideas and creations are limitless with even the possibility of making one-of-a-kind ornaments for special gifts for special people on the gift list, Gerstner said.

Other programs to follow include:

• Tuesday, Nov. 15, "Garnished

Gifts, Tables and More;"

• An extra also on Tuesday, Nov. 15, "Harvest of Holidays," from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Colby Community Building;

• Tuesday, Nov. 22, "Taste tantalizing Treats -Appetizers for the Holidays" and;

• Tuesday, Dec. 6, "Candy, Candy, Candy."

Details on each of the upcoming programs will appear in future editions of the *Colby Free Press*. For questions, call Gerstner at 460-4582. Tuesday's program and other programs are all being held at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave., except the Harvest of Holidays, which will be at the Colby Community Building.

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

A Colby man has pleaded not guilty and wants a jury trial to argue his case in a fourth driving under the influence charge.

Ronald L. Page, 61, will have a 12-person jury decide whether or not on Aug. 13 he drove drunk.

Documents filed in Thomas

County District Court say Page intentionally operated a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

The complaint filed in September says Page had a blood alcohol of "at least .08 grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath/100 milliliters of blood at the time or within two hours thereafter."

Charged with the fourth DUI offense, which is an off-grid nonperson felony, Page is also charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor, a Class B person misdemeanor, on Aug. 3.

District Judge Glenn Schiffner told Page he faces between 90 and 365 days in jail and a fine of not less than \$250. He could also be re-

quired to complete a drug and alcohol treatment program, have his car equipped with an ignition device or impounded for one year, and have a post-release supervision of one year.

A pre-trial hearing was set for 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 30 and a one day trial is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. on March 13.

Fort Hays State to host ag outlook conference

HAYS — Agribusiness, finance, marketing, education and farm production specialists will be at Fort Hays State University's Memorial Union on Friday for the Department of Agriculture's 28th annual Agriculture Outlook Conference.

Late registration is still open at a cost of \$45, but does not include the luncheon.

"The purpose of the conference is to update attendees on the current issues of economic significance to the agriculture industry," said Dr. John Greathouse, chair of the Agriculture Department.

"We also aim to inform viewers of the direction that commodity markets are headed this year," said Greathouse.

Conference speakers include Bernard F. Gehris, attorney with Burns, Figa & Will, P.C., in Englewood, Colo., specializing in water law, environmental law, agricul-

tural law and general litigation; Andrew Gottschalk, senior vice president for R.J. O'Brien & Associates and owner of privately held research company HedgersEdge.com, LLC, in Greenwood Village, Colo.; Dan Johnson, Hays, state representative for the 110th district and chair of the House Agriculture Committee; and Bob Young, chief economist for the American Farm Bureau Federation in Washington, DC. Greathouse and Fort Hays State University Provost Dr. Larry Gould will give the university welcome and opening remarks at 8:30 a.m.

Immediately following the open-

ing remarks, at 8:45 a.m., Young will present "A National and International Perspective on Agriculture and its Effects on Farmers." Following Young, Gehris will present "Diminishing Irrigation Aquifers: Regulatory or Economic Solutions?" at 9:45 a.m. A short break with refreshments is scheduled for 10:45 a.m., and Gottschalk will present "The Grain Situation and Outlook" at 11 a.m.

A prime rib luncheon is scheduled for 12 p.m. with Johnson's presentation, "Legislative Update from Topeka" following it at 1:15 p.m. Gottschalk will wrap up the series with his second presentation,

"The Livestock Situation and Outlook," at 1:45 p.m., and the conference will adjourn at 3 p.m.

Andrew Gottschalk, a past Fort Hays State University agriculture student, worked with the Department of Economics and Finance to start the annual conference.

For questions about the conference, call (785)-628-4206

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