

Weather
Corner



Highs near 90,
lows about 50

Tonight — Partly cloudy, then gradually becoming clear with a low around 48. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday — Mostly sunny with a high around 88. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east.

Thursday night — Mostly clear with a low near 49. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday — Mostly sunny with a high near 89. North wind around 10 mph.

Friday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 54.

Saturday — Partly cloudy with a high around 88.

Temperatures
Tuesday's high, 77
Low this morning, 40
Records for this date, 102 in 1927, 29 in 1976
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
May's precipitation, 0.32
Water Use Report from the Public Works Department
Wednesday, May 16
3,165,900 million gallons
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Briefly

Landfill closes for holiday
The Thomas County Landfill will close at noon, Saturday, May 27 and will remain closed Sunday and Monday, May 28-29.

County offices closed May 29
The Thomas County Courthouse and the Thomas County Health Department will be closed Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day and re-open Tuesday at 8 a.m.

Boosters sell Eagle sunglasses
The Colby Music Boosters are selling "Colby Eagle" sunglasses to benefit the music program at Colby Schools. Show your team spirit with these cool shades. Check them out at Jamu Books or contact any Music Booster club member.

Atwood to host open house
Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas will hold their annual open house from 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 23 at Wheatland Developmental Center, 1675 W. Fourth in Atwood. This will be a chance for people to learn more about the organization's programs, as well as have input into future classes, programs and services for people with developmental disabilities. The public is invited to come to the event and visit with staff. Refreshments will be provided. For information, call 462-3012.

Heartland Share delivery Saturday
Heartland Share delivery is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, at Sacred Heart School gym. The May menu is four pounds of chicken fries, deli sliced ham, hot dogs, boneless chicken wings, one pound bacon, cucumbers, potatoes, cabbage,

green peppers, green onions, apples, lemons, surprise package. A share is \$20.50 plus two volunteer hours. A few shares are still available. Call 460-8640 or 460-3579.

City-wide garage sale planned
The Colby High Plains Lions Club in conjunction with the Highway 25 Association is sponsoring a city-wide garage sale, Saturday, June 10, said Hazel Estes, Lions Club member. This is the second year for this event. For questions or to sign up, call either Estes at (785) 460-0557; Mary Hurr, (785) 443-1886; or Francis Britton, (785) 460-6426 (evenings).

'Bridging the Gap' Saturday
"Bridging the Gap," a special day for mothers and young women, is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. Fifth St.

Pride of the Prairie Orchestra to perform Saturday

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will have its finale performance at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, in the Colby High School auditorium. "The orchestra will be pleased to feature several talented young musicians from the northwest Kansas area," said Sharon Kriss, publicity. Emily Cox will perform a French horn concerto by Strauss. Reed Shoaff will perform a trumpet concerto by Hummel.

Andrew Vrbas and Stanton Nelson will each perform a movement of Concerto in A minor for violin, she said. The Double Violin Concerto will be performed by student orchestra members Maleen Michel, Haley Kistler, Andrew Vrbas, and Mary Beth Myers. The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra is directed by Juliann Groom who is the Atwood High School

Band Director. Persons who will be participating in the May concert are: Donna Engel, Kathy Spencer, Andrew Vrbas, Maleen Michel, Haley Kistler, Kevin Seymour, Mary Beth Myers, Andrew Vrbas, Jan Wolf, David Younger, Bob Nicholas, Sharon Kriss, Leona Dickman, Anne Schalker, Sharon Steele, Renea Reasoner, Eileen Jones, John Tole, Holli Linman, Randi Donley,

Reed Shoaff, Leanna Larmer, Denise Shoff, Bruce Frahm, Bob Kelly, Alex Kleinsorge, Mary Shoaff, and Andrew Salvador. The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra is supported by the Friends of the Orchestra. Few small rural communities have available to them an opportunity to hear and support an orchestral event such as this. Admission to the concert will be

by Friends of the Orchestra membership or tickets available at the door. "During intermission orchestra members would like to invite the audience to join them for dessert in the commons area," Kriss said. "Please join the orchestra for a delightful evening as we all enjoy the finale performance entitled 'The Young People's Concert,'" Kriss said.

Colby High School seniors recognized for accomplishments

By Patty Decker
Free Press Editor

More than 30 Colby High School seniors were presented scholarships, certificates, or other honors during the annual awards ceremony held May 9. Valedictorian Elaine Lamm was also the recipient of 19 honors — the most handed out at the ceremony. Ten students were again recognized as members of the National Honor Society and two seniors were named Wendy's Scholarship recipients. The 10 inducted into the honor society were Lamm, Zanae Baird, Emily Dougherty, Kassie Jacob, Amanda McIlnay, Shea McKee, Robyn Schmid, Paul Schrick, Nikole Schroeder and Scott Smith. The Wendy's Heisman Scholarship recipients were Jeremy Dietz and Baird. Nick Howard and Baird were recognized with the citizenship award from the state activities association and Lamm was also one of the state's top honor students receiving the Kansas Scholar award. Seven students ranked in the top 10 percent of their graduating class. They were Dougherty, Jacob, Lamm, McKee, Schmid, Schrick and Smith. Three universities wanted Jessica Stephens to join their track and cross country teams. She was awarded a full scholarship from Fort Hays State for track

and cross country, and both Kansas State and Wichita State offered track and cross country scholarships too. Kansas State also presented Stephens with an incoming freshman academic scholarship. The following is a complete listing of the seniors recognized and awards they received. • Stuart Aiken received the National Merit Scholarship Program (letter of commendation) and the Certificate for Exceptional Academic Performance. • Zanae Baird, a member of the National Honor Society, also received the Topeka Capital Award, Principal's Leadership Award, USA Funds Scholarship, and three Fort Hays State University honors — Cross County Scholarship,

Bronze Academic Award, and Award of Excellence. In addition, she received a Leadership Scholarship from Colby College, a certificate and plaque for the Keane Young Award, the Dale Dennis

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Catbackers golf tournament nears

Northwest Kansas Catbackers 29th annual golf tournament, dinner and auction will be held Thursday at Colby Country Club. Kansas State alumni and their friends are invited to see new head football coach Ron Prince and linebackers coach Matt Wallerstedt. Shotgun start golf tournament begins at 10:30 a.m. The meal and auction starts at 6:30 p.m. Those interested can call 462-6691 for reservations.

Final concert for Western Plains planned in Quinter

The 2005-06 season of Western Plains Arts Association will close with the Alferd Packer Memorial String Band performance in the Quinter High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m., Saturday. "The band performs a lively show of contemporary and traditional bluegrass and American folk music," said Mary Beth Akers, medi correspondent. "Its six members sing and play fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin, hammer dulcimer, accordion, bass, shotgun and washboard." Complementing their musical presentation are their 1870s costumes and raucous humor, Akers said. Admission is by Western Plains Arts Association season pass or at the door: adults \$8, children \$4. This program is presented in part by Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency and National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Emma L. Hamel
will be celebrating
her 102'nd Birthday
on Wednesday,
May 24th. Cards
may be sent to her
at Infinia, 105 E.
College Drive,
Room 209,
Colby, KS 67701

Thank You!

The family of Lee Hensley would like to say thank you to everyone for all of your thoughts, prayers and donations over the past couple of weeks. Everyone's generosity has helped us get through this difficult time. Words cannot express how much your thoughtfulness is appreciated.
Thank You!

COMMENCEMENT '06

TAYLOR COLE GARCIA



I plan on attending college to wrestle and major in Physical Health and Education with a minor in Coaching.
PARENTS: Joe and Denise Garcia
Alicia Riedel

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Because of production errors in Friday's Graduation Section, mistakes were found. Above are the corrections. When errors occur, please call 462-3963.

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Presenter: Dan Diederich is both an Attorney and a Certified Public Accountant. Mr. Diederich operates a law practice focused on family estate planning, and has prepared living trusts for residents throughout the state of Kansas. Mr. Diederich is a frequent public speaker on the subject of family estate planning and thousands of people have attended his seminars and learned how to protect their estates from probate costs, estate taxes, and have learned how to protect their children's inheritance from creditors claims, spousal claims and divorces.

Wakeeney, KS
Monday, May 22
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Wakeeney Public Library
Community Room
610 Russell Ave.

Oakley, KS
Tuesday, May 23
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Northwest Kansas
Educational Service Center
703 W. 2nd

Colby, KS
Wednesday, May 24
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn Express
645 W. Willow

Goodland, KS
Thursday, May 25
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Northwest Kansas
Technical College
Student Union, Lion's Room
1209 Harrison

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