

Weather
Corner

Highs 93,
lows 68

Tonight — The forecast is calling for a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy with a low around 68. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday — Partly sunny, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 93. Calm wind becoming southeast around 5 mph.

Friday night — Clear, with a low around 68. south wind around 10 mph.

Saturday — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 95. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Sunday — The forecast is calling for a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 91.

Sunday night — A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a low around 63.

Monday — Aslight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a high near 93.

Temperatures
Wednesday's high,
Low this morning,
Records for this date, 206 in 1947, 47 in 1985
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
August's precipitation, 1.52
Water Use Report
Wednesday, Aug. 9
• 2,288,800 gallons
3.5 million = Water Watch.
4 million = Water Warning
4.5 million = Water Emergency

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

Briefly

Fans available for those in need
Because of the hot temperatures, the Thomas County Sheriff's office and Thomas County Health Department in association with the Salvation Army, have fans available for those in need of one. For questions, call Deputy Jane McDougal, 460-4570 or Kathy Ryan at 460-4596

Marathon bridge fundraiser nears
The American Association of University Women is again sponsoring its Marathon Bridge Tournament from September through May as a fundraising event to help pay educational scholarships for Thomas County girls.
Anyone interested in playing for this cause can call Sharon Kriss at 460-2800 for details. In the 30 years the group has been sponsoring the marathon, Kriss said more than \$20,000 has been raised for scholarships.

Square dance Saturday
The Golden Buckle square dance club will meet at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Colby Community Building. For information, call Lanny Weakland.

Disability support group to meet
A support group for individuals with disabilities will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at Colby United Methodist Church. The support group members offer each other emotional support, information and opportunities to solve problems. There is no cost and refreshments will be served. For information, call 462-7600.

New student enrollment Friday
Enrollment for new students at Colby Public Schools is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, in either the grade school, middle school or high school, depending on the student's age.
In addition, the Thomas County Academy, the Colby School District's charter school, is accepting fall enrollment applications for students in fifth through eighth grades. For information on the charter school, call Principal Diana Wieland at (785) 460-5004 or e-mail her at: dwieland@colbyeagles.org. For questions on general enrollment, call the administration office at 460-5000 or individual buildings: grade school, 460-5100; middle school, 460-5200 or high school, 460-5300.

Bible School scheduled
First Baptist Church of Colby and College View Baptist Church will hold "The Time Stone Travelers" Vacation Bible School Aug. today through Saturday. Times are from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. There will be games, crafts, snacks, music, Bible stories and a missionary from Brazil. Attendance is kindergarten through fifth grade. The event will be held at First Baptist Church, 615 W. Webster. For information, call Pastor Brad Herndon at First Baptist at 462-2867 or Jim Myers at College View at 460-7144.

High school yearbooks arrive
The 2006 Colby High School yearbooks can now be picked up from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, during enrollment in the commons area, said Donna Henry, journalism instructor and yearbook coordinator. Extra yearbooks are also available for purchase. Graduates can pick up their yearbooks after Friday in the high school office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Higher taxes coming for Logan County residents

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

Logan County taxpayers will face higher taxes in 2007 if the proposed budget for next year is approved.
A public hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday for anyone who wants to know why expenditures are increasing about \$610,886 dollars.
According to figures outlined on the county's budget summary, the mill levy will jump 3.7 mills. This brings the county mill levy close to the 62.8 mills of 2005.
The mill levy in 2006 was set at 57.9 mills.
Every expenditure line item listed on the budget summary increased for next year.
The general fund rose from \$1,699,175 to \$1,936,731.
Even the battle over prairie dogs caused an increase, with \$100,000 to be spent in 2007, compared to the \$90,910 spent in 2006.
Logan County's assessed valuation for 2007 is proposed at \$40,131,968, which is down from \$40,499,541 in 2006.
Compared to 2005, next year's figure will have increased \$6,185,938.
Logan County Clerk Pat Schippers said overall the county is in good shape financially.
Schippers said Logan County has a purchase policy which states anything over \$500 must have approval from the commissioners.
"This holds true with every department with the exception of the road and noxious weed departments," Schippers said.
"With the purchase of tires, fuel and repairs, along with chemical purchases, these departments use their discretion unless it creates a budget balance problem with cash."
Schippers said most department heads ask for board approval for purchases even if it is for only a few hundred dollars.
"Overall, we do a good job holding the line," she said.
"If someone does happen to step outside the box the commissioners usually catches it and question it. Rarely is there any controversy resulting from a purchase."

Parade train

TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

The Colby Rotary's entry in the Thomas County Free Fair parade Saturday was an unconventional train. The lawn mower-powered iron horse was one of many entries in the annual parade, which had a theme of "Keepers of the Heartland," saluting the Kansas Army National Guard.

Sheridan County preparing for its 2007 budget hearing

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

Sheridan County taxpayers may have to dig deeper in their pockets to pay for goods and services if county's proposed 2007 budget is approved.
A public hearing will be held at 10 a.m. Monday for the budget which is going from \$3,706,013 last year to \$4,634,696.
The change creates an estimated tax increase of about 1.8 mills, which will take Sheridan County back to where it was in 2005 when expenses were at 68 mills.
"The levy is up," David Leopold, the county's auditor said. "A little higher mill levy means everybody's taxes will go up."
The 2007 mill levy is set at 68.4

mills, compared to 2006 which was at 66.6 mills.
A mill is the amount property owners are charged per \$1,000 of property valuation.
Commissioners David Zimmerman, Ron Schamberger and Keith Kennedy are asking taxpayers to finance the 2007 budget on a proposed assessed valuation of \$35,137,935.
Assessed valuation in 2005 was \$31,442,107. In 2006 it was \$33,498,143.
County Clerk Paula Bielser said the increase in valuation stems predominantly from recent oil and gas lease transactions. She said it is too early to tell how much the increase will change the county's financial picture.
"The increase of \$2,157,397 is based in oil value, which can disappear as fast as we get it," she said.
While not set in stone, Sheridan County employees are anticipating a salary hike between 2.5 and 3 percent.
"With gas going up to nearly \$3 a gallon, that's barely going to pay for the increase in gas," Bielser said.

Only one line item in the proposed budget took a jump.
Sheridan County's road and bridge department budget for 2007 is up to \$1,236,832.
"This is mainly because of fuel costs," Leopold said. "Really, there has been a very small increase in the levy since 2005."
Valuation has gone up every year, and every time valuation goes up it allows the commissioners to raise more money with the same mill levy."
Schmaberger agreed.
"Energy costs almost doubled from last year," he said. "You couldn't forecast diesel going up and we had one major break down in 2006."
Leopold said the road and bridge department will start 2007 with \$229,058 less in cash than it did in 2006. In 2006, the road and bridge department had \$245,581 which were not committed to pay for goods and services. In 2007, that figure goes down to \$16,523.
Fuel and repairs were not the only big ticket items to cause uncommitted cash to down in the road and bridge department.
In 2006, the commissioners spent almost half a million dollars on equipment. Included in the purchases was one motor grader for \$107,984 and a second one for \$104,246; a new landfill compactor for \$90,000; one pickup costing \$23,500 and two other pickups purchased through the state's fleet program at \$15,885 each.

Faced with a Drinking Problem?
Perhaps
Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help
Meetings are Open to the Public
City Hall Basement
Mondays & Thursdays - 8-30 p.m.

New policy would work for non-profits

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Board president Tracy Rogers said the new policy would work, if the use is limited to non-profit groups and the reason the buses are used is in Thomas County.
"If it stays in the county I don't have a problem," he said.
Board member Gerry Fulwider said it would be best to leave the policy the same, and leave any decisions up to the superintendent.
"Some hard decisions are going

to have to be made and some people are going to be mad if we adopt the new policy," he said.
In other business, the board approved:
• Emergency substitute license for Travis Branum.
• Out of district student requests for Hailey and Paige Fryback, Joshua Ashbaugh and Mathew Huff.
• The hiring of Roger Binder for the food service department.
• Supplemental contracts for:

Hypnosis
1x2
place 85 %
ad in truck
box

STORE HOURS:
9:00-7:00 Monday,
Tues., Wed., Thurs.
9:00-5:30, Fri. & Sat.

For the Record

The following arrests or incidents have been provided by either the Thomas County Sheriff's office or the Colby Police Department. All suspects were booked into the county jail and are presumed innocent until proven guilty.
The Thomas County Jail is used by Colby, Oakley, Logan and Thomas counties.
Thomas County Sheriff's office
Friday, Aug. 4
• **Driving while suspended:** John Samuel Kuder Sr., 29, of Colby, was arrested at 4:15 p.m. by the Kansas Highway Patrol on U.S. Highway 83 near milemarker 155. He was charged with driving while suspended and no proof of insurance.
Kuder was given a notice to appear on both charges with a court date of Sept. 12.
• **Fire call:** The sheriff's office responded to a fire call at 3:01 p.m. in the 700 block of Illinois in Brewster.
Colby Police Department
Sunday, Aug. 6
• **Damage:** Police were called at

12:12 a.m. to the Super 8 Motel regarding a vehicle hitting an awning. No other details available.
• **Alcohol violation:** Police were called to Twisters on College Drive at 1:37 a.m.
The reporting party told authorities that a lot of high school age youth were inside the bar. It was unknown if any of the students were drinking.
• **Criminal threat:** Police were called at 2:59 a.m. of someone being threatened by another person in the 1100 block of South Franklin.
• **Burglary:** Police, with assistance from the sheriff's office, responded to a call at 6:27 a.m. from an individual who said their vehicle was burglarized in the 200 block of North School.
• **Parking complaint:** Prompted by a call at 10:43 a.m., police towed a motorhome that had been parked for at least two weeks on the street in the 800 block of South Garfield.
• **Animal complaint:** Police were advised at 12:17 p.m. of a dog locked in the cab of a pickup parked at Wal-Mart, 115 W. Willow St. Police spoke to the owners.

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NOW PLAYING:
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COLBY CINEMA
& ARCADE
AUG. 4 - AUG. 10

TALLADEGA NIGHTS
Fri. & Sat. : 7:00 & 9:00 (PG-13)
Sun. - Thurs.: 7:00 1:50

BARNYARD
Fri. & Sat. : 7:15 & 9:15 (PG)
Sun - Thurs. : 7:15 1:30

COLBY THEATRE
AUG. 4 - AUG. 10

YOU, ME, AND DUPREE
Fri. & Sat. : 7:00 & 9:00 (PG-13)
Sun. - Thurs: 7:00 1:50

WINNER OF 2 MOVIE PASSES:
CLAIR SCHROCK
(Pickup pass at the Colby Free Press. Pass expires in 7 days)

Make a Difference
RECYCLE

SIZZLING
SUMMER
SALES EVENT

Thursday, Friday, Saturday ~ August 10th, 11th, 12th

Entire Stock of Suits	Reduced 25%
Sportcoats (Select Group)	Reduced 50%
Short Sleeve Sport Shirts (Over 150 in stock!)	Reduced 50%
Short Sleeve Knit Shirts	Reduced 40%
Tall Men Sportshirts	Reduced 50%
Tall Men Short Sleeve Knit Shirts	Reduced 40%
Short Sleeve Silk Crewneck Shirts	Reduced 50%
Short Sleeve Banded Bottom Knit Shirts	Reduced 50%
Men's Walking Shorts	Reduced 50%
Men's Lightweight Jackets	Reduced 50%
Ties (One Group, values to \$35)	Now \$10.99 ea.

All Sales On Sale Merchandise Final
Alterations on Sale Merchandise Extra

HIS SHOP

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