

Weather
Corner



Tonight — Mostly clear with a low around 53. South wind around 10 mph.

Thursday — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 82. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday night — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 55. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Friday — A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a high near 78. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday night — A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 53.

Saturday — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a high near 74.

Saturday night — A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 54.

Sunday — Partly cloudy with a high near 77.

Temperatures
Tuesday's high, 77
Low this morning, 46
Records for this date, 105 in 1931, 39 in 1956
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
September's precipitation, 0.65

Briefly

Childcare provider training set

Smart Start Northwest Kansas and Colby Community College Resource and Referral are sponsoring a "For Your Information" orientation for new daycare providers from 7 to 10 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 21 at Colby Community College library basement, room 253. This training is free of charge and open to anyone interested in becoming a licensed childcare provider in northwest Kansas. Training will cover licensing requirements, fire safety regulations, taxes, Resource and Referral assistance, and Smart Start funding assistance. Northwest Kansas has experienced a baby boom in the past year and many families are finding quality childcare difficult to locate, said Karen Merryman, Smart Start professional development coordinator. Most current

childcare facilities are full and being forced to turn away new clients. For information or to register call 785-462-3984 ext. 250 or toll free 1-888-634-9350 ext. 250.

Scrapbooking event Saturday

Heartland Christian School is sponsoring a charity scrapbooking event from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, at the school, 1995 W. Fourth St., Colby. To register, call Tonya Winger, coordinator, at 462-3677 or e-mail: twinger@st-tel.net

Chamber plans golf/poker tourney

The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce has

scheduled a golf and poker tournament with participants able to choose golf, poker or both, said Holly Stephens, executive director.

Registration information is available at the office, 350 S. Range Ave., or by calling, 460-3401. The deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Chamber luncheon Friday

The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon is noon, Friday, at Montana Mike's, 1855 S. Range Ave. with Shawn Yost from Oscheln Farm and Home Supply in Colby. All Chamber members and guests are invited. For questions, call Executive Director Holly Stephens, 460-3401.

Sheridan County employees no longer use credit cards

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

Sheridan County employees no longer have credit cards to use for out of town meetings or emergencies.

County Clerk Paula Bielser on Tuesday said she was told by Commissioners David Zimmerman, Ron Schamberger and Keith Kennedy county employees could no longer use credit cards she had ordered.

"They don't want anyone having them so I sent them back," Bielser

said.

Bielser ordered credit cards as a way to reduce paperwork and out of pocket expenses when employees travel to meetings requiring meals and lodging.

She also saw the need for cards for emergencies during travel.

Despite Bielser's decision complying with county policy that department heads can spend up to \$500 without commission approval, her decision was overruled by the board of commissioners.

"We had credit cards a long time ago and people weren't using them

so we wanted them sent back," Zimmerman said.

"If the cards are needed we will look at the issue again."

Bielser said all but two department heads had \$200 credit limits on the cards. The county appraiser and emergency medical service had \$500 limits.

County Appraiser David Stithem, also an emergency medical technician, is required to attend multiple meetings which force him to stay in a motel multiple nights.

As a way to lessen the amount Stithem is required to pay out of

pocket Bielser took advantage of a credit card offer.

Bielser, who is also an emergency medical technician, had an experience while on an ambulance run which added to her decision to order the cards.

She said while traveling to Salina a tire on blew out and needed replacement.

"Fortunately we got somebody to come out and help us out," she said. "We were held up out on the road for more than an hour."

Bielser said buying gasoline in cities such as Denver, Salina and

Wichita is getting increasingly more difficult for those driving the ambulance.

"Just about every where you go you need to have a credit card," she said.

Emergency Medical Service Director Deb Kaufman said since her department doesn't have a credit card drivers take cash for gas.

She said she is glad businesses do not view the ambulance service as a credit risk.

"We get a bill and they are fairly good about it," she said.

"Since we are a county entity they aren't too worried about it."

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.

Colby Police Department
Tuesday, Aug. 26

• **Domestic:** A domestic disturbance sent police to the 1900 block of South Range Avenue at 12:53

a.m. A report is on file of the incident.

• **Alarm:** A door alarm in the 100 block of College Avenue went off at 12:55 a.m. and police were advised that an employee didn't enter the code correctly.

• **Noise complaint:** Police were advised of a loud music complaint in the 1100 block of South Franklin Avenue at 1:05 a.m.

All officers were busy on domestic at time of call and when they arrived were unable to locate anything noise related.

• **Traffic complaint:** An individual stopped by the law enforcement center at 10:32 a.m. regarding a pickup speeding and revving its engine earlier in the 400 block of South Mission Ridge. Police spoke to those involved.

• **Service rendered:** A clerk at the Oasis Travel Shop, 700 W. Horton, requested police at 3:38 p.m. to assist in removing a female transient in a van from the parking lot.

• **Disorderly:** Police were advised at 3:43 p.m. of a teenage boy urinating on a bench at South Park

Apartments.

The individual was spoken to and a report was filed.

• **Noise complaint:** Authorities were unable to locate the source of loud music reported at 10:06 p.m. in the 1100 block of South Franklin.

• **Traffic:** Police were advised of three motorcycles west of town possibly driving at a high rate of speed at 11:11 p.m.

The motorcyclists were stopped going under the speed limit at the Oasis Travel Shop and given a warning.

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Brewster Homecoming Royalty Candidates. Pictured Back Row L-R: Audrey Hoyt, Sarah Flanders, Dani Bedore. Front Row L-R: Tim Knox, Andrew Starns, Ryan Edmundson

BREWSTER
HIGH SCHOOL

Homecoming Festivities

Wednesday, September 6th

What do I want to be when I grow up Day!

Thursday, September 7th

Color War Day
Jersey Auction at 8:00 followed by
Pep Rally & Bonfire

Friday, September 8th

Spirit Day
Downtown Pep Rally at 3:15
Worker Auction at 5:45
Homecoming Game at 7:00
Crowing of Royalty at Half Time



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