

Weather Corner



Thunderstorms possible today

Tonight — The forecast is calling for a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy with a low around 63. South wind around 15 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 85. Breezy, with a southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Saturday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 47. West wind around 10 to 15 mph becoming north.

Sunday — Mostly sunny with a high near 69. Breezy with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Sunday night** — Forecast calls for mostly clear skies with a low around 41.

Monday — Mostly sunny with a high near 65. **Monday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 40. **Tuesday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 66.

Temperatures
Thursday's high, 90
Low this morning, 59
Records for this date, 98 in 1955, 33 in 1961
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
September's precipitation, 0.85

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

Briefly

Amusement group meets Monday

The Thomas County Amusement Association, a group of volunteers coordinating the home-owned carnival, will hold its regular meeting at 8 p.m., Monday, in the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave., Colby. The meeting is open to the public and anyone with suggestions, ideas or wanting to help is encouraged to attend.

Gaither video Sunday

Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine, is sponsoring a Gaither video concert, "Give it Away," 6 p.m., Sunday. The concert features the Gaither Vocal Band's new concert. The event is free and open to everyone. For questions, call 462-8391.

Stadium project on agenda

The Colby School Board will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, in the boardroom of the Administration Building, 600 W. Third St. Items on the agenda include approval of the consent agenda; reports from the curriculum director, principals and superintendent; stadium project report; establishment of a timeline for administrative evaluations; a discussion on research about replacing a car in the district fleet and personnel issues, if necessary. The meeting is open to the public.

Community soccer begins Saturday

Community soccer is forming in Colby and anyone age 14 and older is welcome to get into a "pick-up" game at every Saturday. These games begin at 9 a.m. and are just for fun. No pre-registration is required. The first fall game begins

Saturday at the corner of 10th Street and Thompson Avenue (northeast side of Colby). The last game will be Saturday, Oct. 28. The games are affiliated with the American Youth Soccer Association. For questions, call Tim Peterson at (785) 846-7834 or e-mail: ccfarmlink@yahoo.com

Outdoor skills day deadline today

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks is again co-sponsoring a Youth Outdoor Skills Day starting at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, at 2153 County Road X (Tom Jones' farm ground). The skills day includes a variety of outdoor events under the guidance of qualified instructors. To register, call Matt Bain, 462-3367 or Benny Young, 462-7602, both with the Wildlife and Parks Department. The signup deadline is today.

Arts Association begins season

Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians will kick off the first Western Plains Arts Association event of the season at 3 p.m., Sunday, in the Hoxie High School auditorium. Admission is by season pass or at the door for \$15, adults and \$8, students. This presentation is supported by Mid-America Arts Alliance with generous underwriting by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Kansas Arts commission, and foundations, corporations and individuals throughout Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas, said Mary Beth Akers, publicity.

Hot dog eating contest nears

The High Plains Lions Club is sponsoring its first hot dog eating contest at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 23, in the Dillons parking lot, 1605 S. Range Ave. The contest is free and of-

fers two age divisions — under 18 and over 18. All competitors welcome. For questions, call Roger Hale, club member, 460-2838.

Auxiliary to meet in October

The Colby Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, Oct. 10, at the Post home, 220 Lake. Kathy Koon, district president will be in Colby for the annual inspection. The group will meet for lunch at 11:45 a.m. at China Buffet then go to the Post home for the meeting at 2 p.m.

College board meets Monday

The Colby Community College board of trustees meets at 5 p.m., Monday, in the board room of Thomas Hall on campus. Items on the agenda include approval of agreements Salina Regional Health Center, Hays Medical Center, Westwood One/CNN Network, and Goodland Regional Medical Center. The board will also consider Approval of employment contracts, integrated marketing plan, van purchases and consideration of resignation. The board will also hear reports from Dr. Lynn Kreider, president; other administrative personnel; and trustees.

Youth soccer meeting set

A parent meeting for all American Youth Soccer Association soccer players is 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave. Officials for the AYSA in Colby remind players the first game scheduled for Saturday has been postponed. The new date is Saturday, Sept. 23. Schedules for times and dates of all games will be mailed prior to the first game.

College instructor recognized for contribution to ethics book

By Debbie Schwanke
Public Information Officer

Micheal McVay, social sciences division chair at Colby Community College, was recently recognized for his contribution to the ninth edition of Ethics Theory and Practice written by Dr. Jacques P. Thiroux.



M. McVay

McVay, who has been an instructor at Colby College since 1989, was acknowledged by the authors and the publisher Prentice Hall for

his contributions and review of the publication.

"Several of the suggestions I made to the publisher were incorporated into the book," he said. "Case studies were updated and a section on the Terri Schiavo case was added that I and the other named reviewers suggested be included. Most of the changes and updates I suggested dealt with allowing someone to die, mercy death and mercy killing."

McVay discusses these topics in the "Introduction to Ethics" class which is a requirement for the college's nursing, criminal justice and business students.

"Several students have written term papers covering the ethical considerations of the Schiavo

case," said McVay. "I utilized the valuable research they provided to me in submitting the revisions for the updated edition."

McVay earned his bachelor's degree in Religious Education-Social Work with a minor in Psychology from Phillips University in Enid, Okla. He received his master's degree in counseling from Fort Hays State University.

"The text, which was first published almost 30 years ago, has been widely used around the world. It was a privilege to be asked by Prentice Hall to be a reviewer for this ninth edition of Dr. Thiroux's book as I have used the sixth, seventh and eighth editions in teaching my classes at CCC."

Marienthal man pleads guilty in cattle deaths

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

A Marienthal man has pleaded guilty in Logan County District Court to killing cattle in Logan County on May 3.

Jaycee Ray Crow pleaded guilty to criminal damage to property for

shooting and killing three cattle owned by Cameron Edwards.

Crow, represented by Doug Spencer of Oakley, waived his rights to a preliminary hearing and was arraigned in Logan County District Court Thursday.

As part of a plea agreement, Logan County Attorney Andrea Wy-

rick asked District Judge Glenn Schiffner to dismiss one charge of criminal damage to property for Crow's alleged shooting and killing a buffalo owned by Richard L. Duff of Scott City. The buffalo was pastured in Logan County at the time of the alleged shooting.

Criminal damage to property is a

level nine nonperson felony punishable by a prison term between five and 17 months and a fine up to \$100,000.

Sentencing has been set for Dec. 7.

Unable to post a bond, Crow will remain in the Thomas County jail until sentencing.

Library begins new activity

Every third Tuesday of the month, beginning Tuesday, students (grades six through eight) can meet at Pioneer Memorial Library, 375 W. Fourth St., for guided activities, games and snacks.

The first week's theme will be "Peeps Jousting."

"This event involves marshmallow "peeps" and it should be fun but it won't be pretty," said Judy Klein-

sorge, children's librarian.

Other dates are "Monster Mash," Oct. 17; "I Spy," Nov. 21 and Yadihoh Ytrap (think backwards) Dec. 19.

Participants meet in the library basement from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. The program is free and no registration is required.

Call 460-4470 or stop by the library for information.

Health training event set

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

Sheridan County residents can participate in a public health training exercise Oct. 6 in Hoxie.

Health Nurse Melanie Cooper is promoting the preparedness drill as a way to help educate the public about its part in preparing for a health emergency.

"The emergency could be different types of scenarios," Cooper said, "but the procedure to mass dispense pharmaceuticals and information is much the same."

Earlier this year, Cooper and her staff hosted a training exercise to help educate volunteers who will assist residents should a major public health emergency occur.

The drill scheduled for 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hoxie High School gymnasium will allow volunteers to put their training into action. Flu shots are expected to be given to the public wanting them.

"At this time, we do not know the status of the influenza vaccine shipments," Cooper said. "But the drill is planned with the expectation that at least some, if not all, our vaccine will be available."

Volunteers will receive more training prior to the exercise, and it is tentatively scheduled for 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 5. Anyone who would like to volunteer their time

and learn more about mass dispensing can contact the Sheridan County Public Health office at (785) 675-2101.

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