

Weather
Corner



Snow possible
early Thursday

Tonight — A chance of rain and snow before 1 a.m., then a slight chance of snow. Mostly cloudy with a low around 27. Blustery, with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent. New snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. **Thursday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 50. Breezy with a north wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph. **Thursday night** — Clear with a low around 27. Northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph. **Friday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 60. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Friday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 36. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 66. **Saturday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 39. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with a high around 69.

Temperatures
Tuesday's high, 44
Low this morning, 35
Records for this date, 90 in 1955, 17 in 1896
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.47
October's precipitation, 1.75
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119.

Briefly

Voter registration until Oct. 23

People can register to vote in Thomas County until 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23 for the November general election, said county clerk Shelly Harms. They can register at the courthouse, 300 N. Court Ave.; Department of Motor Vehicles, 990 S. Range; Colby Post Office, 535 N. Court, or online. In addition, registered voters can apply for an advanced voter application until Monday, Nov. 6. For questions, call the clerk's office, 460-4500.

Fair Board meets Thursday

The Thomas County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday at the 4-H Building at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Items on the agenda include approval of the Sept. 14 minutes; Thomas County Extension Agent report; bills and financial report; committee reports on the grounds, rodeo, parade, demolition derby, races, fair book and advertising expenses and income; and a discussion on the Pickin' on the Plains blue grass festival contract terms.

Essay contest deadline Nov. 1

The Masonic Grand Lodge of Kansas is sponsoring an essay contest with this year's topic: *How is Trade with China Affecting Life in America*. The contest is now in its 48th year and junior and senior public high school students are eligible. A total of \$12,000 will be awarded: first place, \$4,000; second, \$3,000; third place, \$2,000; and fourth, \$1,000. Four honorable mentions will receive \$500 each. Essays must be submitted to the local Masonic Lodge on or before Nov. 1 to be judged for the statewide competition. In Colby, send essays to: St. Thomas Lodge, P.O. Box 421, Colby, Kan. 67701.

Fall Extravaganza scheduled

Colby Sacred Heart School is planning its Fall Extravaganza from 3 to 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 9, at the school, 1150 W. Sixth St. In addition to the many vendors participating, there will also be bierocks and cinnamon rolls available for pre-order by calling 460-2813.

Tootsie Roll Drive begins Friday

The Colby Knights of Columbus annual Tootsie Roll Drive is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. "When you see those friendly gentlemen in their bright yellow and red aprons, please be generous so aid may continue to those special people with disabilities," said Dick Parnell, chairman of

Construction begins on new Winona fire station

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

Residents in and around Winona will have a new fire station to call their own.

Construction on a 60-foot by 80-foot station started in late September.

While no firm completion date has been set, Winona Fire Chief Shawn Plummer hopes the work will be finished before winter.

"We don't have an expected completion date, but the walls are up and the rafters are ready to go on," he said Wednesday.

The new station is a \$389,994 project which originated under the Kan-Step program which allows recipients of grant money to contribute on a 60-40 basis.

Kan-Step is an acronym for Kansas Small Town Environment Program and is part of the Kansas Department of Commerce.

The Kansas program is the only one in the United States allowing building construction like this going on in Winona.

For the new station, the Kan-Step contributed \$232,600 in grant money and Winonans contributed \$157,394 in labor and private individuals, equipment use.

Plummer said Winona's city superintendent and assistant fire chief, Mike Margheim, was instrumental in the town's award of the grant.

"Mike did a lot of the leg work in the beginning," he said.

Besides Margheim, Plummer said volunteers from Winona and southwestern Logan County have helped with the building.

"We are doing all the work. We've contracted out the materials, but our match will be in sweat equity," Plummer said.

Until now, Winona's fire department has been housed in a building cooperatively owned by Logan County.

The building originally had two fire truck bays, but two more were added and the ownership was shared on a one-fourth and three-fourth basis between Winona and the county respectively.

"The city has one fire truck and the county has five trucks and one rescue unit now," Plummer said.

The new building will house more than just the fire department.

Plummer said when completed, the Wick structure will house the ambulance, an emergency medical meeting room and a community room. "Someday we hope to add a kitchen," he said.

The new fire station is located just to the northwest of the current station on Main Street in Winona.

Thank You!

It has been one year ago today, that Mark was diagnosed with Leukemia. I wanted everyone to know how much I still appreciate all of your thoughts, prayers and words of encouragement. I believe that is what made Mark's cancer story a successful one. A very special thank you to our favorite little town of Brewster for all of their love and kindness.

Sincerely,
Jamie Flanders & family

State seeks 'clean sweep' of ag pesticides

No questions asked. No fees to pay. Help protect our environment.

These are the benefits of the Kansas Clean Sweep program aimed at collecting agricultural waste pesticides. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is sponsoring the program, targeting farms and ranches in northwest and southwest Kansas this year.

Any farmer or rancher who operates in Kansas is eligible for the program. Pesticide dealers, manufacturers, or distributors are not eligible for the free disposal program but, can pay on site for pesticide disposal on the designated days.

Current, canceled, unwanted, unused, obsolete, or damaged pesticides are eligible for collection. Empty pesticide containers will not be accepted.

"It's especially important for farmers and ranchers to search their barns, sheds and chemical storage area for canceled products," says Jim Rudeen of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

"Continued use of some canceled products may be illegal. This program allows farmers and ranchers to dispose of these materials, no questions asked."

Pre-registration is requested to ensure appropriate manpower and equipment for each farm and ranch participating in the program.

For questions, call 1-800-282-9790, and ask for the Clean Sweep Coordinator.

Collection locations close to Thomas County and surround areas include Hays at the Ellis County Solid Waste Facility, 55th and Hall and Dodge City's Ford County Public Works office, 10971 113 Road.

In Hays, collection times are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nov. 13, 14 and 15. Dodge City times are the same, but the dates are Nov. 14, 15 and 16. On the last day of collection — in Hays, Nov. 15 and Dodge City, Nov. 16.

Some pesticides in need of disposal include: Aldrin, Carbon Tetrachloride, Chlordane, Chlordimeform, Chlorpyrifos, Diazinon, Daminozide, DBCP, DDT, Dieldrin, Dinoseb, Ethylene dibromide, Endrin, ENP, Heptachlor, Kepone, Pentachlorophenol, Silvex, 2, 4, 5 - T, Toxaphene and Trichlorophenol.

Signs big issue with concealed gun law

TOPEKA (AP) — Signs — their color, their size and what they would say — appear to be the biggest issue as the state considers new regulations to accompany a law permitting Kansans to carry concealed guns.

The attorney general's office had a hearing Tuesday on proposed regulations spelling out such things as the qualifications for people who teach weapons safety courses, the content of those courses and that someone must hit the target 18 of 25 times to obtain a permit to carry a concealed gun.

Signs are covered by the proposed regulations because the law, enacted earlier this year, permits businesses to ban hidden guns on their premises, but it requires them to post their policy so gun owners know of it. The attorney general's office hopes to have regulations in place by early November.

The first proposed regulation advanced by the attorney general's office would have required a yellow sign, at least 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches, with black letters and a picture of a gun on it. Much of the feedback to it was negative, from business groups worried about a lack of flexibility and from people who thought the prototype was ugly.

"Folks were not happy — businesses like banks and so forth — weren't happy with the yellow," said Deputy Attorney General Julene Miller, who presided over Tuesday's hearings. "We were trying come up with something that would be obvious to a person carrying a concealed weapon."

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