


Weather Corner



High near 68, low about 36

Tonight — Clear with a low around 29. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday — Sunny with a high near 68. North wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday night — Mostly clear with a low around 36. East wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy with a high around 67. Calm wind becoming north between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy and breezy with a low around 37.

Thursday — Mostly sunny with a high near 61.

Temperatures
Sunday's high, 53
Low this morning, 25
Records for this date, 89 in 1927, 7 in 1917
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
October's precipitation, 1.95
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Briefly

Applications sought for baskets

Genesis-Thomas County, which serves as the area's only food bank, is again planning its annual holiday food basket program for those Thomas County families in need. "Anyone who is interested in receiving a food basket during this special time is asked to pick up forms at the Genesis-Thomas County office, 350 S. Range Ave., Suite 6 in Colby on Wednesdays between 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.," said Marilyn Friesen, co-coordinator for the holiday event. The deadline for applications is Saturday, Nov. 11.

Turkey supper planned Nov. 1

The Brewster United Methodist Church will sponsor its annual "Turkey Supper" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the church, 202 Nebraska A free-will offering will help the church with mission projects. For questions, call Nadine Kammer at (785) 694-2456.

Seminar offers growth potential

The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce is co-sponsoring a workshop aimed at helping entrepreneurs and/or small businesses grow in profits and success, said Holly Stephens, executive director. The seminar, "HyperGrow Your Business" will be offered in Colby from 6:30 to 9:30

p.m., Thursday, Nov. 2, at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave., Colby. For complete details, either call the Chamber office, 460-3401 or visit the HyperGrow website: www.hypergrow.com/colby.htm

Chorus rehearsals begin Sunday

Chorus rehearsals continue at 1 p.m., Sunday, for the upcoming presentation of "The Messiah" in the Cultural Arts Center on the campus of Colby College. For questions about rehearsals, call Dr. Phil Shuman, choral activities director, 462-3984, ext. 311.

Halloween dance Friday

The Singles Group is sponsoring a Halloween Dance from 8 p.m. to midnight, Friday, at the Colby American Legion, 1850 W. Fourth St. The dance is open to both single people and couples with prizes for costumes. Organizers also said no dance is scheduled in November.

Colby School Board meets today

The Colby School Board will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Administration Building, 600 W. Third St. Items on the agenda include: approval of the consent agenda; report on school's progress and reports from the principals, curricu-

lum director and superintendent. New business includes an update on a district-wide camera system, board member appointment to the calendar committee, out-of-district student requests, capital outlay fund, stadium project, discussion of district's insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield and if necessary, personnel issues. The meeting is open to the public.

Clerk's office to extend hours

The Thomas County Clerk is reminding everyone that pheasant season opens Saturday, Nov. 4. "To accommodate all hunters," said Shelly Harms, county clerk, "we will be open until 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 2-3 to assist you." For questions, call 460-4500.

Employers wanted for Wellness Fair

The Thomas County Wellness Committee wants to encourage all employers to promote the wellness of their employees by sponsoring part or all of the screening tests provided at the Wellness Fair, said Diane Gerstner, one of the committee members. The 2007 fair is planned Saturday, Jan. 13. Blood tests will be done Jan. 2, 3, 4 and 6 with results available the day of the fair. There is also a \$5 fair registration fee. For questions about this employer service, call Pat Erickson, (785) 462-3984, ext. 327. Deadline for employee sponsorship is Friday, Dec. 8.

University of Kansas chapel reopens after storm

LAWRENCE (AP) — Months after a storm damaged University of Kansas' Danforth Chapel, couples are again exchanging wedding vows there.

The chapel, a popular wedding location, was damaged during a severe storm on March 12. About 50 weddings that had been planned at the chapel over the summer had to move because of the damage.

But the chapel finally reopened three weeks ago, and Rosita McCoy, vice president of communications at the KU Endowment Association, credited private donations.

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Rosalie McCoy, KU endowment

She said the chapel would not have been repaired if donors had not provided the money.

"Our alumni and friends came to the rescue here for Danforth, and for that we are so grateful," said Mc-

Coy. The March storm produced straight-line winds that reached speeds of 80 mph and damaged about 60 percent of the buildings on the Lawrence campus.

Most the damage at Danforth

Chapel was to the roof, with repairs costing \$40,000.

The storm caused about \$6 million to the entire campus, prompting the KU Endowment Association to start a storm-recovery funding campaign.

Other roofs that were damaged on campus included those at Blake and Parker halls, Gertrude Sellards Pearson residence hall and the computer services facility.

Donations for Danforth Chapel included \$25,000 from Robert H. Malott, of Wilmette, Ill.; \$3,900 from the Historic Mount Oread

Fund, an organization dedicated to preserving the university's heritage; and \$15,400 from several individuals.

McCoy said many contributors were married at the chapel.

Any extra money will be used on other projects at the chapel, and the KU Endowment Association continues to accept donations for Danforth.

The 60-year-old chapel usually has about 500 weddings and 250 other events each year. About 5,000 couples have been married there since it opened in 1946.

Sheriff speaks on consolidation

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

Sheridan County Sheriff Jim Johnson believes taxpayers need a voice in who leads their law enforcement officers.

Johnson told Sheridan County Commissioners David Zimmerman, Ron Schamberger and Keith Kennedy he did not support consolidation as an option of providing Hoxie a law enforcement system.

"I feel people need a voice in saying to their top law enforcement officer is," Johnson said.

Since talk about Hoxie not having its own police department started back in 2003, Johnson has opposed consolidation of the city police and county sheriff's office.

Such a move by state law would

do away with the elected office of sheriff and be replaced by a commission or agency appointed director of law enforcement.

Johnson said Hoxie's mayor, Lori Horesky, and two commissioners, Jim Erwin and Troy Dewey, learned Police Chief John Bieker is retiring as of Dec. 31.

Johnson said he's looking at how much it would cost to enter an annual contract with the city to provide law enforcement.

He said while he supports a contract arrangement with Hoxie, he does not want it to be at the cost of current county law enforcement.

Johnson also said the type of contract he'd be in favor of would keep in place the current system of Hoxie having its own city attorney and city court.

The commissioners supported

Johnson working with Hoxie's city officials to draft a contract which would ultimately result in the sheriff's office providing county-wide law enforcement effective in January.

Hoxie is one of three third-class cities located entirely, or in part, in Sheridan County.

The other two are Selden and the eastern one-half of Menlo, the other half of which is located in Thomas County.

Johnson's office already provides protection for Selden and the eastern one-half of Menlo, as well as the unincorporated cities of Sequin and Angeles, both located in the western one-half of Sheridan County, and Tasco and Studley which are located in the eastern one-half of the county.

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