

Weather
Corner



Snow back
in the forecast

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around 20. North wind around 5 mph.

Friday — Snow likely after noon. Increasing clouds, with a high near 29. Blustery with a north wind 5 to 10 mph, increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent. New snow accumulation of one to two inches possible.

Friday night — A 20 percent chance of snow before midnight. Mostly cloudy then gradually becoming mostly clear, with a low around 15. Blustery with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday — Mostly sunny with a high near 36. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy and breezy with a low around 14. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 39.

Sunday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 16.

Monday — Mostly sunny with a high near 45.

Temperatures
Wednesday's high, 40
Low this morning, 12
Records for this date, 70 in 1956, -24 in 1959
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
January's precipitation, 0.00
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

Briefly

Free throw contest Sunday

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring its annual free throw contest Sunday, in the Colby Elementary School gymnasium. Doors open at noon with the shoot-off at 1 p.m. The event is for students ages 10-14 as of Jan. 1. For questions or information, call Dewey Augustine, 460-2924 or James Elling, 460-3931t.

Wellness testing dates expanded

Friday has been added to the Thomas County Wellness Fair's blood testing schedule. Consequently, Friday and Saturday from 6 to 9 a.m. are available for lab testing. The blood work will be done in the specialty clinic at Citizens Medical Center, 100 E. College Dr., said Jeanene Brown,

education director and committee member.

Lab results will be available the day of the fair, Saturday, Jan. 13, in group settings at 9:15 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. The committee also extended blood testing, at the same prices, from 7 to 11 a.m. throughout next week in the Citizens Medical Center lab.

No trash pickup until Monday

City officials said there will be no residential trash service in Colby until Monday. Rresidential trash trucks will resume the normal collection routes. For the remainder of this week, said City Manager Carolyn Armstrong, commercial service will be on an as needed basis.

“Please make sure the dumpster area is free of snow and

call 460-4420 for collections,” she said.

No prostate checks at fair

The Thomas County Wellness Fair Committee announced there will not be a prostate check at this year's event scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 13, in the Colby Community College student union.

Colby College plans auditions

Auditions for the Colby Community College spring play will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 17-18 in the Frahm Theatre in the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center.

Colby Wellness Fair
extends lab testing

By **Patty Decker**
Free Press Editor

Following a decision by the Colby Wellness Fair committee to extend lab tests for another week, officials are hoping more residents will take advantage of this service.

The Wellness Fair is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 13, with blood tests continuing from 6 to 9 a.m., Friday and Saturday in the lobby of the Citizens Medical Center Specialty Clinic. Anyone having blood tests done this week is guaranteed results at the fair.

Additional lab work will also be drawn from 7 to 11 a.m., Monday through Friday, in the Citizens Medical Center lab.

The complete list of these tests and a brief description of each are below. Participants may request any combination of these laboratory tests. Some tests may not be indicated or necessary for all individuals. People with questions are encouraged to discuss their needs with their physicians. Comprehensive profile that includes:

•**Complete Blood Count (CBC)**
–**Lipid Profile**–**Liver Profile**–**Serum Glucose**–**all for \$20** — A complete blood count provides information about the kinds and numbers of cells in the blood: red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets. A CBC can help a health professional evaluate symptoms (such as weakness, fatigue or bruising) and diagnose conditions (such as anemia,

infection, and many other disorders).

• The lipid profile tests the level of cholesterol, a type of fat (lipid) that the body uses to help build cells and produce certain hormones. Cholesterol travels through the blood to attach to a protein. This cholesterol-protein package is called lipoprotein. Lipoproteins are either high density or low density, depending on how much protein they have in relation to fat. Triglycerides are another type of fat that is measured along with the cholesterol.

High-density lipoprotein cholesterol is sometimes called “good” cholesterol. This type of cholesterol helps remove low-density lipoprotein cholesterol from the body by binding with it in the blood stream and carrying it back to the liver for disposal. A high level of high-density lipoprotein cholesterol appears to lower a person's risk of developing heart disease and stroke.

Low-density lipoprotein cholesterol is sometimes called “bad” cholesterol. This type of cholesterol collects inside the walls of the arteries and often contributes to the formation of plaque. Low-density lipoprotein cholesterol is calculated from the total cholesterol, high-density lipoprotein, and triglyceride levels.

Triglyceride is a type of fat the

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Fallen branches



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Last weekend's snowstorm brought its share of damage to more trees in the area. Already limping from the previous ice storm before Christmas, city officials have continued receiving calls about the limbs and again are reminding everyone crews will not be picking up fallen tree branches. Instead, the city urges residents to either call businesses that do that work or take care of the matter themselves. Midwest Energy officials said anyone who wants to dispose of Christmas trees can leave them on the southwest corner of the Midwest parking lot, 1125 S. Range Ave. Midwest Energy will take trees through this week.

Special prosecutor asks court to reinstate case against abortion doctor

WICHITA (AP) — The special prosecutor appointed by outgoing Attorney General Phill Kline to handle the thwarted case against a well-known abortion provider has asked a Kansas judge to again consider reinstating the charges.

Special Prosecutor Donald McKinney filed a motion, made public Wednesday, asking the court to vacate its decision to dismiss the 30 misdemeanor charges against Dr. George Tiller.

Kline, a Republican and abortion

opponent, has tried unsuccessfully for the past two weeks to get his criminal case into court. District Judge Paul W. Clark threw out the case over a jurisdictional issue and already has refused to reinstate it.

Kline alleges Tiller performed 15 illegal late-



P. Kline

term abortions in 2003, for patients aged 10 to 22, and failed to properly report details about them to state health officials. Tiller's attorneys call those allegations groundless.

Kline, whose leaves office on Monday, appointed McKinney as special prosecutor to handle the case, but Attorney General-elect Paul Morrison, a Democrat and abortion-rights supporter, has said he won't retain McKinney.

No hearing has been set on McKinney's motion, which was

filed Friday. Tiller has received national attention because he is among a few doctors in the United States to perform late-term abortions. His clinic has been the site of large protests, and it was bombed in 1985. A protester shot the doctor in both arms in 1993.

Clark ruled that Kline didn't have the authority to file charges against Tiller because Kansas law required him to obtain the consent of District Attorney Nola Foulston, and Kline did not.

In his motion, McKinney said the court erred, that the Legislature granted the attorney general the authority to enforce abortion-reporting laws and to prosecute charges in the county where alleged violations are found.

McKinney also cited Kansas cases he said show the attorney general has the right to control a prosecution. On Wednesday, abortion opponents went to Foulston's office to try to persuade her to let the attorney general's office prosecute

Tiller or to pursue the case herself. They were met in the lobby by Georgia Cole, a spokeswoman for Foulston who said she would pass on their concerns. Cole said the Sedgwick County district attorney's office has asked for the attorney general's investigation file on Tiller but has not yet received it. Abortion opponents have accused Foulston, a Democrat, of trying to protect Tiller, but she has said she was only protecting her right to decide what cases are prosecuted.

Who should go to college? University looks at changes in admissions

TOPEKA (AP) — When Kansas toughened its higher education admissions requirements six years ago, some worried the changes would curb access to college by forcing out otherwise talented students because they didn't make the grade.

Six years later, higher education officials say the new standards at the six state universities are work-

ing, but that the time is right to consider some changes to ensure that not only the book-smart are getting into college.

“A kid who has pretty good test scores and a good grade point average but can't tie his shoes isn't going to make it at KU,” said University of Kansas Provost Richard Lariviere, who adds that officials there are developing a proposal to

add writing and other measures to assess a student's readiness. Another proposal would allow the university to gauge a student's emotional readiness for college.

In 2001, Kansas began requiring students under age 21 to meet one of three standards to gain college admission: a score of 21 or better on the ACT college exam, rank in the top third of their graduating class or

have a 2.0 grade-point average on a pre-college curriculum.

Colleges saved some resources by dropping remedial math and English courses, reasoning that those who lack adequate grades could polish those skills at community colleges, then apply after their freshman year or after they com-

plete a two-year associate's degree.

Not all students enter high school knowing they are heading to college.

Lucas Maddy, a Kansas State University senior from Norton, didn't decide on college until his junior year. But after checking with counselors, he discovered he al-

ready had taken most of the pre-college courses required, though Maddy would have been admitted because of his class rank and ACT score.

“The benefit for Kansas is the universities know what kind of student they are getting from the Kansas population,” Maddy said.

News of Record

A Colby man has been charged with taking a flat bed trailer from a Colby location.

Thomas A. Shoaff has been charged in Thomas County District Court with taking a 16-foot double axle flat bed trailer owned by Charles Cook from the 1800 block of Theilen Ave. on Dec. 15. Shoaff faces five to

17 months in prison and a fine up to \$100,000 for one count of felony theft, a level 9 nonperson felony.

He also faces six months in the Thomas County Jail and a fine of \$1,000 for criminal trespass, a Class B nonperson misdemeanor.

Shoaff was released from jail after posting a bond on Dec. 22.

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