

Weather  
Corner



Saturday  
highs near 40

**Tonight** — A 20 percent chance of snow before 9 p.m. Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear with a low around 14. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 37. West wind between 10 and 15 mph. **Saturday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 13. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny wit a high near 40. Breezy with a north wind 10 to 20 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. **Sunday night** — Partly cloudy and breezy with a low around 15. **Monday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 43. **Monday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 20. **Tuesday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 48.

**Temperatures**  
Thursday's high, 43  
Low this morning, 22  
Records for this date, 72 in 1927, -22 in 1942  
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.

**Arkansas City donut maker retiring**

ARKANSAS CITY (AP) — After decades of getting up before dawn to make doughnuts, Jerry Stover is hanging up his apron.

Stover started in the doughnut business 45 years ago in Parsons, then moved back to his hometown of Arkansas City in 1981. That year he built and opened a doughnut shop here.

He's been making doughnuts almost every day in Ark City ever since then, until now.

Jerry and his wife, Janelle, owners of Jerry's Donut Shop, are retiring. Their last day at the shop was Tuesday.

They are turning over the shop to Ike Heilig, who now works for them.

"My wife and I plan to go around the world," Jerry Stover said Wednesday.

Not literally, he added. But they will get in their new truck and drive around the country. "We'll probably take off and go 700 miles, 1,000 miles."

Jerry was preparing the kitchen Wednesday afternoon for the next day's doughnut run. His wife was helping, and joining in the talk about their business.

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 taking place 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, 460-3931, both coordinating the contest.

Trash pickup resumes Monday

Residential trash trucks will resume Monday on normal collection routes. City officials urge residents to "please make sure the trash pickup area is free of snow, if possible." For questions, call 460-4420

Fair board to meet Thursday

The Thomas County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday at the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds. Items on the agenda include Thomas County extension agent report; bills and financial report; committee reports on the buildings and grounds, rodeo, parade, demolition derby, races, fair book and advertising expenses and income. A discussion on the bluegrass festival contract, a committee to set up a vendor

Commissioners to meet Monday

The Thomas County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday at the courthouse. Items on the agenda include the swearing in of commissioner-elect Byron Sowers at 9:15 a.m.; a discussion with landfill supervisor Larry Jumper at 10:15 a.m. to talk about a generator and tire chains for the landfill; a farewell party for commissioner Ron Evans at 10:45 a.m., to which the public is invited; nomination of a chairman for the commissioners; approval of official county newspaper and holidays and appointments to the fair board and other positions. The meeting is open to the public.

Wellness committee extends dates

The Colby Wellness Fair committee has extended blood testing, at the same prices, from 7 to 11 a.m. throughout next week in the Citizens Medical Center lab. Anyone participating next week; however, will not have their lab work results available at the fair scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 13, in the Colby Community College student union

map and other committees is on the agenda. The meeting is open to the public.

Instead, Brown said, the results will be mailed. Blood tests being offered include: comprehensive metabolic panel/lipid profile/complete blood count, \$20; thyroid stimulating hormone, \$15, prostrate specific antigen, \$20 and hemoglobin A1C. For questions, call Jeanene Brown, committee member, at 460-4850.

No prostate checks at fair

The Thomas County Wellness Fair Committee announced there will not be a prostate check at this year's event.

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.

No experience or advance preparation is required, said Deb Bickner, theater department director.

"Those who audition will be reading from the comedy fantasy Card Play, which is a family play suitable for all ages," she said.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to audition. The play performances will be March 2-4.

# Refunds on telephone taxes highlighted

A recent newspaper article, Refunds on Phone Taxes Available," dealt with a surcharge on our phone bills that was started to help pay for the Spanish American War that ended August 1898.

For those that file a federal income tax, it will be very simple to apply for the refund. A person will receive \$30, and \$10 for each additional person, up to a \$60 refund. For those not required to file a federal return, there will be an application to complete and file.

Also concerning telephones, the December 2006 AARP bulletin discussed "Dialing Away Dollars." If you happen to still be using a rotary telephone, you are probably leasing it from AT&T.

The article reported one person paid over \$6,400 for three princess-style telephones over a period of 22 years. I helped one person apply to get back, or stop, the \$5 per quarter she was paying for a lease on the rotary phone.

We were on the telephone most of an afternoon being transferred from one person to another to get this done. AT&T reported it would continue to lease as long as there is a demand. The article also noted that customers always have the option of opting out of the lease agreement.

Last month I discussed scams. I received this information and thought it worthy of sending out. Snopes.com is probably the most informative site to check for scam



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information. This information is true, according to snopes.com — www.snopes.com/crime/fraud/juryduty.asp — check it out.

Please pass this on to everyone in your email address book, or if you do not have a computer tell your friends. It is spreading fast so be prepared should you get this call.

Most of us take those summonses for jury duty seriously, but enough people skip out on their civic duty, that a new and ominous kind of scam has surfaced. Fall for it and your identity could be stolen, reports CBS.

In this con, someone calls pretending to be a court official who threateningly says a warrant has been issued for your arrest because you didn't show up for jury duty. The caller claims to be a jury coordinator.

If you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty, the scammer asks you for your Social Security number and date of birth so he or she can verify the information and cancel the arrest warrant. Sometimes they even ask for credit card numbers. Give out any of this

bully people into giving information by pretending they're with the court system. The FBI and the federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their web sites, warning consumers about the fraud.

I plan on being at Meadowlark Manor in Colby to assist with Food Sales Refund applications, the telephone refund application, the Homestead Refund application and possibly the application for the energy assistance. Watch the newspaper for the time and date, and I will

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