

Weather Corner



**The forecast**  
**Tonight** — Clear with low around 24. West wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Friday** — Sunny with a high near 43. North wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Friday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 16. North wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Saturday** — Scattered flurries. Partly cloudy with a high near 30. North wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Saturday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 7. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 30. **Sunday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 11. **Monday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 34.  
**Temperatures**  
Wednesday's high, 36  
Low this morning, 17  
Records for this date, 71 in 1970, -12 in 1957  
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00  
January's precipitation, 0.63  
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

For the Record

The following arrests or incidents have been provided by either the Thomas County Sheriff's office or the Colby Police Department. All suspects were booked into the county jail and are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The Thomas County Jail is used by the towns of Colby and Oakley and Logan and Thomas counties.

**Thomas County Sheriff's Wednesday, Jan. 10**

- **Possession of marijuana:** James Lee Huff, 43, of Colby, was arrested at 4:30 p.m. in the 400 block of North Franklin by Colby police. Charges pending include possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **Service rendered:** A deputy escorted missing juvenile at 9:11 p.m. to WaKeeney.

**Thursday, Jan. 11**

- **Service rendered:** Deputy provided ride at 9:57 a.m. to transient from law enforcement center to Thomas/Sherman county line.
- **Service rendered:** A deputy transported a juvenile at 11:48 a.m. from Kelley Juvenile Detention Center to WaKeeney for court appearance.
- **Theft:** An individual advised officials at 12:02 p.m. a camcorder was stolen from Brewster Schools, 127 Kansas.

**Friday, Jan. 12**

- **Possession of marijuana, more:** Andreana Yvette Moon, 36, and Carl Edward Anderson, both of Dayton, Ohio, were arrested at 5:04 p.m. on Interstate 70 by the Thomas County Sheriff's office. Charges pending for both Moon and Anderson included possession of marijuana with intent to sell; no drug tax stamp; and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **Pedestrian under the influence:** Jordan Ray Leatherman, 18, of Cheyenne Wells, Colo., and Matthew Donald Graner, 24, of Colby, were both arrested at 11:20 p.m. in the 700 block of North Franklin by Colby police. The charge pending for both was pedestrian under the influence.
- **Driving under the influence:** Mark Kevin Golemboski, 45, of Colby, was arrested at 4:30 p.m. by Thomas County Sheriff's deputy at the law enforcement center. The charge pending is with Colby police for driving under the influence (second offense).
- **Failure to appear** (worthless checks): Albino Gamez, 45, of Colby, was arrested at 8:29 p.m. in the 100 block of East Fifth Street by Colby police. The charges pending included failure to appear on a worthless check in Colby and a second worthless check in Sherman County.
- **Stolen property, DUI, more:** James Michael Smith, 33, of Branson, Mo., was arrested at 4 a.m. by the Kansas Highway Patrol on I-70. The charges pending with Kan-

Briefly

**Scouts to sponsor pancake feed**  
The Colby Boy Scouts are sponsoring a pancake feed from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. Fifth St.

The all-you-can-eat feed is free-will donation with proceeds going toward scout projects.

**Archeology group to meet**  
The High Plains Chapter of the Kansas Anthropological Association will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4 at the Prairie Museum of Art and History. The public is invited. The program will feature Bob Blasing on "Prehistoric Use of Astronomy by the Pawnee."

Nancy Arendt will also show video highlights of the 2006 KAA excavation near Council Grove. Information about upcoming archeology-related events, including the 2007 Kansas Archeology Training Program excavation in nearby Nicodemus, will be presented. A business meeting, including nomination and election of officers, will follow. For information, call Nancy Arendt at 460-6653 or Ann Miner

at 462-6399.

**Coalition meeting set**  
The Thomas County Coalition, an agency with the goal of assisting children in drug/alcohol prevention issues, will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27 at Pioneer Memorial Library. If interested in attending or questions, call the Regional Prevention Center at 460-8177.

**Prairie Land Food delivery Saturday**  
Prairie Land Food delivery, formerly known as Share, starts at 10:30 a.m., Saturday in the Sacred Heart School gymnasium, 1150 W. Sixth St., Colby. For those interested in buying a food package, there are still a few left, said Gene Griffin, co-coordinator. The only other requirement to buying a package is two hours of volunteer service of the person's choice. For questions, call Griffin at 460-3579 or Marguerette Edmundson, also coordinator, 450-8640.

**Homestead forms available**  
The Thomas County Clerk's office is reminding residents

eligible to submit claims on Homestead property tax refunds and food sales tax refunds, that forms are available. "The Kansas Homestead program provides a property tax refund for eligible homeowners and renters who were residents of Kanas all of 2006," said County Clerk Shelly Harms.

As a Kansas resident the entire year, she said, persons are eligible if their total household income is \$28,000 or less and they were born before Jan. 1, 1951; were blind or totally and permanently disabled of all 2006 or have a dependent child who lived with them the entire year and was born before Jan. 1, 2006 and under the age of 18 throughout 2006.

**Massage clinic set in February**  
A massage clinic, sponsored by students in the physical therapist assistant program at Colby College, is planned from 5 to 9 p.m., Feb. 5, 12, and 20, in the health sciences building on campus.

All proceeds from the clinic go toward helping further the program.

Cost for massages is \$12 per half hour. To make an appointment, call 460-4797, but walk-ins are welcome.

Cattlemen struggle in storm aftermath

WICHITA (AP) — Cattlemen Mark Smith doctors his sick calf amid a gnawing fear that its illness, brought on by wet weather, threatens to add more misery to his already stressed herd just as calving season begins.

"I hope I don't see a lot of it. Some of these illnesses we are starting to see because of the storm, so we have to watch out for that. We are seeing the effects of a great amount of stress ... and deal with them every day," he says.

As a debilitating mix of ice and snow fell on some of the state's richest agricultural areas, cattle were left to shiver in the open, ice and snow encrusted on their bodies

amid snow drifts up to three feet high. Some cows simply froze or suffocated from the ice that formed in their nostrils. The rest just struggled to survive, and were left thinner and weaker.

The storms' biggest toll for ranchers and producers likely won't be the loss of a few cattle, but rather lost weight by cows and delayed reproduction cycles. Lost production from stressed cattle has already cost producers and the feedyards in lost profits.

Pregnant cows have also lost so much weight that veterinarians fear significant losses in this season's more vulnerable calf crop. The effects could stretch into this summer's breeding season, delaying the time when cattle would ordinarily breed.

"There will be a lot of cows that will get culled when they are pregnancy checked in the fall. More cows will get sold, and they become hamburger, and that means producers will have to buy or raise more replacements," said Larry Hollis, a beef veterinarian at Kansas State University.

The strain on man and beast alike from the storms — one started New Year's Eve only to be followed about three weeks later by a new round of ice and snow — is palpable

in Smith's voice. He works from sunup to sundown, barely stopping to eat out of a can. There aren't enough hours in the day, he says, to get everything done — moving huge mounds of snow, cleaning cattle pens, spreading straw for bedding.

"We are running a loader and truck every day, eight hours a day, at a cost of \$150 an hour — just to move snow," he says. "I have been doing that for three weeks, and I don't see when I am going to quit."

Smith has about 200 cows ready to calve this winter out in Greeley and Wallace counties in western Kansas, and more than 36 inches of snow still cover everything. Smith wakes now at night every four or five hours, checking on pregnant cows so newborns don't freeze in the frigid temperatures. He's already lost two calves and nine cows to the storms.

"These colder nights make it very difficult for a calf to be born and live in these conditions."

Smith has already lost two calves, and nine head of cows to the storms. He has also culled cows that calved last fall, weaning those calves early and sending the mother cows to the market to reduce demand on his dwindling feed supplies.

He expects a significant reduc-

tion in the numbers of cows bred early this season, and that will affect the weight of those calves when they're sold in the fall of next year.

"There is a whole domino effect when we get into a storm like this," Hollis said. "When we knock body weight out of our cows it affects things short-term and it affects things long-term."

Although no one keeps firm numbers, the Kansas Livestock Association estimates well below 1 percent of cattle in feedlots affected by the storms died in the weather, a relatively insignificant death loss. The real loss comes in production, experts said.

"Marketings have been slowed somewhat. There has kind of been a standoff between feeders and

packers in the last couple of weeks," said KLA spokesman Todd Domer. "Some of those cattle within a couple of weeks of being market-ready lost weight and they are trying to put that back on before they sell them."

Rich McKee, executive secretary of the KLA's feedlot division, said that their members who shipped cattle the week after the storm averaged a loss in weight of about 70 pounds per animal, amounting to an estimated loss of \$63 per head.

There are 1.4 million head of cattle in the Kansas counties declared a disaster area.



**NOTICE CO-AG Patrons:**

Reminder of informational meetings regarding intent to merge between CO-AG & Frontier Equity. Meetings are scheduled for Monday, January 29th at 6:00 p.m. at the NWKESC, 703 W. 2nd in Oakley. Or on Wednesday, January 31st at 6:00 p.m. MST, at the Goodland Elks Lodge at 1523 Arcade.

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