

Weather Corner



Highs near 45, lows in the 20s

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 20s and light winds.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny with highs in the mid 40s and winds from the southeast at 10 to 20 mph.

**Tuesday night:** Partly cloudy with lows in the low 20s and winds from the south at 10 to 15 mph, shifting to the northwest after midnight.

**Wednesday:** Partly sunny with highs in the low 40s and northwest winds at 10 to 15 mph.

**Wednesday night:** Mostly cloudy with a chance for light snow.

**Temperatures**  
Friday's high, 45, low, 27  
Saturday's high, 34, low 16  
Sunday's high, 39  
Low this morning, 15

Records for this date, 94 in 1907, 1 in 1965

Precipitation over the weekend 0.5 inches (3 inches of snow)

February's precipitation, 0.66  
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

Briefly

Project Prom fundraiser Tuesday

Colby High School is once again coordinating Project Prom in 2007. After a two-year absence, students are selling raffle tickets to raise money for the event. The drawing for the raffle is Tuesday during half time of the Colby High School girl's basketball game against Pratt at the Colby Community Building. Items that will be raffled include iPod video; grill and pellets; and television. For questions or to buy tickets, call Roni Dietz, advisor, 460-5300, or tickets will be available prior to the drawing.

Wheat seminar planned in Colby

A wheat seminer is scheduled for 10 a.m., Tuesday, at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. Fifth St. The seminars provide Kansas wheat producers with the opportunity to learn more as well as discuss and provide input into such issues at the development of the 2007 Farm Bill; the production of ethanol from wheat straw and other biomass materials; the Conservation Reserve Program; biotech wheat and the road ahead. A representative will also be on hand to discuss the latest information on seed treatments, fungicides and herbicides. Producers planning to attend are asked to call (800) 748-8034 or email kswheat@kswheat.com to provide a head-count. There is no charge to attend.

Business After 5 set for Wednesday

Business After 5, sponsored by the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, will be at Peoples State Bank, 100 S. Range Ave., beginning at 5 p.m., Wednesday. For question, call 460-3401.

Complex presentation planned

Colby Community College President Lynn Kreider is the guest speaker at the Gem Lions Club meeting starting at 7:45 p.m., Wednesday, in the Gem Community Building. Kreider will present information and answer questions about the proposed Wellness Center and new dormitory on the Colby College campus. Everyone is welcome.

Christian choir to perform

Rick Roberts, former administrator of Heartland Christian School, will be directing the Elyria Christian School Choir in Colby at 8:20 a.m., Wednesday, at Heartland Christian School and at 7 p.m. at the Mingo Bible Church. For questions, call 462-2930.

Bank scams resurfacing

In recent weeks, many banks in the area are receiving calls

from their customers saying they have been approached via telephone from people claiming to be with the "Federal Commission. This could be a scam to trick someone into providing sensitive financial information, i.e., bank accounts and routing numbers. Bank officials are urging people to not ever give out this information. For those receiving questionable calls of this nature, either call the Colby police, 460-4454 or Thomas County Sheriff's office, 460-4570.

Annual soup dinner Saturday

The Gem Lions Club is sponsoring its annual soup day from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday in the Gem Community Building. The menu includes veggies, chili and potato soup. Free will donations are accepted. Pceeds to benefit Gem projects.

Bluegrass festival Saturday

A mini-festival, sponsored by the Colby Bluegrass Committee, will be held from 7-10 p.m., Saturday, at the City Limits Convention Center, Colby. Entertainment includes Sons and Brothers of Westcliffe, Colo., 7 and 9 p.m.; McLemore family of Colby, 8 p.m.; Chase McNich, 2006 youth contest winner at 7:50 p.m.; and guest appearance by Marshal Allen Bailey. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling (800) 611-8835. All proceeds will go toward the "Pickin on the Plains Festival" this summer.

Logan County Manor plans expansion project

By Jan Katz Ackerman  
Colby Free Press

Melted snow and warmer weather are two things needed for the start of new construction at Logan

County Manor in Oakley.

"When the snow melts the construction company is ready to go, but it's just a matter of the weather being right," said Interim Administrator Doris Reed.

Logan County Commissioners Doug Mackely, Carl Uhrich and Nick Scott gave approval last month for the expansion project at Logan County Manor.

While the project is the brain-

storm of the hospital and manor board members, the building is owned by the county, commissioners, blessing was needed to move forward.

The \$399,800 construction phase

of the project will add nine beds to the facility is located at 615 Price Ave. in Oakley.

Logan County Manor is currently a 37-bed facility. After construction the number of resident beds will increase to 46 beds. Reed said the facility is consistently full and that being filled to capacity stems from "good service."

"The new construction is going to be for four double rooms and four single rooms," Reed said.

The commissioners approved a dollar figure up to \$575,000, the difference in the two figures being used for equipment and furnishings. Glen Strait, Strait Associates of Colby, is the architect and Rhoads Construction of Goodland is the general contractor. Farmers State Bank of Oakley will finance the project at 5.35 percent for 10 years.

TOPEKA (AP) — As the Legislature passed the midpoint of its 2007 session, events suggested that critics of embryonic stem cell research have seen support erode for their legislation on human cloning.

The House Health and Human Services Committee endorsed two bills last week, setting up a debate in the chamber. One measure established legal definitions, telling Kansans what constitutes human cloning, and the other prohibited the

state from putting money into such research.

Both bills targeted a process at the center of the cloning debate, one that supporters say isn't cloning but one that some scientists, many abortion opponents and embryonic stem cell research critics say is exactly that.

Debates about cloning and embryonic stem cell research have been a part of the House's agenda for the past seven years, reflecting

its anti-abortion majorities. Proposals dealing with cloning and embryonic stem cell research passed there four of the six previous years.

But no debate occurred last week. The bills returned to committee to wait for sunnier political weather.

"I try not to run bills that don't have a good chance of passage," explained Speaker Melvin Neufeld, R-Ingalls, who supports such legislation.

Debates about cloning and em-

bryonic stem cell research are intertwined because the much-discussed process some legislators want to discourage or even prevent is used to create embryonic stem cells for research.

It's difficult to determine whether Neufeld's decision not to have the debate last week represents a setback of only a week or two for critics of SCNT and embryonic stem cell research, or whether no bill will pass this year.

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 Tuesday, Feb. 6**

• **Failed camp:** Matson Zane Hatfield, 19, of Colby was arrested at 1 p.m. by the Thomas County Sheriff's office at Labette Correction Center for Northwest Kansas Correctional Center. The charge pending was failure to complete the boot camp.

**Wednesday, Feb. 7**

• **Failure to appear:** Shanda Sue Cassaw, 26, of Levant, was arrested at 3:45 p.m. by Colby police at Fourth and French. The charge pending was failure to appear in court on a citation.

• **Battery:** Matthew Alan Kerns, 26, of Colby, was arrested at 12:33 a.m. by Colby police in the 900 block of Court Terrace. The charge pending is battery.

**Thursday, Feb. 8**

• **Giving worthless check:** Lynette Ruth Chapman, 55, of Hoxie, was arrested at 8:40 a.m. at the Law Enforcement Center by the sheriff's office. She plead guilty and paid restitution. Court costs and probation fees were waived. Chapman was placed on six-month unsupervised probation.

• **Giving worthless check:** Lindsey Kay Jarnagin, 18, of Colby, was arrested at 1:40 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center by the sheriff's office. Jarnagin plead guilty, paid restitution, court costs fine, probation fees and placed on six months probation.

**Friday, Feb. 9**

• **Service rendered:** Sheriff's deputy assisted Logan County deputies at 1:34 p.m. to catch a drunk driver on Interstate 70.

• **DUI:** Mark Eldon Schlesener, 26, of Limon, Colo., was arrested at 9:10 p.m. by the Kansas Highway Patrol on I-70. The charge pending was driving under the influence.

**Sunday, Feb. 11**

• **DWS, more:** Justin Ikeashawn Evans, 28, of Huntsville, Ark., was arrested at 2:07 p.m. by the Kansas Highway Patrol on I-70. The charges pending included driving while suspended on fifth offense; no seat belt; and probation violation from Sumner County, Colo., on furnishing to a minor.

• **DUI, DWS:** Billy Clark Carroll II, 39, of Collinsville, Texas, was

arrested at 2:50 p.m. on I-70 by Kansas Highway Patrol. The charges pending included driving under the influence and driving while suspended.

• **Animal complaint:** An individual called at 11 a.m. to advise of horses not being fed south of Levant.

**Monday, Feb. 12**

• **Possession:** Kenneth Joseph Richardson, 33, and Terry Wayne Branner, 58, both of Colorado Springs, Colo., arrested at 3:45 p.m. by a Thomas County Sheriff's deputy on I-70. The charge pending was possession of marijuana with intent to sell.

• **Service rendered:** A deputy advised dispatch at 7:19 p.m. that he was assisting in traffic control for the Kansas Highway Patrol dealing with jack-knifed semi on I-70.

• **Accident:** A deputy called dispatch at 10:56 p.m. reporting a pickup damaging a guard rail on I-70.

**Colby Police Department Thursday, Feb. 8**

• **Criminal theft:** A woman reported at 2:27 p.m. her debit card being used at many businesses.

• **911 call:** A 911 disconnect was logged in at 5:51 p.m. in the 700 block of Dylan Drive. The call was accidental.

• **Traffic complaint:** A call at 6:58 p.m. advised of a pickup parked in the 800 block of West Pine.

• **Traffic complaint:** A Schwan's truck was reported at 7:21 p.m. broken down in the 1100 block of South Range Avenue.

• **Suspicious incident:** A nurse at Citizens Medical Center called at 7:36 p.m. advising of a man trying to get a syringe for a woman in a camper parked at Wal-Mart, 115 W. Willow.

**Friday, Feb. 9**

• **Service rendered:** A man ad-

vised police at 2:48 p.m. he was told the semi he was buying from Johnson Transports, 1965 Thielen, had been stolen and also money was owed to him. Officials said it was a civil matter.

• **Domestic:** An officer advised at 8:39 p.m. of a domestic in the 200 block of North Mission.

• **Juvenile complaint:** Police were advised at 11:22 p.m. of three youth around cars in the 1700 block of Harvey Avenue. Parents were called.

• **Harassment:** An individual called at 11:47 p.m. to report receiving text messages on a cellular telephone. Option on how to handle the matter was provided.

**Saturday, Feb. 10**

• **Noise complaint:** Police received a 911 call at 1:25 a.m. about a loud party in the 700 block of South Franklin Avenue.

• **Accident:** An individual called police at 7:25 a.m. about a car sliding onto a sidewalk and striking the Conoco Travel Shoppe, 1990 S. Range Ave.

• **Service rendered:** An officer advised at 4:45 p.m. of a car hitting a snow drift at Pine and Franklin.

• **Animal complaint:** Police were advised at 5:34 p.m. of a dog being neglected in the 300 block of East Fourth Street.

**Sunday, Feb. 11**

• **Service rendered:** An individual called at 2:44 p.m. requesting an officer help get her daughter's items, but was advised the incident was a civil matter.

• **Service rendered:** A mother called police at 8:21 p.m. requesting they contact her daughter at a residence in the 200 block of North School.

**Monday, Feb. 12**

• **Animal complaint:** Police were advised at 5:08 a.m. of two dogs running loose at Pine and Garfield. The animals were taken to Colby

Animal Clinic.

• **Traffic complaint:** A motorist called police at 7:59 a.m. about a pickup blocking the road and almost causing an accident in the 1000 block of West Sixth Street.

• **Service rendered:** A clerk at Wal-Mart, 115 W. Willow, called police at 8:43 a.m. about shot gun shells being sold to someone who may have been in prison.

• **Parking complaint:** The clerk at Colby Housing Authority, 600 S. Mission, called at 11:14 a.m. to advise police of a car parked for a week without appropriate sticker.

• **Accident:** Police were notified at 12:03 p.m. of an car accident involving property damage in the 200 block of North Range Avenue.

• **Parking complaint:** A call at 1:31 p.m. advised of a car parked in a handicap stall with no plates in the 100 block of East Fifth Street.

• **Accident:** Officers were called at 4:07 p.m. about a car accident at Fourth and Franklin.

• **Lost/mislaidd property:** A person went to the law enforcement

center at 4:37 p.m. to report loss or theft of license plate.

• **Suspicious incident:** The clerk at Quality Inn requested an officer at 11:21 p.m. to assist with an intoxicated person refusing to go to his room.



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