

Weather Corner



Chance of storms

The forecast

Tonight — Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy with a low around 48. East wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. **Saturday** — A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly sunny with a high near 62. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. **Saturday night** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 43. Breezy with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 72. West wind between 10 and 15 mph. **Monday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 69. **Monday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 39. **Tuesday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 71. **Temperatures**
Thursday's high, 64
Low this morning, 37
Records for this date, 88 in 1910, -1 in 1898
Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.00
March's precipitation, 0.22
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

Decatur County ambulance getting upgrades

The Decatur County ambulance director told county commissioners last Tuesday that a new garage door at the ambulance barn is almost up, along with a new key pad to unlock the door.

Director Linda Manning asked what the commissioners want to do with the old door.

The commissioners decided to place an ad in *The Oberlin Herald* for the old door. Bids are due to the county clerk's office by 5 p.m. Monday, April 2.

Ms. Manning said she talked with Kevin Brown of Sappa Valley Construction about expanding the barn to the south.

Mr. Brown said since it has a wooden frame, he didn't see any reason why it couldn't be expanded.

The commissioners asked Ms. Manning to get an estimate for the work in writing.

Commissioner Doyle Brown asked who the assistant director is in Oberlin in case Ms. Manning can't work.

Ms. Manning said the Oberlin assistant is Karen Eskew and the Jennings assistant is Chris Green.

Ms. Manning they had received a new cot for the ambulance. Also, she said, the new truck will be on display at the Chamber of Commerce Home and Garden Show.

Briefly

Square dance changes location

The Golden Buckle Square Dance club is sponsoring a dance at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Colby Middle School gymnasium, 750 W. Third St. Organizers ask attendants note the difference in location this month. The event is open to anyone interested in square dancing.

Business After Five next week

Barton Concrete Works, 2025 S. Franklin Ave., is hosting Business After Five, an event open to chamber members interested in an evening of fun, socializing and refreshments, said Holly Stephens, executive director of the Colby Chamber of Commerce. The event starts at 5 p.m., Wednesday, and visitors will be able to view the businesses new showroom, east of Wal-Mart. In addition, a \$50 gift certificate will be given away. For questions about Business After Five or other chamber activities, call 460-3401.

Ribbon-cutting Wednesday

The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce is planning a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Plum Creek, Ltd., 475

N. Franklin (formerly the His Shop) at 2 p.m., Wednesday.

Chamber fundraiser March 30

Mini March Madness, sponsored by the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, begins at 6 p.m., Friday, March 30, at the Colby Community Building. Concessions open at 5 p.m., said Holly Stephens, chamber executive director.

The event will feature Thomas County boys and girls in grades 2-6 who participated in a basketball clinic earlier in the day and will be showing off their "newly learned skills" that evening to parents, friends and relatives. The event is a fundraiser with all proceeds going to the chamber for special projects, operating expenses and promotion of Thomas County.

Puddle Duck enrollment April 4

Enrollment-open house for the 2007-08 school year for Puddle Duck Preschool is from 4 to 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 4. The preschool is for 3- to 5-year-old children and welcomes all denominations, said Amy Jennings, school administrator.

For questions, call 460-2603.

Easter Egg hunts planned

Colby's Assembly of God Church is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt from 1 to 2:15 p.m., Saturday, April 7, at its facility, 245 W. College Dr. The hunt is open to children ages infant to 10 years old. Children under 6, should be accompanied by a parent. For questions, call 462-8234.

The Kiwanis Club Easter Egg Hunt will be at 10 a.m. March 31 at Fike Park.

The hunt for children 3 and younger will be at 10 a.m.; 4-6 years old, 10:10 a.m. and 7-9 years old, 10:20 a.m. In case of bad weather, listen to KXXX or KQLS for more information.

Youth horseback riders wanted

The Logan County Equestrian Drill Team will meet at 7 p.m., Sunday, at the 4-H Building in Oakley, said Ashley Moser, coordinator. "We are looking for interested youth riders from ages 7-18 to participate in the drill team," she said. For questions, call Moser at (785) 462-0261.

Prevention council members retiring

By Karen Krien

St. Francis Herald

After over 25 years, Rachael Keller and Naomi Holliman are retiring from the Northwest Kansas Council on Substance Abuse Board.

The Regional Prevention Center of Northwest Kansas started with a small grant of \$17,000 and a staff of one full-time director and a part-time secretary. After hiring and firing several directors, in 1982, they hired Sue Evans as the executive director and there are now 21 to 22 employees. The budget has also grown to \$760,000 a year.

Mrs. Keller said she felt that the program was important and has enjoyed seeing it grow into a profitable organization.

Mrs. Holliman said she wanted to do something good by helping people so she just continued to serve on the board.

Mrs. Keller served as president and Mrs. Holliman as secretary/treasurer for 20 years. They traveled to meetings (at their own expense) in Colby once a month. As the years passed and Mrs. Keller and Mrs. Holliman were a little older, the board members would often meet in St. Francis so they wouldn't have to travel. There was also the introduction of conference phone calls.

The first programs dealt with drug and alcohol prevention. Mrs. Keller said they were instrumental in getting Fred Waters, McDonald, trained as a counselor and he is still helping people today. They also started the Cheyenne County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council.

Today, the Regional Prevention Center of Northwest Kansas offers a number of programs including: Start talking before they start drinking (underage drinking), the prevention of child abuse and neglect,

AIDS and HIV training, nine community coalitions, promote Red Ribbon Week and Family Day, curriculum in the schools for life skill, project alert and class action — all are targeted to elementary, middle school and high school about substance abuse....meth training and awareness.

"We are available for more information on any of these programs and more," said Wendy Wellmann, community prevention consultant for the county. "Call us at 785-460-8177.

"I appreciate the fact that we have a coalition in Cheyenne County and that Rachael and Naomi have put in all their time."

Representing Cheyenne County in place of Mrs. Holliman and Mrs. Keller is new board member, Glenn Isernhagen, St. Francis.

The Kids Making a Connection program board meets at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month in the basement of the Cheyenne County Clinic in St. Francis. The group was led through the Communities That Care process and identified problem behaviors by assessing student survey data reports from the previous year. Substance abuse was identified as one of the top five concerns in the county and the group is targeting this problem area.

Their mission is to provide educational opportunities.

Non-injury accident



TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

The Colby Police investigated a wreck at Fourth and Nashville Wednesday afternoon. No one was hurt in the accident, and no details were available at press time today.

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- Registration - 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Downtown Show & Shine & Judging of Registered Entrants - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Free BBQ for all Registered Entrants - noon to 2 p.m.
- 60 mile Poker Run - 3 p.m. to 4:30
- Free Dance for Registered Entrants at the Oakley Country Club - 8 p.m. to Midnight - Trophies and Prizes will be awarded at the Dance

\$25 Registration Fee

-Early Registration Encouraged-

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