


Weather
Corner



Snow likely


The forecast
Tonight — A 30 percent chance of snow after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy with a low around 30. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. New snow accumulation of less than a half-inch possible. **Thursday** — Snow likely. Cloudy with a high near 34. South wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent. new snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches possible. **Thursday night** — A slight chance of rain and snow showers before 1 a.m. Areas of fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, cloudy with a low around 28. East wind between 5 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent. **Friday** — A slight chance of rain and snow showers before 1 p.m., then a slight chance of rain showers. Areas of fog before 1 p.m. Otherwise, cloudy with a high near 39. East wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent. **Friday night** — A chance of snow. Mostly cloudy with a low around 25. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent. **Saturday** — A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy with a high near 39. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent. **Saturday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 23. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 56.

Temperatures
Monday's high, 79
Tuesday's high, 53
Low this morning, 24
Records for this date, 89 in 1929, 12 in 1977
Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.00
April'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.

Kitchen fire
damages home
Monday

A fire Tuesday damaged a kitchen in a home at 775 Lane. J.L. Ellis, training officer with the Colby Fire Department, said the call came in at 6:40 p.m. Sean Hankins, assistant fire chief, said a grease fire from the stove top caught the wall behind the stove on fire. It was confined to the kitchen, which suffered fire damage. Ellis said the home's first floor sustained some smoke damage. Three fire engines and 27 fire fighters responded to the call. "We had quite a bit of people and equipment there," Ellis said. The fire didn't take long to put out. He said they had it out within the first 15 minutes, and it took about a half-hour total to put out the fire and check for other damage. Ellis said the fire department had two other calls on Sunday. One was a false alarm at the Hong Kong Chinese restaurant on West Fourth Street. Employees were cleaning the hood system and someone saw steam, and thought it might be a fire. The fire department also responded to a grass fire on North Range Avenue that was started by someone burning trash in a barrel. Ellis said this is the time of year people should start to be more careful when burning outside. As the weather warms, the chances increase for grass fires.

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Briefly

Commodity distribution Monday

United States Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Monday at the Retired adn Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center. People eligible may receive them only according to income guidelines on the above date and tiem only. No other arrangements for pick-up will be made. Distribution is on a first-come, first-served baseis and may not begin until the advertised time. Participants are asked to not arrive at the distribution site before 12:30 p.m. Eligible people who are not able to attend the distribution may send a signed permission slip with another person to puck up their commodities. Items include pears, pork, rice cereal and cranberry juice. For information,c all 462-6744.

College basketball fundraiser

The second annual Colby Community College men's basketball duck races will be held 7:30 p.m., April 14 at Twister's Bar and Grill. Ducks will be available for purchase

at 5:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to those who own the winning ducks. Food and entertainment will be available. All proceeds benefit the men's basketball program.

Sealant/fluoride clinic for children set

Students enrolled in the dental hygienist program at Colby Community College are hosting a Sealant/Fluoride Clinic for children ages 6- 14, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, April 14. The clinic is in the Health Sciences Building on the campus. There is a small charge for the first four sealants and no charge for additional sealants. Parents are encouraged to make an appointment for their children by calling (785) 460-5438.

State championship T-shirts

Anyone wanting to purchase a State Championship T-shirt from the Colby Lady Eagles 2007 Championship can contact Derek Bissitt at 460-5300 or 462-8083. The cost is \$12 for S-XL & \$14 for 2XL & 3XL. Deadline is Monday, April 9.

Citizens Foundation scholarships

The Citizens Foundation at Citizens Medical Center in Colby is offering two scholarships to the nine-county area of northwest Kansas. The scholarships are available to all ages, and they are looking to fund individuals who are beginning or furthering their medical careers. The deadline for applications is April 30. The scholarships will be awarded in May. There are no contractual agreements associated with these scholarships. The scholarships are the \$1,000 Dr. Jeff Jennings Memorial Scholarship and the \$1,500 Citizens Medical Center, Inc. Health Care Scholarship. Applications are available online at nwkshealthcare.com.

City to pick up grass clippings

The City of Colby will begin picking up grass clippings Monday, April 9. Grass clippings must be bagged or canned, and separated from all trash. Tree limbs must be separated and tied together in bundles, less than 4 feet long and less than 50 pounds. All collections must be at curbside by 8 a.m.

Sheridan County voters write-in votes during election

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

Write-in votes in Sheridan County weighed in heavily in Tuesday's election. According to Sheridan County Clerk Paula Bielser, Sheridan County Health Complex incumbent trustee Allen Neal was the only candidate who filed for one of three open seats. Neal was re-elected with 394 votes. Winning seats on the board from write-in votes were incumbent Craig Cooper with 219 votes and Ronnie Kauk, a newcomer, re-

ceived 196 votes. Not seated as one of the top three vote getters, were write-in candidates Ross Carder with 100 votes and Don William with 77 votes. Also weighing in with write-in votes for Hoxie's school board. Niceta Farber received 339 votes to Pam Washington's 62 votes. Incumbents being reseated are Howard Harwerth with 474 votes, Sharon Schamberger with 457 votes, and Leonard Weber with 440 votes. In the race for Hoxie's city council, incumbent commissioner Jim Erwin received 241 votes to Gregg

Jones' 125 votes. In Selden, no one filed for the office of mayor, but Jacquie Boultinghouse receives 32 write-in votes, as did Berry Quanz who received 25 votes. Boultinghouse said this morning she plans to accept the position, which means the 47 votes cast for her for her city council seat will go unused. Selden's city council will be made up of Christopher Bainter with 50 votes; Bernie Koeperich, 64 votes; Sandra Koeperich, 41 votes; Steve Rogers, 45 votes; and Jacqueline A. Schulte with 55 votes.

Not seated was Don Koerperich who garnered 3 votes. Sheridan County voters in the Selden area had names on their ballot for seats on the Rexford school board. See related Thomas County story for results. Some Sheridan County voters had names of nearby school board members on their ballots. Despite ballots in the northern part of the county listing Dan Grafel, Brad Long, Monte Moore, Daniel Nedland and Barbara Olson for the Oberlin school board, no voters showed up at the polls. In the southeastern part of Sheridan County, Rhonda Coburn

received two votes for position No. 1, and Michael Machen received two votes for position No. 7 on Quinter's school board. Running for seats on the Wheatland school board in Grainfield were Dale Goetz, Rodney Haffner, Cindy Tustin and Leon Tuttle. Tustin received one vote, while the others received none. In the race for seats on Grinnell's school board the outcome was Robert Fellhoelter, 38 votes; Alan Suter, 35 votes; Jody Beckman, 33 votes; Donald Teeter, 27 votes; Nancy Schwarz, 25 votes; Francis Rudell, 22; and Lamar Whitson, 16 votes.

Not many Logan County voters turn out to cast ballots

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

Voters in Logan County had few circles to fill on their ballot for Tuesday's election for city and school board candidates. According to Logan County Clerk Pat Schippers, of the county's 1,800 registered voters, 585 of them went to the polls. Elected to Oakley's city council

were incumbent Kevin Uhrich with 348 votes; Cody Finlay with 268 votes; and incumbent Charles Beamer with 263 votes. Also on the ballot was Jodee Rummel who received 197 votes. Of Oakley's incumbent school board members Sharon Boyd received 325 votes, while Eric Sperber received 311 votes to Raelene Keller's 306 votes. Also elected to the board was Tim Hubert

with 238 votes, leaving behind Anita Gabel with 220 votes and Jodi Moelling's 173 votes. For three seats on Winona's city council, incumbent Kent Barrett claimed 51 votes, while newcomer David Lamb grabbed 28 votes, one more than incumbent Dan Smith with 27 votes. Randy Moore took home 22 votes. None of Winona's current school board members filed for re-

election; however, Ruth A. Smith ran as a newcomer. Smith received 76 votes. Claiming seats on the board through write-in votes are Crystal Rucker, 56 votes; Cameron Edwards, 50 votes; and Scott Schertz, 35 votes. Shawn Plummer received 31 votes. Other races in Logan County were: Leoti's school board (top three): Kathy Bangarter, 7; Brad Brown, 4; Greg Fletcher, 3; Scott

McKinney, 5; Lanny Mehl, 4; and Leoti's at-large seat: Gary Graff, 4. Sharon Springs school board (top 4): Joel Eder, 1; Carol Johnson, 0; Trent Knobbe, 8; Dennis Mote, 7; Cecil Pearce, 7; Davod Schemm, 8; and Scott City school board: Mark Davis, 0; Eric Erven, 2; Chris Weathers, 0. Although four seats were open, only three candidates were listed and of those, two had no votes.

Three board seats filled on Colby board, one still remains empty

By Tisha Cox
Colby Free Press

Three seats on the Colby School Board have been filled, but one still remains open.

From the unofficial results from Tuesday's election, incumbents Stan Molstad and Joel Powell were re-elected and Raymond (Omar) Weber was elected to his first term on the board.

Molstad received 1,334 votes and Powell had 1,170. Weber received 1,239 votes. Someone will have to be appointed to the fourth, open seat. There were 278 write-ins on the

ballot, said Barb Hopper, deputy county clerk, but they do not have them all sorted out yet. Colby school board seats are all at-large, meaning everyone in the community voted on them instead

of by precincts. Four incumbent Brewster school board members were re-elected, but one board seat remains open. The races were not contested. The seats on the Brewster School Board are also at-large. Willard Crumrine, Don Allen, Rod Gilley and Bonnie Holm were all re-elected. The term of Lonnie Selby expired, but he did not file for re-election. Crumrine had the most votes with 165; Allen followed with 155; Gilley had 137 and Holm received 116.

Enrollment date for ag program extended to August

MANHATTAN — Bill R. Fuller, State Executive Director of the Kansas Farm Service Agency today announced the sign-up deadline for the 2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) has been extended to Aug. 3, 2007. "The extension is due to issues involving the performance of the Farm Service Agency's web-based

computer system," said Fuller. The late-file fee of \$100 will only be assessed for farms that are enrolled after Aug. 3, 2007, and before Sept. 30, 2007. USDA computes DCP payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Direct payments provide no incentive to increase production of any certain crop, because the payments are not based on producers' current production choices. Producers receive direct payments at rates established

by statute regardless of market prices. Counter-cyclical payments provide support counter to the cycle of market prices as part of a "safety net" in the event of low crop prices. These payments are only issued if the effective price for a commodity (which takes into account the direct payment rate, market price and loan rate) is below the target price for the commodity. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices.

Enrollment in DCP for the 2007 contract period began on Oct. 1, 2006, and was scheduled to end on June 1, 2007. Fuller noted that the extension applies only to the enrollment time frame, and does not extend the DCP contract period. For more information about DCP and other FSA programs, please contact the local county FSA office.

Mayoral candidate offers thanks

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after many residents complained about streets and tree limb removal following the major winter storms in late December and January. "I do want to thank my supporters, but I was disappointed because I was looking forward to representing the people," Smith said. "The voters have spoken though and I know how hard it is to unseat an incumbent," he said.

In addition to the mayor's race, four council seats and the four incumbents had no trouble being elected since all ran unopposed. In Ward I, Pat Mallory received 283 votes with five write-ins still to tabulate; Ward II saw Bev Eichler with 325 votes and one write-in; Jim Brown in Ward III received 388 votes with five write-ins; and Jim Tubbs had 311 votes with seven write-ins. Thomas County Commissioners will canvass all the votes 9 a.m. Monday.

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