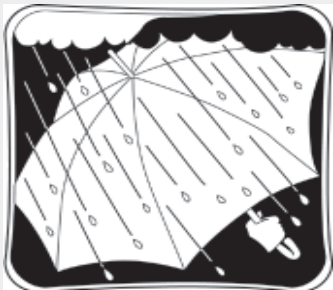


Weather Corner



Snowy and blustery

The forecast
Tonight — Areas of blowing snow and a chance of snow mainly before 1 a.m. Cloudy with a low around 26. Blustery with a north wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent. New snow accumulation of one to two inches possible. **Saturday** — Mostly cloudythen gradually becoming mostly sunny with a high near 45. West wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Saturday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 30. West wind around 10 mph. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 57. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. **Sunday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 36. **Monday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 60. **Monday night** — A30 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy with a low around 40. **Tuesday** — A20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy with a high near 57. **Temperatures**
 Thursday's high, 49
 Low this morning, 25
 Records for this date, 87 in 1936, 14 in 1928
 Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.00
 April's precipitation, 0.06
 A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

Talk on 'liquid' assets

A lesson on the most important body nutrient — water — will be held from noon to 1 p.m., Tuesday, in the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave., Colby. The event is being presented by Lori Sporer, Logan County Extension Family and Consumer Science agent, who will discuss critical functions of fluid in the body, common signs of dehydration and possible consequences of it. "Lori will also talk about the pros and cons of bottled water, just how much water is enough for a day and why older adults and children need to be monitored for hydration," said Diann Gerstner, Thomas County Extension agent. In addition, Sporer will answer questions as to why water is the most abundant compound in the body; used by every system in the body and the most forgotten nutrient. "Most of us are aware of the value of healthy food choices in disease control and prevention," Sporer said. "The marvelous dividends we can receive from daily consuming adequate amounts of water and other nutritious fluids make water one of our body's greatest assets and are absolutely necessary to the health and well being of our body." For those planning to attend, Gerstner urges them to call the extension office, (785) 460-4582. "If we don't get enough interest, the lesson may be cancelled," she said.

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Briefly

Commissioners to meet Monday

The Thomas County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday at the Courthouse. Items on the agenda include a presentations from county health administrator Lisa Molstad; Todd Stramel with a letter of support for an activity center; county treasurer Donita Applebury on her office's hours; Sheriff Mike Baughn with a quote from Colby Glass on renewal of lock maintenance at the jail; road supervisor Clair Schrock on dirt work at the fairgrounds; board of county canvassers to break tie for USD 316 school board members; approval of minutes and accounts payable. The meeting is open to the public.

School Board to meet Monday

The Colby School Board will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Administration Building. Items on the agenda include a public hearing on republishing the 2006-2007 general fund budget; approval of the consent agenda; reports on intermediate and future technology needs; reports from the principals, superintendent and curriculum director; a scenario building session; Thomas County Academy future; approval of the republished budget; registration for the spring regioanl Kansas Association of School Boards meeting; set year-end staff gathering and retirement reception; chamber of commerce dues and tentative school board meeting dates for the next school yaer and if necessary, personnel issues. The

meeting is open to the public.

College to discuss trustee position

The Colby Community College Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting at 5 p.m., Monday, in the board room of Thomas Hall. Items on the agenda include discussing a replacement for Board Chair Don Kready, who is moving from the area; considering debit cards; approving requests for roofing bids at Ferguson Hall; Carr Agricultural Center; the Cultural Arts Center and H.F. Davis Memorial Library. In addition, the board will hear reports from President Lynn Kreider, other administrative council members, approving agreements, contracts, discussing endowment foundation members and changing the May meeting date. For questions or an agenda, call 462-3984.

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.

Church featuring 'Celebration of Recovery' service Sunday

By Patty Decker
 Free Press Editor

The Colby United Methodist Church will feature a "Celebration of Recovery" at 8:30 and 11 a.m., Sunday, said Pastor James Mardock. As part of the Sunday special services one of the church members will be telling his story of addiction and how he continues to stay on a recovery path. "People need to be aware that churches are supportive of treat-

ment and recovery from addictions," he said. "Whether the addiction is alcohol, drugs, or something else," Mardock said. "The United Methodist Church is beginning a faith partnership in developing programs to help people of all ages." Assisting the church in program development, the United Methodist Church is working with the Johnson Institute from Texas. One of the main reasons the church is looking at faith partnering

is in part to the national movement which is seeing addiction disease from the perspective of long term recovery. In addition to the special service Sunday, Mardock said there are three people within the congregation volunteering for training in faith partnering. Methodist Church members Scott Barnum, Kim Chain and Doug Ketchum will receive training and share that information through workshops. "We are looking at one project at

a time," Mardock said, "and our first faith partnering project is Sunday with a testimonial and related scripture." Mardock and Barnum also talked about the need for the church to reach out in service to others. "My hope," Mardock said, "is reaching out to those people who need support." Barnum said he also envisions the church being available for support through a holistic approach by combining spirituality and prevention and/or recovery from addic-

tions. Mardock is inviting anyone interested in Sunday's "Celebration of Recovery" to come to either service. "I believe everyone can get something out of Sunday's service whether or not they have or know someone with addiction problems," he said. Along with Coolly United Methodist Church, the First Presbyterian Church and Brewster Community Church are also involved in faith partnering.

Colby native builds furniture for Ellis County courtroom

Colby native Justin Herbel recently completed building and installing furniture for the second-floor courtroom at the Ellis County Courthouse in Hays. The project included the Judge's bench, witness stand, clerk's stand, podium, and bookcase, taking approximately two years to design and construct. The furniture features native and naturalized to Kansas hardwoods with the primary woods being black walnut and Osage-orange (hedgeapple). Secondary woods for the considerable number of inlays include boxelder, burr oak, sandhill plum, black locust, and dogwood. The Judge's bench is quite large and was built in sections at Herbel's shop, which was near Cedar Bluff Reservoir (he recently moved to New York), and assembled at the courthouse. Mortise and tenon joints were used on all pieces and drawers for the Judge's bench included over 100 handcut dovetails and pins. The drawer pulls were handmade from Osage-orange and boxelder. Finish for the furniture was several coats of hand rubbed oil and varnish. The design Herbel came up with for the project is not ornate which fits in with the clean look of the courthouse and relies on carefully selected, highly figured wood. The inlays, drawer pulls, cornices, corbels, and pediments are meant to mimic the limestone brick construction of the courthouse and its surrounding walls. The project is located at 1204 Fort Street, Hays, and can be viewed when court is not in session. Court is usually not in session during the noon lunch hour on the second floor.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The new judge's bench in the second floor court room at the Ellis County courthouse in Hays was built by Colby native Justin Herbel.

Square dance planned

The Shooting Stars Square Dance Club will have a square dance from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 22 at Roosevelt Elementary

School, 200 MacArthur, in Hays. Al Braun will call the squares. Everyone is welcome — singles and couples of all ages. Refreshments will be served.

Correction

The headline on an accident story on the front page of the April 12 *Colby Free Press*, indicated one person was hurt in the accident, and one killed. No one else was injured in the accident, and there was only one fatality.

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