

Weather Corner



Showers possible

The forecast
Tonight — A chance of showers and thunderstorms, then showers likely after 1 a.m. Increasing clouds with a low around 41. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. **Friday** — A 40 percent chance of showers before 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy with a high near 63. Breezy with a north wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Friday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 38. North wind between 5 and 15 mph. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 78. Northwest wind around 5 mph. **Saturday night** — Clear with a low around 46. **Sunday** — Sunny with a high near 80. **Sunday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 50. **Monday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 82.
Temperatures
Wednesday's high, 45
Low this morning, 32
Records for this date, 91 in 1927, 23 in 1907
Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.20
April's precipitation, 3.01
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

Briefly

“Look, Lunch and Learn” planned

Thomas County Academy, the Colby School District’s charter school, is holding a “Look, Learn and Lunch” at the school from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday. Come look at the classroom environment, learn about projects and presentations and eat a light lunch. For information, call 460-5075.

Spots available for field trip

There are still a few openings available for the “Down Under” trip sponsored by Pioneer Memorial Library. The trip will include tours of the tunnels of Ellinwood, Kansas and the brand-new Kansas Underground Salt Museum. The trip is scheduled for Saturday, May 5 and is open to Thomas County middle school students (grades 6-8) for an enrollment fee of \$25. Stop in the library to enroll or call 460-4470 for more information.

Square dance Saturday

The Golden Buckle Square Dance group is planning a

dance starting at 8 p.m., Saturday, at the Colby Community Building. Anyone interested in square dancing is invited.

Day of Prayer May 3

The Thomas County Ministerial Alliance invites everyone to observe National Day of Prayer at noon Thursday, May 3, in front of the Thomas County courthouse. A proclamation from Gov. Kathleen Sebelius will be read followed by opportunities for individual prayers. The service will conclude no later than 12:30 p.m. A praise and prayer rally is also planned from 7 to 8 p.m. that day at the Colby Community Building Little Theater.

Remote control car races May 6

Remote control races will not be held this Sunday at First Baptist Church of Colby, 615 W. Webster, but are scheduled for Sunday May 6 from 2 to 5 p.m. Young people are invited to attend and cars will be provided for those who do not have one. For questions, call Kent Higerd, 462-3440.

Endowment Foundation meeting

The Colby Community College Endowment Foundation annual meeting is set for 6 p.m., Monday, May 14 in the Robert Burnett Student Union on campus. For questions, call Foundation Director Nick Wells, (785) 460-4684.

Old flags being collected

Colby Girl Scouts are again sponsoring a disposal service for ‘Old Glory’ flags no longer fit to be flown. A collection box is in the lobby of Pioneer Memorial Library, 375 W. Fourth St. until Friday, April 27. Once the flags are collected, said Katherine Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Girl Scout 165 troop leader, they will be properly disposed.

Free sports physicals May 8

Colby Medical and Surgical Center, 175 S. Range Ave., will offer free sports physical examinations to Thomas County middle and high school students between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 8. The time for Colby High School students to arrive at the clinic is 5:30 p.m.

Colby students ready for challenge of state music festival

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playing a complex piece has a psychological impact on the students too.

“It gives them a confidence boost,” she said.

Nickols hopes the more students

who excel at music, including the state tournament, can entice other students to join the music department.

Colby senior Liz Erickson said she is taking her confidence to state with the hopes of performing better than she did in past years.

Prosecutor says firing came after treatment complaints

OLATHE (AP) — A fired Johnson County domestic violence chief says she will fight for her job, which she feels she lost because she complained about the treatment of women in the prosecutor’s office.

Jacqie Spradling alleges that District Attorney Phill Kline or one of his assistants planted a recording device in her office to tape her conversations before the firing. She said the alleged bugging came after she sent a memo to Kline saying she thought women in the office were being mistreated.

“Any time a woman in that office expresses an opinion, it is disregarded,” Spradling said Wednesday at a news conference outside the Johnson County Courthouse.

“Women are treated poorly by discrimination and sexual harassment in that office.”

Spradling, who led the domestic violence unit for eight years, filed a complaint with the county over her firing and hired attorneys to help with her fight. She declined to comment on specific incidents, but said she has evidence to support her allegations and that it will come out after an investigation.

Kline denies the gender-bias allegations and the claims of electronic eavesdropping. He said he knows of two incidents of alleged mistreatment brought by Spradling, and both were immediately reviewed and found to be without merit.

“Other years I got a two and I have been with ensembles and we had ones,” she said.

Judges score performers based on numbers. One is the best score to receive.

Erickson is singing a solo and with a group. Her solo selections

have an Italian and Irish background. Erickson is an alto.

Like Cox, Erickson prefers to choose more complex pieces, “as long as it suits your voice,” she said.

Erickson is considering studying music at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa, where she will attend

this fall. She also likes the future of Colby High’s vocal department under the direction of Joey Nickols, Jill’s husband. This is his first year as a full-time teacher.

“Two years ago he was our accompanist. He is going to be a great addition.”

Kansas decides to regulate weight-loss procedure

TOPEKA (AP) — Kansas has become the first state to regulate — at least temporarily — the drugs used in a fat reduction procedure called LipoDissolve.

The Kansas Board of Healing Arts on Tuesday passed a temporary regulation that will change the way physicians administer a mixture of two drugs for the procedure, which isn’t approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

LipoDissolve involves a series of injections of a mixture of phosphatidylcholine and sodium deoxycholate that breaks down fat cell walls and dissolves fat to a liquid that is expelled from the body.

Mark Stafford, general counsel for the Board of Healing Arts, told The Topeka Capital-Journal, that he believes a physician may order a

drug that is not approved in limited situations.

“Today, this product has been available in a way that has skirted FDA regulation and the approval process,” Stafford said. “Our goal is to bring the practice back into the whole system of making sure products that are injected are safe and effective.”

The regulation, which goes into effect for 120 days from Tuesday, says that physicians, surgeons or osteopaths cannot inject the drug combination until they perform a physical examination on patients and record patients’ medical history. It also requires the doctors to write a prescription for a pharmacist to create the compound.

“Our understanding is that there are pharmacists out there in the

world who are manufacturing this product for just general sale to physicians and businesses who want to administer it,” Stafford said. “It is not compounded for a specific patient.”

He said it is easy to conclude that the practice is illegal and businesses should be closed and physicians should be subject to disciplinary action for delivering the drug the way it is currently being done.

But before that happens, the board wants to give the information to practitioners and hopes for voluntary compliance.

Stafford said several medical spas in the Kansas City area and Wichita offer LipoDissolve and some, including people who aren’t physicians, are buying it in bulk.

Stafford said he knows of no specific situation where someone has been hurt by LipoDissolve but the public deserves protection if there are rumors about a drug that has not been approved.

The board sent a letter in February to all licensed physicians in Kansas to warn them that some practices may violate regulations regarding medical spas, Stafford said.

“The product is becoming more and more available without regulation, and since it is injected under the skin, it creates an unreasonable risk to the public,” Stafford said.

Dr. Ron Huffman, of Lenexa, has

been offering LipoDissolve to patients for several months. He said the regulation is “confusing” but that he is willing to comply.

Huffman said he may be able to comply by having the LipoDissolve compounded at a local pharmacy but added that he wasn’t sure he wasn’t already complying. Huffman also stressed that he performs the procedure only on “healthy patients.”

Debra Billingsley, executive secretary of the Kansas Board of Pharmacy, said the board is reviewing compounding regulations.

“If they (pharmacists) are going to compound a drug that they have knowledge of that has not been approved, that is going to increase the pharmacist’s liability,” she said. “They’re going to have to use their professional judgment.”

The Board of Healing Arts will have a public hearing on the regulation, which may result in it being modified, made permanent, or abandoned, Stafford said.

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Panel dismisses ethics issue in Tiller case

TOPEKA (AP) — A state panel has dismissed an ethics complaint filed by abortion opponents against a Sedgewick County district judge who threw out a criminal case against the state’s best-known abortion provider.

A seven-member panel of the Commission on Judicial Qualifications concluded the complaint “contained no facts evidencing judicial misconduct” by Judge Paul W. Clark in his handling of 30 misdemeanor filed against Dr. George Tiller, who is among the few U.S. doctors performing late-term abortions.

Abortion opponents, led by Sen. Tim Huelskamp, R-Fowler, noted that during Clark’ 2004 re-election campaign, the judge received maximum contributions of \$500 each from a law firm representing Tiller and Sedgewick County District Attorney Nola Foulston and her husband. They said Clark should have

disclosed the contributions in court.

Huelskamp questioned whether the panel’s investigation of the complaint was thorough. A Tiller attorney called the panel’s decision wise.

The charges against Tiller were filed in December by outgoing Attorney General Phill Kline, an anti-abortion Republican. Clark dismissed the case the next day on jurisdictional grounds, at the request of Foulston, a Democrat.

The commission panel disclosed its decision in a letter sent last week to Troy Newman, president of the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue, who also was involved in the complaint. Operation Rescue made the letter public Monday.

Clark told the commission panel he did not know who contributed to his re-election campaign because he had never examined his own campaign finance report, the commission panel said.

Faced with a Drinking Problem?
Perhaps
Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help
Meetings are Open to the Public
City Hall Basement
Mondays & Thursdays - 8:30 p.m.

The students and staff of Thomas County Academy invite you to

LOOK, LEARN, AND LUNCH

at the Open House on

Mon. April 30th, 11 - 2 @ TCA Classroom

(enter through Woods door on South side)

Look at our classroom environment, learn about our projects/ presentations, and eat a light lunch on us.

For more information, please call 460-5004.

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