

Weather
Corner

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The forecast
Tonight — Mostly clear with a low around 51. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west.
Friday — Sunny with a high near 84. West wind around 5 mph becoming calm.
Friday night — Clear with a low around 53. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Saturday — Sunny with a high near 85. South wind around 10 mph.
Saturday night — Clear with a low around 55.
Sunday — Mostly sunny with a high near 87.
Sunday night — Mostly clear with a low around 57.
 Monday — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a high near 88.
Temperatures
 Wednesday's high, 76
 Low this morning, 46
 Records for this date, 92 in 1893, 27 in 1981
 Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.00
 May's precipitation, 0.11
 A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

Briefly

Church to offer free breakfast

The First Baptist Church of Colby, corner of Grant and Webster streets, is hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast, from 8 to 10 a.m., Sunday, in the lower level of the educational wing. The breakfast is free and a gift to the community, said Pastor Carroll Morony. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, mixed fruit, coffee, juice and milk. The public is invited. For questions, call 462-2867.

Commissioners to meet Monday

The Thomas County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday at the courthouse. Items on the agenda include EMS director Ken Gatlin on purchase bids for portable radios; road supervisor Clair Schrock on the five-year road plan; Lynette Koon and Scott Roe on economic waste figures for 2006 and service to rural customers; approval of April 30 meeting minutes; mid-month bills; monthly reports from EMS, highway department and landfill. The meeting is open to the public.

High school art show to be Tuesday

The Colby High School Art Show will be from 8-5 p.m. and 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday in the Commons of the High School. It will be judged Monday evening.

Organization plans open house

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas will hold its annual open house from 2 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, May 22 at the Wheatland Developmental Center, 1675 W. 4th in Colby. "This is a great opportunity to learn more about the organization's innovative programs, as well as have input into future classes, programs and services for people with developmental disabilities," said Pam Sager, coordinator. The public is invited to this come and go event, visit with the staff, and enjoy refreshments. For questions, call (785) 462-3012.

4-H horse clinics planned

4-H horse clinics are planned in May and June. Showmanship and halter will be presented by Ty Inlow, Tuesday, May

29 and Wednesday, May 30. Horsemanship and western pleasure by Kristy Koch will be Monday, June 4 and Tuesday, June 5. Amanda Wolf will do a clinic on reining Wednesday, June 13. All clinics will be at the small arena at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Cost is \$10 per session per child. Classes will be divided by experience. E-mails will be sent out with the exact times for the clinics. Sign up at the extension office. For information, call Jay Todd at (785) 687-4465 or (785) 269-7774.

Museum exhibit features local artists

Now open at the Prairie Museum of Art and History is an art exhibit drawn from the museum's collection that features many local artists that have spent most if not all of their lives in Northwest Kansas. Area Art: Celebrating Artists from the Region will be open for viewing until May 31. Visit or call the Prairie Museum of Art and History at 1905 S. Franklin, Colby, Kansas at (785) 460-4590 for more details. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 5 a.m. Monday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Hoxie High School graduation ceremony on Saturday

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

Hoxie High School graduation ceremonies will take place at 3 p.m. Saturday, after which the graduates will embark on the world of employment, military service or college.

"This year will we be graduating 33 students, and last year we graduated 36," said Ed Weiner, high school counselor. "We have determined the valedictorian, but we don't release the name until the graduation ceremony."

Junior ushers Michaela Mauck, Kim Weber, Shannon Bird and Evan White will lead the procession into the school's auditorium with traditional pomp and circumstance, where seniors, along with family and friends, will be welcomed by Gary Johnson, principal.

Johnson and Weiner will present

the class to school board members Howard Harwerth, Leonard Weber, Margery Haas, Conrad Popp, Sharon Schamberger, Stacey Heim and Billi Beckman, of which Harwerth and Weber will present the students their diplomas.

This year's graduating class chose an unknown author's comments as their motto, "A bend in the road is not the end of the road unless you fail to make the turn."

School colors of red and black will be accented by the class flower which is a red rose tipped in silver. Class officers are Troy Oelke, president; Rebecca Farber, vice president; Tiffany Goetz, secretary and treasurer; and Darik Stithem, student council representative.

The class of 2007 has set out specific goals for their lives after high school, many of which included receipt of scholarship awards from colleges or universities.

Those in the senior class include:

- Tyson R. Bieker, United States Marine Corps.
- Nicole R. Brown, Fort Hays State University.
- Jadrien F. Carson, Colby Community College.
- Janna R. Colson, Colby Community College; Masonic Lodge scholarship, Colby Community College academic and drama scholarships, Pete Henry Foundation scholarship and Fort Hays State University Copper award.
- Julia R. Colson, Colby Community College; Colby Community College academic and drama department scholarships, Pete Henry Foundation scholarship and Fort Hays State University Copper award.
- Jack M. Farber, Bainter Construction Services.
- Rebecca J. Farber, Fort Hays State University; Fort Hays State University Miller Black and Gold award and award of excellence in business, Kansas Governor's Scholar award, University of Kansas honor student, Kansas State University outstanding math and science scholar, certificate of recognition Kansas Board of Regents and a Kansas State Scholar.
- Erin D. Fenner, Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland; Pete Henry Foundation scholarship.
- Tiffany D. Goetz, Kansas Wesleyan University; Fort Hays State University Silver academic award and award of excellence in health and human development, certificate of recognition Kansas Board of Regents, University of Kansas honor student. Hoxie High School honor student and national honor society.
- Kara R. Heier, Colby Community College.
- Chrystal L. Herl, Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland; Fort Hays State University trapshooting scholarship.
- Kelsey E. Hill, University of Kansas in Lawrence; Fort Hays State University bronze award and award of excellence in business, Elks Lodge National Foundation Legacy award.
- Justin T. Joslyn, Southwestern College in Winfield, cross country athletic and indoor and outdoor track scholarships.
- Damian Kaniewski, foreign exchange student from Poland, Wyzsza Szkoła Biznesu National Louis University.

Kylei M. Lewis, University of Nebraska at Kearney, non-resident scholarship, merit scholarship, honors partial tuition waiver scholarship, music department scholarship and Dane G. Hansen Foundation scholarship.

• Brett M. Linden, North Central Kansas Technical College in Beloit; Dane G. Hansen Foundation scholarship and Knights of Columbus New Almelo Council scholarship.

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- Jesse Q. Mader, undecided.
- Marcus A. McKenna, Fort Hays State University; Fort Hays State University Silver award, award of excellence in biology, Elsie Robinson 4-H scholarship, Elks Lodge National Foundation most valuable student award, certificate of recognition by Kansas Board of Regents, Kansas State Scholar. Hoxie High School honor student and national honor society.
- Benjamin C. Mense, Kansas State University; Kansas State Medallion scholarship, University of Kansas honor student, Dane G. Hansen Foundation scholarship, certificate of recognition by Kansas Board of Regents, Kansas State Scholar.
- Zachary Joseph Meyer, Colby Community College academic scholarship, Dane G. Hansen Foundation scholarship. Hoxie High School honor student and national honor society.
- Brian W. Miller, United States Army.
- Jacob A. Moss, Kansas State University; Fort Hays State University Copper award. Renee L. Mullins, Colby Community College; Colby Community College academic scholarship, Fort Hays State University Bronze academic award, Dane G. Hansen Foundation vocational education scholarship; Pete Henry Foundation scholarship; Kansas Association of Collegiate Registrars quality leadership scholarship.
- Troy A. Oelke, Kansas State University; Kansas State University achievement award, Fort Hays State University Bronze award and award of excellence in mathematics.
- Whitney L. Patmon, Hays Academy of Hair Design.
- Maria Eugenia Lozano Rios, exchange student from Mexico.
- Marci K. Shaw, University of Kansas; Fort Hays State Silver award, Kansas State Leadership scholarship, Kansas University geographic scholarship.
- Derek J. Spreser, Kansas State University; certificate of recognition Kansas Board of Regents.
- Thayne A. Spreser, Fort Hays State University.
- Darik E. Stithem, Fort Hays State University.
- Jessica L. Swaney, Colby Community College.
- Michael S. Yergey, Fort Hays State

University.

- Caroline E. Zimmerman, Kansas State University; Fort Hays State University music scholarship.
- Kalyna A. Zdrorow, Colby Community College; Colby Community College academic scholarship, Fort Hays State University Silver scholarship, Dane G. Hansen scholarship.

Hoxie High School graduates, since 1998, have had the opportunity to apply for part of a \$1.9 million scholarship program.

The estate of the late Willis and Imogene Toothaker established a scholarship program which will last until 2018.

This program allows graduates of Hoxie High School to apply for money generated by the interest income of the estate proceeds. Each high school graduate which was enrolled both semesters of their senior year at Hoxie High School can apply for a scholarship in the amount of \$2,100. The scholarship program is overseen by the school, as well as the law office of Mike Haas and accounting firm of David Leopold, both of Hoxie.

"The criteria for the scholarship is that they successfully complete the first semester of college following graduation and turn in their grades," Margey Haas, secretary for the scholarship program said. "And they have to provide proof they are enrolled for the second semester."

At the end of the 20 year program, all remaining money in the estate will be equally divided between the schools in Hoxie, grade school and high school; the Sheridan County Public Library; Sheridan County Historical Society; and Sheridan County Health Complex.

Witnesses in case were 'flawed'

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witness were "flawed" as well.

Burr stated he balanced his decision based on the hospital's argument that all discovery necessary for the case had been completed.

"It appears to this court that a great deal of the necessary discovery for this case has in fact already been completed in others cases; however, courts are hesitant to grant

motions to dismiss in most instances based sole on the pleading if there is additional information and discovery to be completed."

O'Neal said it Hildyards' turn to go on the offensive.

"Ultimately, this case may end up in the appellate courts on the issue of what rights do doctors have and what protections do they have when hospitals deny physicians their due process," he said.

"If doctors are told by the courts that medical staff and hospital by-laws mean nothing if the hospital chooses to ignore them, then recruitment of doctors will become even more difficult and doctors will increasingly choose to create their own hospitals," he said.

"Kansas ranks number one in the country for specialty hospitals per capita."

Goodland alcohol policy in question

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volunteer members of the fire department quit in protest.

At that time, some called for the city to adopt a "zero tolerance" policy, and Hill promised the alcohol policy would get attention as part of a full review of the city personnel policies.

Mason and Hill handed out copies of the current city policy, the county policy, the Kansas Department of Transportation policy, the Kansas Highway Patrol policy and a policy from an unidentified corporation.

Mason said the city could not be less restrictive than the state Transportation Department policy, but could be more restrictive. The state policy says that if an employee is found to have an alcohol level of .02 but less than .04, the person will be removed from duty for 24 hours, and that additional action, including termination, is possible.

Volk said since the city policy was questioned, she has been surveying cities around the state, and found that about 75 percent have policies similar to the current city policy with the other 25 percent have a zero tolerance policy.

"The Kansas Highway Patrol policy is a lot more vague than what we were told," Mason said, adding that the patrol does not have a specific level, and does not say an officer would be immediately fired.

Lt. Kevin Winston, during a meeting with the Sherman County commissioners in March, said the patrol policy was zero tolerance, but Mason said he believes Winston was interpreting the policy to say he would not tolerate any of his officers coming to work after having been drinking.

Hill said the policy from the unidentified company was similar in the levels to the city policy, which has a .02 level.

"The question is do we want to change to a zero tolerance or stay with what we have in place?" Hill asked.

"I am not always in favor of zero tolerance," said Daniels. "There are things that happen and circumstances can cause problems. Say a man takes a drink on Sunday night and then gets called into work. He says he is not going to because he has had a drink. What if he takes a drink every Sunday?"

"I feel most people will not go to work if they feel they are not fit to

handle the job."

"People are going to make a mistake," Hill said. "If they have been here 20 years and it happens once, are they gone?"

"Has our policy worked that we have now?" Daniels asked.

"It depends on who you talk to," Mason said. "I think it has worked to answer the needs we as a city have, and has given us the flexibility to handle things that have happened."

Hill said there are always going to be some cases where there is an emergency, and if an employee is asked to come to work and says he has been drinking, there may have to be a judgment call.

Volk said she liked a chart that gives an estimated alcohol level after one drink based on the person's size, weight and gender.

Mason said the chart says a man of 170 pounds would test at .02 if he had a beer and was tested immediately. He said he would not recommend the city adopt the chart because there are so many variables the chart cannot cover.

Volk said the policy should be an agenda item at a regular meeting and have the commission approve it.

The Public is invited to a **FREE:**

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