

Weather Corner



Storms likely

The forecast Tonight — Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy with a low around 51. Breezy, with a north wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent. **Tuesday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 67. Breezy, with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Tuesday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 43. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south. **Wednesday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 69. South wind between 5 and 15 mph. **Wednesday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 46. **Thursday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 74.

Temperatures
Sunday's high, 90
Low this morning, 59
Records for this date, 97 in 1941, 26 in 1953
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

Fundraiser for tornado victim
A Tupperware fundraiser for Greensburg survivor Kathy Arendt, will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby, at Fifth Street and Country Club Drive. The fundraiser is being hosted by Carolyn Miller and the Lutheran Ladies. Use the north door. All proceeds will go to Arendt and other victims.

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.

Try-outs Saturday for dance team
Try-outs for the Colby High School dance team will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, in the school gymnasium. Any high school student interested in the dance team is encouraged to attend. For questions, call Ashley Guy, 460-7566.

Parking lot not for personal gain
An individual wanting to use the Thomas County Office Complex parking lot for charitable functions is being asked to call the Thomas County Clerk's office prior to the event at 460-4500 for approval. The parking lot is not to be used for personal gain.

Golden Plains awards May 17
Golden Plains High School awards banquet will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Selden Parish Hall. Table service will be provided, and families are asked to bring a meat dish and a salad, dessert or vegetable.

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. The public is invited to this come and go event, visit with the staff, and enjoy refreshments. For questions, call (785) 462-3012.

Basketball camp planned
Eagle Basketball Camp for youth in third through eighth grades will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. May 29-June 1 at Colby High School. Deadline to register is Thursday. For cost and more information, contact Derek Bissitt and 462-8083 or 460-5300.

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.

Sebelius message resonates

TOPEKA (AP) — She's been talking about the shortage of National Guard equipment for at least two years. She's written letters, answered reporters' questions, even chatted up the president on a jaunt through the Flint Hills. But it took a devastating tornado May 4 that leveled Greensburg for people to notice what Gov. Kathleen Sebelius was trying to say. "It's one of my favorite topics," Sebelius said last week. She and other governors have tried to put the issue high on the radar for President Bush and the past two secretaries of defense. The reality is that the more the National Guard is sent to Iraq, Afghanistan and — in the case of Kansas — Kosovo, the more gear sent with the soldiers isn't coming home. The day after the tornado hit Greensburg, Sebelius said those gaps were evident in recovery efforts.

"I don't think there is any question if you are missing trucks, Humvees and helicopters that the response is going to be slower," Sebelius said in Greensburg. "We're going to borrow, beg and steal it from wherever you can." After her comments and the resulting well-publicized spat with the White House, governors from across the country chimed in their support. And they weren't all Democrats, either. California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, a Republican, said the shortage of equipment left states in a precarious position for the next hurricane, wildfire or terrorist attack. Coincidentally, the United States saw all of those events last week, from the foiled plot on soldiers at Fort Dix, N.J., wildfires near Los Angeles and the season's first tropical storm off the Georgia coast. "What it takes is the president and the secretary of defense — or Congress — to make sure that any funding effort that goes to fund the troops overseas, that we have the equipment here to protect the people here at home," Sebelius said. In January, the Government Accountability Office gave a report to a House committee making several recommendations on how the National Guard is used and equipped. Among the findings was that no one is planning for how the National Guard would respond if a disaster involved multiple states.

Also, the report found, the Department of Defense doesn't "routinely measure or report to Congress the equipment readiness of nondeployed National Guard forces for domestic missions." In short, federal officials don't know what they've got until it's gone. And for most states, more than half of the National Guard's equipment is gone, a problem when they were supplied to only about 60 percent to 70 percent of what they needed before the Iraq war started. The Pentagon has a multiyear plan to replace the equipment.



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ABOVE: Todd Ziegelmeier and Lissa Mazanec, both juniors, arrived at this year's Colby High School promenade in a Case IH 8010 combine. Todd is the son of Matt and Stella Ziegelmeier and Lissa is the daughter of Vic and Brenda Mazanec. **RIGHT:** Kristin Cox, senior, and Travis Parker, junior, were chauffeured to the prom in a Sand Car brought up from Fort Worth, Texas. The owner and driver of the car, Roger Cox of Fort Worth was accompanied by Shawna Cox, a 2005 Colby High School graduate. Kristin is the daughter of Butch and Dalene Cox and Travis is the son of Joe and Judy Parker. Prom was two weeks later than usual due to scheduling, said Roni Dietz, advisor, and instead of being held in the Commons area as in past years, the event was on the mezzanine level. This year's prom theme was "Sunset of Love" with Hawaiian decorations.



Graduate sets record with diploma

HAYS (AP) — Shortly after becoming the world's oldest college graduate, 95-year-old Nola Ochs suggested her studying may not be over. Ochs received her bachelor's degree in general studies and history during Saturday's graduation ceremony at Fort Hays State University. When she was handed her degree by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, the crowd broke a rule about not applauding until all the graduates' names were read and gave Ochs a

standing ovation. Ochs' family members, some from as far away as California, were among those cheering. They all wore "Nola's #1 Fans" T-shirts and waved American flags as she walked across the stage. Ochs and her granddaughter, Alexandra Ochs, were two of 2,176 graduates awarded degrees Saturday in the 104th commencement at Fort Hays. "I was just another student," Ochs said in a news conference after graduation.


But the truth is, Ochs' name will go in the Guinness Book of Records as the oldest college graduate in history. The former record holder was Mozelle Richardson, who earned a degree from the University of Oklahoma in 2004 at the age of 90. Ochs is the matriarch of a family that includes three sons — a fourth died in 1995 — along with 13 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

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

NOW SHOWING
May 11th - May 17th

SPIDER-MAN 3
Starring - Tobey Maguire
PG-13 2 hours, 20 min.
Friday 7:00 & 9:35
Saturday 7:00 & 9:35
Sunday 4:00 & 7:00
Monday - Thursday 7:00

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Friday 7:00 & 9:10
Saturday 7:00 & 9:10
Sunday 4:00 & 7:00
Monday - Thursday 7:00


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