

Weather Corner



The forecast
Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around 48. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 78. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Thursday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 50. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Friday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 82. Breezy with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Friday night** — Mostly clear and breezy with a low around 52. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 84. **Saturday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 54.
Temperatures
Monday's high, 88
Tuesday's high, 68
Low this morning, 41
Records for this date, 93 in 1944, 28 in 1945
May's precipitation, 0.23
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

Briefly

Fair Board to meet Thursday

The Thomas County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday at the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds. Items on the agenda include Thomas County extension agent report; bills and financial report; committee reports on the buildings and grounds, rodeo, parade, demolition derby, races, fair book, advertising expenses and income and exhibit entries and premium checks; blue grass festival contract; swim booth in the commercial building and a proposal for cost sharing fair expenses with Extension. The meeting is open to the public.

Vacation Bible School planned

Colby's Trinity Lutheran Church, located at Fifth Street and Country Club is having vacation Bible school children ages of 3 through sixth grade. Three-year olds must be toilet trained. The school will be 9:15 a.m. to noon Tuesday, May 29 through Friday, June 1. For more information or to register for VBS, call 462-3497.

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. "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.

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.

Prescriptions discussed

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lack prescription coverage to get the medicines they need, Dodge said. As part of the program's assistance, the "Help Is Here Express" goes on the road to bring help directly to people needing it most. "Through the computer terminals and telephones onboard the bus, people will have access to more than 475 public and private programs, including more than 180 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies." The entire program is a partnership between the pharmaceutical companies; health care providers, the American Academy of Family

Physicians, American Cancer Society, American College of Emergency Physicians, Easter Seals, National Association of Chain Drug Stores, United Way and the Urban League. For patients wanting to talk with specialists about the program, the toll-free number is (888) 477-2669 or visit the web site: www.pparx.org. "Colby is the place to be on Wednesday, June 13 with Picnic in the Park starting at noon and the big orange bus. If you are underinsured or uninsured, this is your opportunity to learn about the assistance available through this program," Armstrong said.

Colby's own 'idols' perform

TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

Brock Wagoner, left, accompanied Kristin Cox as she sang "Teardrops on My Guitar" Tuesday at the Colby High School choir's pops concert. The theme was "American Idol" and featured solos and group performances by choir members, who sang songs such as "Celebrate," "Lean on Me," "Tango to Evora," and "Puttin' on the Ritz." The concert also featured "special guests" American idol host Ryan Geekrest (Gray Henry), and judges Simon Howell (Ryan White), Paula Abdul (Keely Nehls) and Randy Jackson (Sinatra Brown).



Wildlife in town raises concerns

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possums, raccoons and skunks. A couple of years ago, there were concerns over foxes eating pets, but the flip side of that is pets eating wildlife, such as songbirds, which are federally protected. A couple of species are diurnal, or nocturnal, like the skunk and possum. The rest are active at dusk and dawn, when the weather is cooler. He said it is acceptable to put out bird seed, but people need to make sure it has not been inoculated or treated with anything. "People get a lot of enjoyment out of bird-watching," Berens said. Colby Police Chief Randy Jones said his department receives many calls about wildlife each year. Calls have ranged from deer in town to catching a bat to removing

dead animals from roadways. How the police department deals with calls depends on the situation. For example, in the case of a skunk or possum roaming around, they will try to trap it and relocate the animal if it is not injured. Last year, they received numerous calls about red foxes. Already this year there have been reports of many jackrabbits and rabbits in town. And besides the reports of where wildlife is spotted, Jones also knows where different species tend to show up. Wild turkeys are sometimes found on the north side of town, and raccoons tend to turn up in another location. Occasionally, something new crops up. Sunday, Jones saw a quail behind his house.

"I've never seen one in town before," he said. Just today, he saw a bird species he did not recognize. Like Berens, Jones said a hands-off approach is best. "Leave them alone," he said. "People need to watch for wildlife. Wild animals are not the only animals the police department deals with. Feral cats can be a problem. "That's why the city encourages people to clean up lots in town," Jones said. Incidents with animals are not uncommon. A few years back, a deer jumped through the window of a downtown business. More information is available by calling the wildlife office at 462-3367 or online at its Web site, http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us.

Investigation taking longer

TOPEKA (AP) — With Attorney General Paul Morrison's investigation taking longer than expected, some abortion opponents still hope to go around him to see Dr. George Tiller prosecuted over allegations he performed illegal abortions. Tiller, of Wichita, is the state's best-known abortion provider and among a few U.S. doctors who do late-term procedures. In December, outgoing Attorney General Phill Kline, an anti-abortion Republican, filed 30 misdemeanor charges accusing Tiller of violating restrictions on late-term abortions.

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