

Weather  
Corner



Sunny  
and breezy

The forecast

**Tonight** — Mostly clear with a low around 52. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 88. Breezy with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Saturday night** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 60. Breezy with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Sunday** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 91. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Sunday night** — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 61. **Monday** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a high near 92. **Monday night** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 61. **Tuesday** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a high near 90.

**Temperatures**

Thursday's high, 81  
Low this morning, 39  
Records for this date, 102 in 1911, 40 in 1906  
Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.00  
June's precipitation, 0.02  
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

Plenty of  
fun offered  
for children

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For information, call the recreational department at (785) 460-4440.

If children are still looking for more fun, Colby Wesleyan Church and Colby United Methodist Church are both offering free summer day camps. "Tuesdays at Ten" will be at the Wesleyan church from 10 a.m. until noon starting June 12.

Call the church office at (785) 462-8391 for additional information and registration.

Colby's United Methodist church is taking their Vacation Bible School to the Prairie Museum of Art and History in relation to their theme, frontier days, said Vanessa Eicher. VBS will be June 11-15 and those interested can contact the church at (785) 460-2761 to register.

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AMERICA'S BLOODLINE

Briefly

Donations sought for garage sale

Heartland Rural Counseling is holding its third annual garage sale June 22-23 and donations are being accepted. All proceeds from the garage sale will help Heartland Rural Counseling in assisting low income families and children with mental health services. All donations are tax deductible. For those wanting to donate, drop off times are 6:30 to 8 p.m., June 11, 14, 18 and 21 at 480 N. Franklin Ave. (formerly the Good Shepherd second-hand store)

Square dance Saturday

The Golden Buckle Square Dancers will meet at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. Fifth St. Anyone interested in square dancing is invited to attend.

Commissioners to meet Monday

The Thomas County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday at the courthouse. Items on the agenda include budget requests from the Thomas County Extension Council, Northwest Kansas Domestic Violence Services for child advocacy, and the Thomas County Conservation District; a presentation from economic director Gerry Fulwider on Rosen, Inc. exemption of taxes; approval of first half of June bills; minutes from May 21 and June 4; 2006 county expenses on furnace and air conditioning repairs; abatements; agreement between the Thomas County Fair Board and Colby Community College rodeo team; letter of resignation; Thomas County Emergency Medical Services May report; and ONEOK market update. The meeting is open to the public.

Nationwide program to visit Colby

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance "Help is Here" Express will be in Colby from 9 to 11 a.m., Wednesday, at City Hall, 585 N. Franklin (near Fike Park). The "Help is Here Express" is equipped with computer terminals and mobile phones so people can find out if they are eligible for help paying for their medicines, officials said. Assistants will be available to make sure the application process is quick and easy."

Trapshoot program planned

A free trap shooting event is open to all youth, women, and inexperienced shooters at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 17; Sunday, July 15 and Sunday, Aug. 19. The Colby Trap Club, Hunting Heritage Group, and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks "Pass It On" program are sponsoring the free shoots. The shoots will be at the Colby Trap Club five miles west and one mile south of Colby on U.S. Highway 24. For more information contact: Benny Young at 462-7602 or Chris Berens or Matt Bain at 462-3367.

Childbirth classes begin July 5

Citizens Medical Center, Inc. is holding its four week series of childbirth education classes from 7 to 10 p.m., Thursday, July 5, 12, 19, 26 and 26 at the hospital, 100 E. College Dr. The labor support partner who will be with the mother in labor, is also encouraged to attend classes, said Jeanene Brown, RN, education director. The next series of classes will be October 2007. For information or to register, call Brown at (785) 460-4850.

Summer intern  
joins *Free Press*

By Patty Decker  
*Free Press Editor*

'hands on' journalism."

"We need to show college students what it's like to be in this business," Van Nostrand said. "Michelle will be writing stories, learning how to report and learning the process of putting the *Colby Free Press* together on a daily basis."

Myers' parents, Mark and Ronda Myers, own a farm in Mingo, and she has two brothers: Joel, 21, and Jeremy, 15.

When Myers isn't working, she said she enjoys playing tennis, the piano and drawing.

"Once I finish college, I would like to write for a magazine — I just need to see where life takes me," she said.



M. Myers


The *Colby Free Press* welcomed Michelle Myers, 19, of Mingo, this week as a summer intern in the news department.

Myers, a 2006 Colby High School graduate and sophomore at Bryan College in Dayton, Tenn., will be handling a variety of news stories during her three-month internship, said Publisher John Van Nostrand.

"It's an honor and privilege to have college students asking us if they can be part of our operation — even as an intern," he said.

Myers, who is majoring in journalism, said she particularly likes writing editorials and feature stories.

"It's good to be home and back in a familiar environment," she said, "and I am also glad to have this opportunity to experience



PATTY DECKER/Colby Free Press

*Colby Free Press* employee Emily Wederski, left, worked with summer intern Michelle Myers today. Myers is majoring in journalism at Bryan College in Tennessee, and will be with the *Free Press* through the summer.

Colby Dairy Queen violates youth employment laws

Colby's Dairy Queen restaurant has been cited for alleged youth employment violations and assessed \$14,575 in civil money penalties, according to the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division.

The investigation indicated 18 minors were working in violation of the youth employment provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

Colby Dairy Queen representative Tom Walschmidt declined to comment. Dairy Queen has paid the youth employment civil money penalties and has agreed to carefully monitor future compliance.

According to the labor department, the restaurant was cited for 14 and 15-year-olds working as late as midnight, as many as eight hours per day on a school day and as many as 35 hours during a school week. During the summer the minors worked as many as 9 1/4 hours per day and as many as 52 1/4 hours per week.

The 14 and 15-year olds were found working in violation of Reg. 3 occupations by operating a french fryer that did not have the automatic raising and lowering mechanism. Minors also were allegedly driving a motor vehicle to the grocery store for supplies.

"This enforcement action is part of the department's continuing efforts to eliminate the use of youth employment in prohibited occupations," said Aracelis Scarbrough, Wage and Hour acting district director in Kansas City.

Scarbrough said the labor department does its own investigations and responds to complaints. Scarbrough declined to say how the department was involved with Dairy Queen's issues.

The department's youth employment regulations identify 17 hazardous occupations prohibited for workers under the age of 18. Fourteen and 15 year olds may work in certain occupations outside school hours, but not before 7 a.m. or later than 7 p.m. (9 p.m. from June 1 until Labor Day).

They may not work more than three hours on a school day and 18 hours in a school week or eight hours on a non-school day and 40 hours in a week when school is in session. The regulations require that 14 and 15 year olds may only use deep fat fryers that are equipped with and utilize devices that automatically lower and raise the baskets into and out of the oil or grease.

GARAGE SALE

The City of Oakley will be hosting its Annual City-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, June 16, starting at 8am. Come out and join us for a fun day of treasure hunting! For more information contact the Oakley Area Chamber of Commerce at 785-672-4862.



Wheat weaving planned

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interested in this form of art will get a chance to create their own unique creations, she said.

For information and registration, call (785) 460-4590 or send an e-mail to prairiem@st-tel.net.



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