

Weather Corner



Storms likely

The forecast Tonight — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Areas of fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy with a low around 68. Breezy with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Tuesday** — A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Areas of fog before 1 p.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy with a high near 83. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Tuesday night** — Showers and thunderstorms likely. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Mostly cloudy with a low around 61. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 7 percent. **Wednesday** — A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Mostly cloudy with a high near 78. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Temperatures** Sunday's high, 91 Low this morning, 62 Records for this date, 104 in 1918, 35 in 1903 Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.00 June's precipitation, 0.02 **Water Use Report June 8-10** •Average 3,032,000 per day 3.5 million = Water Watch. 4 million = Water Warning 4.5 million = Water Emergency A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

Playa lakes important

By Bob Amos
Thomas County Conservation District Buffer Coordinator

With the recent rainfall we have received, many of the playas (or lagoons or buffalo wallows, as you may know them) are full of water. We all know what a problem they can be to farm around, and many years, you end up leaving the crop in the playa because you simply cannot harvest it. Many people are not aware of the important roles playas play in providing wildlife habitat and aquifer recharge. USDA has funding programs to plant grass around your playas and leave them unfarmed. The grass buffer helps keep the water clean, as well as stops silt from reaching the playa. That silt clogs the surface pores and stops water from reaching the aquifer. Preserving your playa provides much more than a place for wildlife — it also preserves a way of life in the agricultural community, and may in fact provide north-west Kansas with drinking water in the future. Most of these programs have 10-15 year contracts with 90 percent cost-share for practice establishment. Some have \$100/acre signing incentive payments. If you are interested in finding out more about programs for your playas, please call us at 462-7482 Ext. 300 or stop by the NRCS office located at 915 E. Walnut.

American Red Cross
1-800-GIVE-LIFE
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)

Prairie Land signup today

Prairie Land Food (formerly Share) sign up continues through today. The June Prairie Pack menu includes: sliced chicken breasts; ham steak; ground beef; John Morrel smoked sausage; swordfish fillets; beef ravioli with meat sauce and six to eight fruits and vegetables. In addition, there are specials in June to include Bring on the Beef: four pounds ground chuck patties; Shrimp: two pounds jumbo fully cooked shrimp; or Breakfast Bonanza: two pounds french toast sticks, one pound fully cooked sausage patties, ham

and sausage breakfast wraps and home fries. To sign up call Marguerette Edmundson, 460-8640; Gene Griffin, 460-3579 or State Farm Insurance (Mary Schroeder) 462-7525.

Fair Board to meet Thursday

The Thomas County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday at the 4-H Building on the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Items on the agenda include reports on the buildings and grounds, rodeo, parade, demolition derby, races, fair book and advertising; committee map of vendor sites; Master Gardeners fair booth; Fourth of July fireworks stand on grounds and Friends of the Library letter about display of pictures at the fair. The meeting is open to the public.

Superintendent's reception

A reception to honor outgoing Golden Plains Superintendent Roger Baskerville will be held from 7 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, at the Selden Parish Hall, Main Street, Selden. The event is being sponsored by Golden Plains for his seven years of service to their district.

Library offers plenty of audio books for summer diversion

How easy would it be for you to adjust back to a lifestyle 35 years ago? The year would be 1972. It wasn't until 1975 that microwaves began outselling gas ovens and 8-track tapes were at the height of their success. Fast forward 30 years and today, life without a microwave oven is almost inconceivable. Ask any elementary student today what an 8-track tape is and you are sure to get a blank look. Ipods have brought about a cultural revolution in the past few years and yet, what will elementary students know about Ipods in 30 years?

Unfortunately, it is getting more and more difficult to keep up with the constantly changing formats. It took a few years to transition from tapes to CDs; the transition from CDs to audio players is looming closer every day. The convergence of technology however, will probably have us using our all-in-one phone to listen to audio books wherever we want in the car, while taking a walk, or getting ready for bed. The new Apple iPhone is already paving the way. And this, all in the name of convenience but can't all of this technology get a little overwhelming?

Here at the library we still have easy to operate and reliable audio books in both CD and tape format. Below are three of our newest audio books.

Natalie Greco just can't seem to connect with her students in the class she is teaching on the history of justice. Opting for a change of scenery, Natalie visits a prison to see if she would be interested in teaching in a prison classroom. Her visit turns out to be a life-changing experience and she barely makes it out alive. A prison riot breaks out and in the midst of the melee a prison guard, who lay dying after being stabbed, leaves Natalie a message to pass on to his wife. The mysterious message passed on to her by the guard leaves her with plenty of questions but in a whole lot more danger. Listen to the audio book Daddy's Girl by Lisa Scottoline

Power can be used for both good and evil. Former cop Elena Estes has a bad feeling after learning about the murder of a former co-worker. Elena and her now deceased friend worked together at a horse farm. Angry and determined to bring justice to her friend, Elena plunges into the case headfirst. Her private investigation leads her to a



Jeff Friesen, library link

Pioneer Memorial Library director

posh group of powerbrokers within the Palm Beach society. The scary thing is that her ex-fiancée Bennett Walker is one of the powerbrokers in a group known as the Alibi Club. Worse yet, she knows that he is not above murder. Will justice or power prevail? Listen to The Alibi Man by

Tami Hoag.

The Japanese internment camps established during World War II in the 1940s were a black eye in United States history. In the novel Tallgrass, Sandra Dallas focuses the storyline of her latest book on a fictional Japanese internment camp

just outside of Ellis, CO. (but based on an actual internment camp in Colorado) The internment camp, named "Tallgrass," is creating a lot of controversy within the small town of Ellis. Whereas there is much resentment towards the Japanese in general and especially towards the internees - the Stroud family empathizes with the Japanese-Americans being held in the camps. Loyal Stroud, the father, goes so far as to hire 3 Japanese internees and finds them to be first-rate workers. But the town is ripe to explode with the smallest incident and the murder and rape of a white girl is the perfect excuse. With the

Japanese as scapegoats, there seems to be little hope for redemption. But this excellent story ultimately leads to a fitting conclusion. Listen to Tallgrass by Sandra Dallas.

Pioneer Memorial Library is located at 375 West 4th and open 7 days a week. Summer hours are as follows: Monday through Wednesday, 9:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.; Thursday, 9:00a.m. - 8:00p.m.; Friday, 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.; Saturday, 9:00a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more information contact the Library at 460-4470 or visit our website at www.colbylibrary.com. As always, we are here to serve you.

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.

NOW SHOWING
June 8th - June 14th
SURF'S UP
PG 1 hour, 30 min.
Friday & Saturday 7:00 & 9:00
Sunday 4:00 & 7:00
Monday - Thursday 7:00
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END
PG-13 2 hours, 50 min.
Friday & Saturday 7:00 & 10:20
Sunday 4:00 & 7:20
Monday - Thursday 7:00
FREE SUMMER MATINEE
"Charlottes Web"
G 1 hour, 40 min.
Tuesday, June 12th at 2:00 p.m.
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