

Weather
Corner



Mostly clear
and warm

The forecast
Tonight — Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy.
Areas of fog after midnight. Lows in the mid 50s.
Southeast winds around 10 mph.
Saturday — Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Areas of fog in the morning. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday night — Increasing clouds. Areas of fog after midnight.
Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
Sunday — Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Areas of fog after midnight. Highs in the upper 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
Sunday night — Mostly clear with lows in the mid 60s. **Monday** — Mostly clear with a high in the mid 90s.
Monday night — Mostly clear with a low in the upper 60s.
Tuesday — Mostly clear High in the mid 90s.
Temperatures
Thursday's high, 83
Low this morning, 46
Records for this date, 106 in 1970, 44 in 1908
Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.00
June's precipitation, 1.61
Water Use Report
June 28
• gallons per day, average 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.

Briefly

Street project delayed until July 9
The City of Colby street project involving the south side of West Fourth Street has been delayed until Monday, July 9. It was originally reported in the Thursday, June 28 edition of the *Free Press* that all eight scheduled street projects would be delayed until that date as well, which was in error. Those projects have already been completed. For questions, call 460-4410.
Big Brothers Big Sisters move
The Big Brothers Big Sisters Organization is moving to 112 E. Fifth St. across the street from Dr. Barlow's office. For any questions, contact Diane Stither, director, at (785) 460-9125.
Gaither video Sunday
The Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine, will sponsor another Gaither video at 6 p.m., Sunday. The event is open

and free to the public with refreshments served.
Commissioners to meet Monday
The Thomas County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Friday at the courthouse. Items on the agenda include sealed bids for mowing; custodian job applications; approval of payroll and accounts payable; approval of June 18 meeting minutes; signing of Blue Cross/Blue Shield contract; approve abatements; executive session; approval of child safety seat inspection July 21; The meeting is open to the public.
County offices close for holiday
Thomas County's courthouse, landfill, health department and the complex at 350 S. Range Ave. will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day. All offices will reopen at 8 a.m., July 5th, said Thomas County Clerk Shelly

Harms. For questions, call appropriate offices or (785) 460-4500.
Fireworks display Wednesday
The annual Kiwanis Club fireworks display will start at approximately 10:15 p.m. Wednesday at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. In case of inclement weather, the display will be held Thursday, July 5. The club is also still accepting donations to help pay for the fireworks show. If anyone wants to contribute, they may send donations to the Kiwanis Club, P.O. Box 501, Colby, Kan., 67701.
Lunch 'N Learn planned July 5
The Thomas County Master Gardener July Lunch N Learn will be held at noon, Thursday, July 5, at the Thomas County 4-H Building. The group will be sharing how to "Prepare your Horticulture Exhibits for the Fair" Organizers ask that participants bring a lunch.

Relay efforts bring cancer victims closer to being survivors

By Grant Smith
Cancer survivor

In the spring of 2006, I was diagnosed with cancer. It came as a surprise because, even though I was aging, I was in good health. My primary physician referred me to Dr. Wallace Curry, an urologist from Hays.
Never was I concerned about death. Years ago, I joined a club that provided me with a spiritual awakening. I strongly believed that I would be taken care of, and there



was nothing to worry about. Through my medical care, my attitude never changed. The medical

care was uncomfortable and intrusive, but my belief in success never changed.
When I informed my family, I attempted to encourage them to feel [my treatment] would be no problem and would be successful. I told my seven-year-old granddaughter, Abbie that Dr. Curry had taken a picture of the cancer, and it looked like a stem of broccoli. She told me I should stop eating broccoli!
My thought about cancer is: I have cancer. Some people were

abused as children; some people are in enormous financial difficulties. Some have Multiple Sclerosis; some have lost children. We will all have something, and if we don't, it's coming. Nobody escapes. This is life, and you deal with it as best you can. Appreciate the days you have and the people around you.
Abbie, my granddaughter was quite upset [with my diagnosis]. She has sold lemonade and brownies to raise money for [this year's] Relay for Life. She won the prize for collecting the largest amount of

money for the Relay for Life in 2006.
As we left the Relay last year, Abbie asked her mother, "Did we make enough money to find a cure for cancer?" Every fundraising effort brings us that much closer to the time when everyone can be a SURVIVOR. Every contribution, no matter how large or small, makes a difference. Give in any way you can, and please support our Relay for Life.
Editor's note: Thomas County Relay for Life is on Friday, July 27 at Fike Park in Colby. For those who would like to have a team, be a sponsor, buy a luminary or just get more information, call Carla Sharp, event chair at 460-4881.

Colby hospital to receive award on Monday

Citizens Medical Center will receive a statewide Community Connections award from the Kansas Hospital Association for providing improved access to care to the communities they serve.
"This Northwest Kansas Orthopedic Clinic meets a vital commu-

nity need by providing orthopedic care close to home," said Tom Bell, President of the Kansas Hospital Association.
"This program established a full-service orthopedic consultation and surgical services program, available 24 hours a day, seven

days a week for emergencies, and full-time during regular business hours," said Bell.
Citizens Medical Center established the Northwest Kansas Orthopedic Clinic to bring orthopedic care to their small community.
The Kansas Hospital Associa-

tion established the Community Connection Award to recognize hospitals that have distinguished themselves through efforts to improve the health and well-being of their communities.
Citizens Medical Center is one of six hospitals to be recognized for their hospital-based program. Representatives from the Kansas Hospital Association will present the hospital with the award and a \$1,000 contribution to the program. The awards presentation will take place at 3 p.m., Monday, on the patio of Citizens Medical Center, 100 E. College Drive, Colby.
Representatives from Citizens Medical Center and the Kansas Hospital Association will be available for comment.

Tiller charged with 19 misdemeanors

TOPEKA (AP) — A high-profile abortion provider has been charged with 19 misdemeanors in a surprise move by a Democratic attorney general who supports abortion rights and unseated a prominent anti-abortion Republican.
Abortion opponents had predicted for months that Attorney General Paul Morrison wouldn't prosecute Dr. George Tiller, of Wichita, one of the few U.S. physicians performing late-term abortions.
Their suspicions seemed confirmed when a top Morrison aide said an unsuccessful effort by his predecessor, Phill Kline, to prosecute the doctor was seriously flawed.
While Morrison continued

Thursday to criticize Kline, he also filed his own case against Tiller in Sedgwick County District Court. Morrison alleges Tiller violated a Kansas law that requires a doctor without legal or financial ties to the abortion provider to sign off on some late-term procedures.
Each count can be punished by up to a year in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500.
Tiller's first court appearance is scheduled for Aug. 7.
Anti-abortion groups at first said Morrison's action was a positive step, though they questioned his decision not to pursue the case Kline had developed.
Later, noting Morrison's charges involved abortions only from 2003, they said he hadn't gone far enough

and demanded more investigation.
"An independent special prosecutor needs to be assigned who can look at records for 2004, 2005, 2006, and finish the investigation," said Mary Kay Culp, the executive director of Kansans for Life, the state's largest anti-abortion group.
"Legislative leaders also need to act immediately to hold hearings."
At issue in Morrison's case is a 1998 law that deals with abortions past the 21st week of pregnancy and when a fetus can survive outside the womb.
It says two physicians must determine that continuing the pregnancy will cause death or "substantial and irreversible" harm to "a major bodily function," a phrase interpreted to include mental health.


R & R Fireworks

Located at Th. Co. Fairgrounds in Colby!

June 27--July 3
10 a.m.-10 p.m.

July 4
8 a.m.-10 p.m.

A portion of the profits will be donated to the four local schools.
Thurs., June 28: Puddle Duck/Colby Public Schools
Mon., July 2: Heartland Christian/Sacred Heart



Swimming Pool Rates

Effective July 1, 2007


Individual Per Time.....	\$3.00
Individual Monthly.....	\$45.00
Individual Yearly.....	\$210.00
Family Monthly.....	\$90.00
Family Yearly.....	\$360.00

Group Rates


Per hour (up to 20 people).....	\$30.00
Additional each 20 people.....	\$30.00
Lifeguard: \$10 per hour per private group	

Public Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday	5:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. 12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Lap Swimming Lap Swimming Open Swim Open Swim
Saturday - Sunday	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Lap Swimming Open Swim Swim Club



RELAY FOR LIFE

AT 

Tuesday, July 3rd ~ 5-8 p.m.

Come be part of finding the cure, just by buying a pizza or two. Pizza Hut will be donating 20% of the proceeds from every pizza purchased.

Hot Savings

Open July 4th
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