

Weather
Corner

Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday: Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy. Lows around 50.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Monday through Wednesday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Lows in the mid 40s.

Record High today 96° (1966)
Record Low today 30° (2000)

Last 24 Hours*

High Tuesday	86°
Low Tuesday	56°
Precipitation	none
This month	1.92
Year to date	15.09
Below normal	2.21 inches

Weather report provided by Kansas State University Research-Extension Center in Colby.

For current temperatures and forecast check the *Colby Free Press* web site at nwkansan.com

System gives classes real time interaction

The educational experience for many Colby Community College students is much more than face-to-face instruction in a traditional classroom setting.

One example of the new course delivery systems is the Wimba Classroom now being used to provide real time classroom interaction to CCC students enrolled in Introduction to Criminal Justice.

The Wimba classroom provides students with access to CCC instructors and lecture content available beyond the boundaries of the traditional classroom door.

Adjunct instructor Elisabeth Copeland, a 2004 graduate of the Colby College Criminal Justice program, is a former deputy sheriff and juvenile probation officer. She currently is a Skills Development Specialist for the Department of Corrections (DOC) working out of the DOC central office in Topeka. She is teaching the introductory criminal justice course to CCC students from her location in Topeka.

After receiving her degree from CCC, Copeland transferred to Washburn University where she received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.



Elisabeth Copeland, Skills Development Specialist for the Department of Corrections, demonstrates the Wimba Classroom delivery system to Dr. Michael Thompson, CCC program director.

"The class is going very well," said Copeland. "I am usually pro-

viding instruction to corrections' officers. This is a different type of

instruction utilizing a very unique delivery system. I'm enjoying the

opportunity."

With the Wimba classroom, faculty connect to CCC students online through follow-the-speaker video, emoticons, and discussion-centered Voice-over Internet Protocol. Students may participate anywhere they have an Internet connection.

"The Introduction to Criminal Justice class being delivered from Topeka is our first attempt with this concept," said Dr. Michael Thompson, criminal justice program director. "We have 10 students in the class and it appears to be working very well.

"With the Wimba Classroom, we can capture our classroom activity, make it available for review and reuse, allowing for better student comprehension," said Thompson. "We can record the audio, video, chat, whiteboard and application sharing for a class offered at a remote site or capture the traditional classroom lecture environment. With Wimba Classroom we have been able to bridge our students who are distance bound with the traditional student, allowing us to expand our learning programs and student base."

State fair goers reclaim money

Despite a lower number of attendees than expected at the annual Kansas State Fair, \$826,086 was found by people who visited the Unclaimed Property booth sponsored by the State Treasurer's office.

"We always look forward to attending the fair," said State Treasurer Lynn Jenkins, CPA. "It gives us an opportunity to meet fellow Kansans and for them to search our records for their lost or forgotten cash and property."

People who received claim forms at the booth are encouraged to fill out the documents and return as soon as possible to the State Treasurer's office.

"As always, we were impressed with the fair organizers and the city of Hutchinson," Jenkins said.

"The State Fair is a good old fashioned family tradition and part of what makes our state so great."

During the last year, \$11.8 million in unclaimed property was returned to citizens by the State Treasurer's office. The average annual amount returned is \$9 million. Each year \$12 to \$15 million worth of unclaimed property is turned over to the state treasurer's office from banks, businesses and organizations on behalf of Kansans.

Individuals with questions may call 1-800-432-0386 or visit www.KansasCash.com. After the completed forms and supporting documents are received by the office, Kansans can expect to receive their property in 30 to 60 days.

Unclaimed property is anything

from inactive savings and checking accounts, uncashed checks, stock shares and bonds, dividend checks, insurance proceeds, mineral royalties, and utility deposits. It is also physical property from safe deposit boxes.

Making a claim is free and easy. There are no fees involved in searching for or claiming cash and property. To search, a last name is required and a first name is recommended if the last is common. Kansans who can't make it to the Fair may call the State Treasurer's office at 1-800-432-0386 or log onto www.KansasCash.com.

Jenkins, a former State Representative and Senator from Topeka, was re-elected to her second term as Kansas State Treasurer on Nov. 7, 2006.

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