

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: A slight chance of rain and snow after 3 a.m. Increasing clouds, with a low around 32.

Tuesday: A slight chance of snow before 11 a.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., then a slight chance of rain after 1 p.m.

Tuesday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow before 11 p.m., then a chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Wednesday: A chance of snow before 2 p.m., then a chance of rain and snow. Cloudy, with a high near 38.

Wednesday Night: Patchy blowing snow and a chance of snow before 4 a.m., then patchy blowing snow and a slight chance of snow after 4 a.m.

Thursday: A slight chance of snow before 1 p.m., then a slight chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 38.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22. Blustery.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 56.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. Friday: High, 59; Low 28. Saturday: High, 73; Low 32. Sunday: High, 61; Low 32.

Precip: Friday 0.14 inches. Saturday None. Sunday None. Month: 0.14 inches. Year: 1.66 inches. Normal: 3.98 inches (K-State Experiment Station). Sunrise and Sunset Tuesday 7:05 a.m. 8:23 p.m. Moon: waxing, 33 percent. Wednesday 7:04 a.m. 8:24 p.m. Moon: waxing, 42 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Museum holds reception for native Gem artist

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In her art work, she said, and some of the other ceramic work in her exhibit represents cells or pollen. The theme behind the exhibit is her connection to Thomas County, where her father Larry is a farmer and her mother Kathy makes quilts.

a quilt or patches of farmland seen from the air. "I was excited about coming back where I'm from and showing the work that comes from this place," the artist said.

Higerd said she went to Kansas State University, where she majored in French and political science, but did not like the job she got at the statehouse in Topeka. "I was trying to figure out what to do next," she said.

Higerd taught in schools around northwest Kansas, including Colby High School for about seven years.

She also traveled in Europe, went to a college in France and she taught at a boarding school in Africa before getting a Master of Fine Arts degree from Fort Hays.

She is now an instructor at East Central College in Union, Mo., where she teaches art.

Area feedlots break even, rest of state hits 14-year low

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Foote did not own that lot last year, he could not say what the numbers were then. Both lots are at capacity, he said.

The state's milk production was up 3.7 percent from last year. Production per cow averaged 1,680 pounds, down 45 pounds from last year, but the number of cows rose by 8,000 to an estimated 132,000 head.

McCarty Family Farms of Rexford has been

adding cows and has about 23,000, which were milked at total of 65,315 times last month, said Becky Dempewolf, an administrative assistant at the farm.

She said the operation got about 70 pounds of milk each day from each cow, which was up three or four pounds from last year.

"Really, we just started keeping track of this a year ago," she added.

The firm has operations in Rexford, Bird City and Scott City.

Foundation holds auction

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gold and silver coins, a 1903 Colt pistol and 36 silver ingots. The auctioneers sold the ingots six at a time for a total of \$24,600.

They were unable to get anyone to bid for all of them, with a starting bid of \$25,000.

Like the people who donated the items, those in the crowd were not necessarily connected to the college. P.T. Shirley, a farmer from Norcatur, in Decatur County, who bought the pistol and six of the silver pieces, said he did not go to the college, but described himself as a "very good supporter."

He sat with his friend Bill Shields a member of the college board and the top bidder for the prime rib.

"It's like my birthday party," said Shirley, who recently turned 50. He said that he likes having a good time and bidding at auctions.

Lawsuit planned over teen suicide

By Martha Mendoza

AP National Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. - The family of a girl who committed suicide after she was sexually battered and then cyberbullied with a humiliating photo planned to file a civil action against the suspects today and also speak publicly about the case, their representatives said.

Family spokesman Ed Vasquez said today the girl's parents want to speak out about how they learned of the sexual assault and share what they know about the three teenage suspects who were arrested last Thursday. Their arrest came eight months after their daughter, Audrie Pott, 15, posted online that her life was ruined and then hanged herself.

Eric Geffon, who represents one of the suspected teens, said the boys were cited last fall but no formal charges were filed against them until Thursday, when Santa Clara County Sheriff's deputies arrested two boys at Saratoga High School and a third, a former Saratoga High student, at Christopher High in Gilroy where he currently was a student.

As of Sunday night, all three 16-year-old boys were still being held in the Santa Clara County detention center.

Pott also had been a student at Saratoga High, and the suspects were her friends, said family attorney Robert Allard.

On the night she was assaulted, Pott drank alcohol mixed with Gatorade at a Labor Day sleepover party, then went upstairs and fell asleep "and woke up to the worst nightmare imaginable," Allard said. Over the next week, she pieced together who had sexually battered her and realized at least one humiliating photo was electronically being passed around the school.

"She was being consoled by other friends and they were concerned about her. One day she apparently felt that she couldn't cope with it anymore and poor Audrie was traumatized to the point where she ended her life," Allard said.

Geffon said much of what has been reported is incorrect, including the family's assertion that the boys were not cooperating with investigators. He added that the Santa Clara County sheriff's decision to arrest the boys just days prior to a civil lawsuit being filed seems "awfully coincidental."

Briefly

Free car-seat checks offered here Thursday

Smart Start Northwest Kansas plans a "drop-in" car-seat check from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday at 460 N. Garfield. Come see if your child is ready for a bigger seat and check for recalls, out-of-date seats or improper installation. Replacement seats are available for anyone who qualifies. If you can't come Thursday, seat-check appointments can be scheduled Monday through Friday by calling Denise Singer at 465-9103.

Informational event set about amphitheater

You are invited to a come-and-go informational event from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church and a presentation from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Pioneer Memorial Library. Find out information about the proposed amphitheater such as location, look, construction, etc. For information contact Megan Carmichael at the Thomas County Coalition, 460-8177.

Grade school plans pre-enrollment meeting

Kindergarten pre-enrollment and a parent meeting for the 2013-14 school year will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Colby Grade School activity room. Bring your child's birth certificate, immunization records and Social Security card. For information or questions, call the grade school office at 460-5100.

The Bank to hold Business After 5 this week

Everyone in business is invited to Business After 5, a social and networking event sponsored by the Colby-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at The Bank, 1195 S. Range. For information, call Roger Aumiller at 462-3907.

Art Walk will offer food, music and works

Come downtown for the annual spring Art Walk organized by the Colby Community College art department from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday. Elementary and high-school art, plus college and professional works, will be on display in businesses and at the Scale House. There will be activities for children, music and food. Businesses will hand out Art Bucks that include a coupon and may be used to buy professional works. For information call Debbie Schwanke at 460-5411.

Master Gardeners to hold info sessions

Thomas County Master Gardeners will hold several sessions on gardening Tuesday, April 23, at the Thomas County Office Complex. At 5:30 p.m., Julie Niehage, a Golden Prairie Extension agent, will be giving tips and tricks for growing great tomatoes. At 6:15 p.m., Jim Strine, northwest area Extension forester, will demonstrate tree pruning and planting and talk about tree care. At 7:30 p.m., Niehage will talk about the Top 40 annual plants. A light meal will be provided, or feel free to bring a brown bag. For information, call the county Extension office at 460-4582.

Colby will participate in National Walk day

Colby will be participating in the National Walk at Lunch Day on Wednesday, April 24. Head to Fike Park at noon and walk around the park during your break. For information or for distribution materials, contact Megan Carmichael with the Thomas County Healthy Communities Coalition at 460-8177.

Equestrian team plans kick-off horse show

Come watch the Colby Community College Equestrian team kick off its 2013 season with a kick-off horse show at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 27, at the college farm, three miles east and a mile north of town off U.S. 24. For information, call coach Shanda Mattix at 460-5464.

Pride of the Prairie to perform this month

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will give a Blue Jeans and T-Shirts Concert at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 28, in the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College. The members, conducted by Andrew Salvador, will be dressed as the name implies. The concert will be dedicated to the memory of the late Sharon Steele, a long-time orchestra member and friend. Admission is by Pride of the Prairie patron ticket or at the door, adults \$10, seniors \$5 and students \$3. For questions, call Mary Shoaff at 462-2159 or Janet Hopson at 462-5102.

Colby Grade School plans concert in May

A free fourth and fifth grade recorder and band concert will be at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Thursday, May 2, in the Colby Grade School Auditorium. Everyone is invited. For information, call band teacher Jennifer Otten at the grade school, 460-5100.

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Tuesday Evening April 16, 2013

Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and various TV channels (KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, KSNK/NBC, etc.) listing programs.



Wednesday Evening April 17, 2013

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