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## Robber pleads guilty to heist in Colby

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A 67-year-old Pennsylvania man has pleaded guilty in federal court to robbing the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Colby last fall.

The office of U.S. Attorney Barry Gris-

som said Timothy D. Seifert, 67, Bethelhem, admitted to one count of bank robbery. He was charged with robbing the bank here on Oct. 28.

He gave a teller a note saying he had a gun under his jacket, police said at the time. If the teller gave him money, the note said, no one would get hurt. He got the money and left the bank.

When officers caught up with him a few blocks away, he was not armed and surrendered willingly.

There was some speculation he was looking for a warm place to stay — or a trip home. About a week before the robbery, on Oct. 16, Seifert had turned himself in to officers at the Thomas County Law Enforcement Center, saying he was

wanted in Pennsylvania.

Colby Police Chief Randy Jones said at the time that officers check on the out-of-state warrant, but Pennsylvania declined to come get the man. He was released.

Seifert apparently didn't make much effort to get away after the robbery. Three Colby police officers and a sheriff's deputy surrounded him about three blocks

away.

After that, the FBI took over the case and charges were filed in federal court. The U.S. Attorney's Office said Thursday that sentencing had been set for March 19. Seifert faces a maximum of 25 years in prison and a fine up to \$250,000 in the case.

## Spring-like weather sets record high here

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If you thought it was nice out yesterday, you're right. Hope you enjoyed it while it lasted.

The National Weather Service in Goodland reported that both Colby and Goodland set record high temperatures Thursday, with Colby measured officially at 74 degrees and Goodland at 73.

The previous high for Jan. 5 in Colby was 72 degrees and in Goodland, 71.

Mark Buller, a meteorologist at the Weather Service office in Goodland, said the abnormally warm temperatures are most likely caused by La Niña, a

cooling of currents in the Pacific Ocean.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, La Niña weather occurs when water temperatures near the equator in the Pacific are cooler than normal. This changes weather patterns in North America and produces warmer temperatures, said Buller.

These warm, sunny days won't last very long, however.

Buller said a cold front should move through Kansas today, bringing temperatures 20 to 25 degrees cooler than yesterday.

He said there is a chance of snow on Saturday night and Sunday for both towns.

## Price of postage to go up as service fights of crisis

By Brandi Diendorf

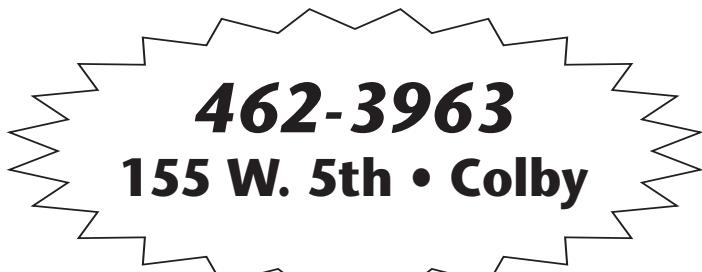
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