

Weather Corner



Three-figure reading looms

Tonight...Breezy. Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 100. South winds 10 to 15 mph with gusts to 30 mph.

Thursday night...Increasing clouds. A 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Friday night...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

The numbers
 Tuesday's high, 93
 Low this morning, 63
 Records for this date, 106 in 1988 and 43 in 1985
 Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.05
 Month's precipitation, 2.64
 Soil temperature, 82
 Water use for 6/20/05 = 2,772,800 gallons

The sources:
 A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Briefly

Courthouse closing Friday

The Thomas County Courthouse will be closed from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday out of respect for the funeral of former County Clerk Tracey Perkins' granddaughter, said County Clerk Shelly Harms. It will reopen for business at 1 p.m.

Heartland Share delivery Saturday

Heartland Share delivery is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart School gym. The menu this month is all-meat hotdogs, lean pork chops, shrimp, lasagna, chicken drums, lettuce, cucumber, red peppers, baby carrots, potatoes, onions, apples, cantaloupe, oranges and smores. A share is \$18.50 plus two hours of volunteer service. If interested in a share, call 460-3597 or 460-8640.

Childbirth classes begin soon

Childbirth Classes for July will be Thursday, July 7, 14, 21 and Tuesday July 28. The four-week series will be held at the Health Science Building at Colby Community College from 7 to 10 p.m. For questions or to enroll, call Tina Schrick at 462-6845.

Sweet Adelines plan 'trunk sale'

The Sweet Adelines are having a "trunk sale" on Saturday starting at 9 a.m. at Fourth and Lake Streets (formerly the Taylor Motors parking lot). Similar to a garage sale, there will be many items available for the bargain shopper. For questions, call any Sweet Adeline member.

Party set for long-time instructor

Everyone is invited to a birthday celebration for Dr. Max Pickerill on Sunday, starting at 2:30 p.m., in the Robert Burnett Memorial Student Union. Pickerill, long-time chemistry instructor at Colby Community College, will be celebrating his 80th birthday. Former students, co-workers and others are encouraged to attend and bring a short "Max Story" to share with him. Pickerill will begin his 31st year as an instructor at the college when classes begin in August. He has been a teacher for 56 years.

Waste facility to accept items

The Thomas County Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 190 W. 4th, Colby, will be open on Saturday, from 8 a.m.

to noon. The facility offers residents in Thomas County a safe alternative for disposing of items such as old paints, thinners, stains, varnish, automotive products, swimming pool chemicals and batteries, said Sandy Swob, director. This is a free service to Thomas County residents only, no business wastes will be accepted. Used motor oil should be taken to the county landfill. For questions or to obtain a complete list of acceptable items for collection, call Sowb at 460-4526.

Glassware sought for games

The Thomas County Amusement Association is in need of glassware for the dime toss game. Anyone who might be willing to donate is urged to call any member of the committee or (785) 462-6132.

Mosquito spraying continues

The City of Colby is fogging for mosquitoes. City officials said spraying will be done in the area south of Webster Street on Mondays or Tuesdays with areas north of Webster Street on Thursdays or Fridays. There will be no call list again this year and the spray schedule will depend on weather conditions. For questions, call Jenni at 460-4420.

Biels stepping down as Rod Run directors

By Patty Decker

Free Press Editor

This year's Colby Cruise to the Past Rod Run was a huge success, but for one couple involved since the beginning, it was bittersweet.

Bill and Bev Biel, Colby, coordinated the first event in June of 1993 and from that time until now the Rod Run has mushroomed into one of the most popular stops for rodders in a three-state area.

"It's time for us to step down and someone else take it over," said Bev Biel. "Maybe an organization or group might consider this as a service project."

While the couple admit it was a lot of fun, they both believe 12 years was a long enough run.

Those interested in taking on this project are asked to call either Bill or Bev at 460-2311.

"We would be glad to visit," she said.

As for this year's event, the results are in and the following choice awards included: Mayor Warren Hixson's choice being 1936 Ford five-window coupe (sponsored by S & T) to Benny Vallejo, Colo. Springs, Colo.; City Manager Carolyn Armstrong's (sponsored by S & T) choice was a 1915 Ford Tall T, owned by Ronald Hanstrom, Lakewood, Colo.; and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Ann Downing's choice (sponsored by the Chamber) was the 1954 Chevy pickup owned by Brad Mullins of Hoxie, who is currently a student at Independence, Mo.

Other choice awards were selected by Colby Chief of Police Randy Jones, which was a 1934 Ford Coupe (sponsored by S & T); KXXX/KQLS Manager Mike Fell, the 1934 Ford 3 window coupe; Paint choice, sponsored by Lyles Body Shop, a 1956 Ford Crown Victoria; Chevy Choice, sponsored by Taylor Motors, 1969 Chevy Camaro; Ford Choice, from Tubbs and Sons, 1963 Ford Falcon Sprint; Mopar Choice, also from Taylors, 1969 Plymouth Roadrunner; and Engine Choice, sponsored by Detroit Engine, 1932 Ford Victoria.

The Under 21 category, sponsored by Denver Specialty, saw 1st place going to Casey Lindberg, Colby, with his 1955 Chevy pickup (\$75 certificate); and 2nd place to Renee Mullins, Hoxie, with the 1967 Chevy Camaro, (\$50); and special interest award sponsored by the Rod Run Committee to Irv and Luella Snyder's 1941 Willy's Coupe, from Ness City.

"We are always glad to see the young rodders out," said Bill Biel, "and we always enjoy visiting with them about their vehicles — we need them to continue the sport."

Some awards were voted on by participants and the top three pick-

ups, sponsored by "The Dog House," went to Mann Roberts, Damar, 1956 Ford; Dallas Hays, McCook, Neb., 1957 Chevy; and Brad Mullins, Hoxie, 1954 Chevy.

Top 80s sponsored by Office Works included Ron Merideth's 1987 Buick, Lyons; and Dallas Jackson's 1983 Chrysler, Brewster.

The Top Three 70s cars sponsored by Western Kansas Farm Credit went to Michelle Fay, Hoxie, 1974 Chevy Corvette; Paulette Ericson, Aurora, Colo., 1970 Chevy El Camino; and Mike and Barb Glovers, Colby, 1977 Chevy Corvette.

In the Top Three 60s category sponsored by First National Bank, Jim Schneider, Parker, Colo., 1969 Chevy Camaro; John Mares, Longmont, Colo., 1968 Chevy Camaro; and Jeff Plowmon, Fountain, Colo., 1967 Ford Mustang.

Top Three 50s sponsored by Al's Painting saw Dennis and Jennifer Summers, Parker, Colo., 1955 Chevy Sedan Delivery; LeRoy and Sharon Meints, 1956, Ford Crown, Lincoln, Neb.; and Leroy Krafft, 1056 Chevy two-door hardtop Belair, Goodland.

The top 10 pre-48 cars in no particular order and sponsored by Tubbs and Sons went to: Jack and Sandy Callahan, 1934 Ford Coupe, Englewood, Colo.; Bob and Vicki Adams, 1935 Chevy two-door, Trenton, Neb.; Josh and Kim Schwarz, 1931 Ford Coupe, Colby; Frank Weisenberger, 1939 Chevy Coupe, Scott City; Benny Vallejo, 1936 Ford five-window Coupe, Colorado Springs; Jim Hunt, 1935 Ford, Littleton; Bobby and Carol Walker, 1934 Ford three-window, Johnson City, Texas; Dick and Delores Buhler, 1939 Chevy Coupe, Atwood; Chuck and Ashley Dickson, 1934 Ford four-door, Oakley; Kevin and Lisa Lustica, 1937 Chevy Coupe, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Some of the major prizes awarded included: an engine, sponsored by Colby Implement and Bill and Bev Biel, which went to Jurgen and Cindy Steinert, Golden, Colo.; transmission, sponsored by Leeper Transmission, Garden City, going to Mike Leist from Aurora, Colo.; and set of tires from T.O. Haas to Marv Roberts from Damar.

Gift certificates went to Frank Weisenberger, Scott City, two-ton cherry picker, sponsored by Orscheln Farm and Home Supply; and \$100 cash, two nights complimentary room and free registration in 2006 went to LeRoy Meints, Lincoln, Neb., sponsored by Tool Box, Beringer Hardware and Rod Run Committee.

A day with the kids



TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

Pioneer Memorial Library children's librarian Judy Kleinsorge briefly visited with children in the preschool Summer Reading Program group before their Tuesday story session. Storytime sessions run all week during the program. A night time story session will be at 7 p.m. Thursday and it will be a "PJs and Bedtime Stories" activity titled "Good Night, Good Knight." Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas. For information, call the library at 460-4470.

Hoxie hospital trustees back to work

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

HOXIE — After a month of turmoil, Sheridan County Health Complex trustees got back to running a hospital.

Last month's firing of Paul Hammeke and Dr. Margarita Hammeke left the trustees little time for regular business. That changed Monday night.

After approving minutes and business report items, interim administrator ReChelle Kennedy told trustees a memorial gift of \$15,000 had been received by the complex.

A donation from the late Vesta Shea's estate made way for the long-term care unit to purchase a new bathtub with lift and scales. Kennedy said the tub will cost about \$8,000, with the use of balance of the memorial to be decided later. In addition to the tub, Kennedy said a local family, whose name was not released at this time, has offered to provide new floor covering for the bathroom in the unit. Current flooring of tiles is in bad shape and needs to be replaced, Kennedy said.

The board made the decision to pay Kennedy \$1,500 per month for the added duties of interim administrator. This is to be made retroactive to when she assumed the duty after Paul Hammeke was fired on May 31. The extra money will be over and above Kennedy's regular

monthly salary of \$3,167 for being chief financial officer.

Kennedy reported to the board she's received seven resumes for the administrator job, two of which were from a previous search. The board directed Kennedy to check the references of the individuals applying and be ready to report the outcome of that action at a special meeting next week. The meeting time and date yet to be announced.

Trustees talked about several pieces of equipment which needs to be purchased or leased for the complex. No decision was made Monday night. They also agreed to offer Dr. Charles Weintz a new contract for emergency room coverage at the rate of \$55 per hour and 40.5 cents per mile for his travel from Salina. Kennedy said including Weintz, she has the emergency room covered through mid-September.

Kennedy said another registered nurse has been hired on a part-time basis to assist with providing more home health services, and once a new endoscope is purchased the complex will return to doing procedures here.

In other business, the board talked about the physician recruitment contract with the Medova agency, agreed to renew a similar contract with Kansas University, and adopted a charity care plan which will allow decreased payments for those patients proving a need.

The policy on disruptive conduct for physicians was tabled again since the medical staff has yet to approve it. Also tabled was a long-term disability policy for employees, but approved was the right for an employee to donate up to one-eighth of his or her own sick leave to a fellow employee needing it.

State Items

Harvest just a way of life for this couple

TESCOTT (AP) — Jim and Clea Lee's first wheat harvest was an unforgettable one — for all the wrong reasons.

It was 1951. The young couple had been married just a few years. Clea quit her job as a phone operator so Jim could follow his dream of farming, just like his dad did.

The couple moved into what Clea called "a shack," but they were happy, Clea said, and Jim was farming.

The weather didn't cooperate that year. There was a lot of rain, and it flooded fields.

"We were out in the fields still trying to cut in September," said Jim, 79, Tescott.

"That's the year I shoulda quit." More than five decades after that first harvest, Jim was back in the wheat fields recently.

He fought a little bit of mud as he made his way in the combine.

He wasn't real sure how this year's crop was going to be.

And that's fine, he said. He learned a long time ago you can't spend all your time worrying about that. You just get in the field and cut the wheat.

"I take the days as they come and go," Jim said.

Clea said she's not surprised her husband is still farming and still working in the fields.

It's what he loves to do, she said. Since a light stroke on New Year's Day, he requires the assistance of a cane to help him get around.

The wheat had long been planted when he suffered the stroke, so she knew that wasn't going to stop him.

"When you see his obituary in the paper, you'll know he quit farming," she said.

Janie Clemow, Overland Park, said she asks her dad every year if this is going to be the last harvest. "He always says, 'No,'" Clemow said. "I don't anticipate he'll ever quit."

He doesn't do quite as much as he used to. In his younger years, he did all the light repairs on equipment himself.

Now, he has some help with that and other manual labor chores, Clea said.

"As you get older, there is less you are able to do," Jim said, in his matter-of-fact way. "I'd rather be doing it than not be able to."

Larry Michael, Tescott, is Jim's "main man" now, Clea said.

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Obe Hokanson is a teacher at the College of Biblical Studies in Houston, Texas. He has been traveling, studying and taking groups to Israel for 25 years.

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