

Weather Corner



Maybe: rain, snow showers

The forecast

Tonight — A chance of rain and snow showers before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear with a low around 27. Windy, with a north wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 30 and 35 mph. Winds could gust as high as 50 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent. **Tuesday** — Mostly sunny with a high around 39. Very windy, with a north wind between 30 and 40 mph, with gusts as high as 65 mph. **Tuesday night** — Clear, with a low near 15. Blustery, with a north-west wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph. **Wednesday** — Mostly sunny, with a high near 49. West wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Wednesday night** — Mostly clear, with a low around 24. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy and breezy with a high around 54.

Temperatures
 Sunday's high, 47
 Low this morning, 25
 Records for this date, 78 in 1894, -10 in 1940
 Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
 November's precipitation, 0.03

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

Paper company going private; sold to Koch

NEW YORK (AP) — Paper products giant Georgia-Pacific Corp., the maker of Brawny paper towels and Angel Soft tissue, has agreed to be acquired for more than \$13 billion by Koch Industries Inc., a deal that would create the nation's biggest private company.

The \$13.2 billion cash deal announced Sunday also calls for Koch to assume \$7.8 billion in Georgia-Pacific debt and will result in the Atlanta-based company becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of Koch.

The deal values GP at \$48 per share, a 38.5 percent premium over its closing price of \$34.65 Friday.

Koch, based in Wichita, Kan., is a commodities conglomerate that operates refineries and pipelines, trades commodities and manufactures pulp, paper and fibers. With combined annual revenue of some \$80 billion from Georgia-Pacific, Koch would surpass food and farm products maker Cargill Inc.

Briefly

Dinner planned for older Americans

The social problems class at Colby Community College will sponsor the 38th annual free Thanksgiving dinner for older Americans on Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Colby Community Building. The event is for all those 55 years and older. Everyone is asked to bring a salad or dessert. A free movie "Walk the Line" will be shown following the dinner at 1 p.m. at the Colby Theatre. Popcorn and soda will be provided at no charge. For transportation to the event, call Deb Koon at 462-6617.

Transit service unavailable Tuesday

The Thomas County transportation van will not be available Tuesday, Nov. 15, due to a transition in drivers. County Clerk Shelly Harms said normal service will resume at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16. For questions, call the county clerk's office at 460-4500.

Lunch-n-Learn program Tuesday

Lunch-n-Learns continue Tuesday at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range, from 12:05 to 12:55 p.m. with the second holiday program, "Garnished Gifts, Tables and More," said Diann Gerstner, the Thomas County Extension's family and consumer science agent. The program is free and will feature garnished gifts, table top ideas, candle

decorations and elegant holiday ornament arrangements will be some of the features during this session.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a sack lunch for the lunch activity. In addition, "Harvest of Holidays," will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. also on Tuesday, in the Colby Community Building. "Harvest of Holidays" is a multi-county educational program, with the agents from Logan County and Sunflower District participating.

Heart Tree to benefit needy children

Family and friends of Dr. Jeff Jennings are again sponsoring a *Heart Tree* in Memory of Jeff this Christmas, said Jennifer Van Eaton, one of the coordinators. For those who know of a child who could benefit by having their "Christmas Wish" placed on the tree, call Sacred Heart Church at 462-2179. "Please turn in any names by Wednesday, Nov. 16," she said. "Thank for helping provide a bright Christmas to the children of our community."

Special flag fundraiser underway

Money for the Special Olympics and Sons of the Legion are made possible when residents have flags placed in their front yard or at their businesses on special holidays. For those wanting to help the two organizations and show patriotism at the same time, call Greg Griffin, 460-0647, for details on

cost. The flags are displayed on Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, and Armed Forces Day.

Library to host special event

Pioneer Memorial Library is hosting "Chocolate...and all that Jazz" in the library from 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday. Librarian Jeff Friesen is encouraging everyone to join them for a night of live jazz. Chocolate will be served. For questions, call 460-4470.

College sponsors blood drive

Colby Community College Department of Nursing will host a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Thursday, in the student union on the college campus. The blood drive will be used in the Central Plains Region of the American Red Cross, which includes this area, said Pam Head, chief executive officer for the region. To make an appointment, call Tina Schrick, 460-4797. Walk-ins are also welcome.

FFA fruit orders needed by Nov. 21

The Colby FFA is currently selling fruits and other items, said Mike Wetter, coordinating the event. For those interested in ordering fruits to include oranges, Texas grapefruit, apples, or pears, call 460-5320 by Monday, Nov. 21.

Opening weekend



Jan Katz Ackerman/Colby Free Press



ABOVE: Tristen Storer, 8-year-old son of Rex and Tanya Storer of Hoxie, followed Joe Moss' dog, Maggie, up out of a ditch just after she picked up a bird Saturday afternoon on opening day of pheasant season. **LEFT:** Joe Moss, also of Hoxie bagged his limit Saturday on the opening day of pheasant season. Moss said his 2-year-old Golden Retriever, Maggie, barely seen in stubble, was doing "remarkably well" for her second season in the field.

Investigators say crack replacing meth

HUTCHINSON (AP) — As communities focused time and money on fighting the surging use of methamphetamine, crack dealers sensed an opportunity and moved in, according to law enforcement officials in south-central Kansas.

"I had a coke dealer tell me once that they loved meth labs, because it created a windfall for other drugs," said Howard Shipley, head of the Reno County/Hutchinson Drug Enforcement Unit.

Shipley said regional cocaine dealers saw an untapped market in Reno County, where officers had their hands full dealing with clandestine meth labs and an increasing number of meth-related crimes.

"We were spending so much time on meth, we didn't have as much time to devote to other cases," he said. "Now we're beginning to devote more resources to crack."

As the number of meth cases dropped, Shipley said, he and the four other detectives in the DEU found Wichita dealers were bringing large volumes of crack cocaine into Hutchinson and selling it at a cheap price.

In 2003, the DEU handled 29 meth cases and only six crack cocaine cases. In 2004, the number of meth cases fell to 17, while crack jumped to 30. So far in 2005, Shipley said his agents have handled 17 meth cases and 23 crack cocaine cases.

Reno County Sheriff Randy Henderson said the DEU hasn't seen this many cocaine cases since the early to mid-1990s.

"We're just lucky we don't have the heroin cycle in there, like some larger areas do," Henderson said.

According to the Kansas Drug Threat Assessment by the National

Pet Adoption

I need a home!



The Colby Animal Clinic has a one-year-old male, Bassett-Beagle mix, who needs a home. According to clinic officials, he is very playful, and wants to show love. Appears to be house trained as well. For those interested in this animal, call 460-8621 or stop by the facility at 810 E. 4th. The only cost for adopting animals is the price for current shots.

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