

Weather Corner



Snow possible, lows near 20

The forecast
Tonight — A 20 percent chance of snow after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy with a low around 20. East wind between 10 and 15 mph becoming north.
Saturday — A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy with a high around 31. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.
Saturday night — A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy with a low around 18. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming south.
Sunday — A 20 percent chance of snow before 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy with a low around 13.
Monday — Partly cloudy with a high around 32.
Monday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 11.
Tuesday — A chance of snow. Mostly cloudy with a high near 21.
Temperatures
 Thursday's high, 40
 Low this morning, 11
 Records for this date, 75 in 1926, -1 in 1985.
 Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
 December's precipitation, 0.00
 A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Briefly

Red, Hot & Blue planned Sunday

The Western Plains Arts Association is hosting "Red, Hot...& Blue," starting at 3 p.m., Sunday, in the Colby High School auditorium. The program White Christmas from Branson is something people won't want to miss, officials for the organization said. This event has funding provided by the Thomas County Community Foundation, James and Betty Secrest Fund, Mid-America Arts Alliance with underwriting by the National Endowment for the Arts, Kansas Arts Commission and foundations, corporations and individuals throughout Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas. Admission is by Western Plains Arts Association season pass or at the door.

Commodity distribution Dec. 7

United States Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 1:30-3 p.m. Wednesday at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center. Items include corn, beef stew, potatoes, rice cereal, milk, pudding cups, applesauce and instant potatoes. For information, contact the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office at 462-6744.

Input sought for planning group

The Thomas County planning core committee is working on a new long-term strategic plan for the county. Now, the group has set its task forces and is looking for people willing to serve on the task force of their choice. They include: rural experience, destination center, youth/entrepreneurial, targeting future industry, youth center, ed/med, wellness, recreation/entertainment, beautification and marketing/public relations and shopping. For information, call the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce at 460-3401.

Pancake feed Saturday

The High Plains Lions Club is having an all-you-can-eat pancake feed from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, at the Colby Community Building. All proceeds from the feed go to benefit projects by the Lions Club.

Fair board to meet Dec. 8

The Thomas County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8 at the Thomas County 4-H Building. Items on the agenda include Thomas County extension agent report; financial report and bills; committee reports on the buildings

and grounds, carnival, rodeo, parade, demolition derby, races, fair book, advertising expenses and income.

Gaither video concert Sunday

The Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine, is hosting a Gaither video concert on the big screen at 6 p.m., Sunday. The concert will feature "A Gaither Homecoming in the Holyland," and is open to everyone free of charge.

Piano recital Sunday

Piano students of Shirley Malcolm are presenting their winter recital at 2 p.m., Sunday, at the Colby United Methodist Church, 950 S. Franklin Ave. Christmas duets performed by the pianists will be accompanied by parents or other family members. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Last Lunch-n-Learn program Dec. 6

Lunch-n-Learns last meeting will be Tuesday from 12:05 to 12:55 at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range. The program will be "Candy, Candy, Candy," said Diann Gerstner, the Thomas County Extension's family and consumer science agent. The program is about how to make candy. For questions, call 460-4582.

Sheridan has new economic development director

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

After an eight month vacancy, Sheridan County has a new economic development director.

Glenn Fondoble, 54, started work Thursday.

"One of the things I saw when I came here to interview was there sometimes can be high energy and low energy," Fondoble said.

"There are some people chomping to do things, and hopefully we can do some of the things they want to do."

Owner of Westco Management Incorporated in Hays, Fondoble contracts with local workforce investment boards to cut payroll checks, provide software management and insurance sales.

Fondoble will work under the direction of development board

members Jacque Boultinghouse,

Leanna Sloan, Rick Leaker, Wanda Sealock, Michelle Foote, Ron Schamberger, who represents the county commission, and Harold Timken, who represents the city of Hoxie.

"Basically I want to get settled administratively," Fondoble said. "As a non-profit company, I need to make sure we are on the right track and I want to establish a more formal communication link with the people who fund the company."

Of the money the development corporation receives, \$30,000 of it comes from the county, \$15,500



G. Fondoble

comes from the city of Hoxie, and the city of Selden contributes 25 percent of its monthly sales-tax income.

The Hoxie-based development corporation was started about five years ago through a donation of some \$16,000. The money came from the sale of a downtown building former Hoxie resident Jon Pope gave to the city. When the building was sold to Bob and Patty Mullins for a restaurant, the deal was contingent on the development company getting the proceeds of the sale.

Both Boultinghouse and Sloan are pleased to have Fondoble on board as the new director. Like his predecessor Bert Mosier, Fondoble will technically be considered an employee of the city of Hoxie and have a starting salary of \$30,000.

He will also have the option of being included on the city's benefit plans

"He was ready to start on Thursday and he'll do us good," Boultinghouse said.

"I'm looking forward to working with him," Sloan said. "It will be a refreshing move forward."

Fondoble said one of the first tasks he'll undertake as development director is to create a Web site for the development company.

"I'd like to put some site information out to target some specific sectors and demographics of people to

talk about jobs, homes, etcetera," he said. "The other thing that is important for me to do is to get out and meet the people and present ideas."

A resident of Ellis, Fondoble will be in Hoxie 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will depend on how much he is needed.

Fondoble and his wife, Rhonda, will continue to reside in Ellis. The couple has three grown children, Olivia, a doctor in Topeka; Natalie, a student at the University of Kansas; and Matt, who works at Wheelchairs of Kansas in Ellis.

Student's death ruled a homicide

HAYS — Local law enforcement officials announced this morning that the woman who was found dead in rural Ellis County on Tuesday was Angela May Goddard, a 21-year-old Fort Hays State University junior from Russell.

"We are deeply saddened by the tragic and untimely death of Angela

Goddard," Dr. Edward H. Hammond, Fort Hays State University president, said Thursday.

"We have contacted her family to offer our condolences and support. Also, our Kelly Center will take steps immediately to provide grief counseling for members of the university community."

"Our university community is devastated by this senseless loss," the president said. "He urged that anyone who is having difficulty coping with the loss should contact the university's Kelly Center.

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