

Weather Corner



Sunny, windy and warmer

The forecast
Tonight - Mostly clear with a low around 28. West wind between 5 and 15 mph.
Friday - Mostly sunny with a high around 58. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph.
Friday night - Partly cloudy with a low near 27. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west.
Saturday - Partly cloudy with a high around 53. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Saturday night - Mostly clear with a low around 25.
Sunday - Mostly sunny with a high near 49.
Temperatures
Wednesday's high, 62
Low this morning, 32
Records for this date, 74 in 1920, -20 in 1950.
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
January's precipitation, 0.55
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Briefly

'Daffodil Days' are back

Colby is participating in the annual "Daffodil Days" sponsored by the American Cancer Society. This year's coordinator, Cathy Harrison, said all proceeds go to help the society's mission in research and finding a cure. Daffodils are the first flowers of spring and a symbol of hope for a world free from cancer. With six different options available, people have many choices to fit their budgets. A bunch of daffodils is \$10; Cheer bokay with vase, \$15; Bear and A Bunch, \$25; 12 bunches, \$175; 25 bunches, \$250; and 50 bunches, \$350. For questions, call Harrison at 460-2501 (home); 462-2331 (office); fax 462-6242 or email: harrison@st-tel.net. Deadline for placing orders is Friday, Feb. 24.

Monday through Friday and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Exerciser hours run from 6 to 7 a.m., Monday through Friday and 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Open swimming hours are 4 to 8 p.m., Monday and Wednesday; 4 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 4 to 6 p.m., Friday; 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday; and 1 to 3 p.m., Sunday.

Golden Buckle square dance

Ron Snyder of Colby will call the Golden Buckle square dance at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Colby Community Building. Visitors are welcome.

Parent survey winners released

The Thomas County Interagency Coalition recently announced the winners in the parent survey, said Diane Stithem with the Regional Prevention Center. The four winners included Lori Ann Gotchall, \$50, for first survey received; Darlene R. Coon, 20" Magnavox television; Pam Jager, MP3 player; and Tony LeValley, portable DVD player. Stithem

said the information from the surveys will be used to create a campaign addressing and hosting laws with underage drinking.

County annual reports due

Shelly Harms, Thomas County clerk, has forwarded notices and annual report forms to the township, cemetery and fire districts so they may begin compiling the information for the annual report on Nov. 30, 2005. The reports are due in the office of the county clerk no later than Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Irrigation conference planned

The Central Plains Irrigation Conference and Exposition, sponsored by the association of the same name, will be held Feb. 21-22 at the Comfort Inn in Colby. Registration post-marked by Friday, Feb. 3 will have discounts and all fees include admittance to all sessions and the equipment exposition, a copy of the proceedings, two lunches, breaks and a social hour. Registration forms can be mailed to Donna Lamm at 760 N. Thompson, Colby, Kan. 67701.

Area woman talks about abuse and the journey back

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

A desire to tell how she was healed from abuse by a Sunday school teacher prompted a Hoxie woman to write a book.



T. Bainter

Twila Bainter, 62, wrote "Carnal, Flaky and Unstable Christians" to tell how many people masquerade behind a church and live hypocritical lives.

"The main context of the book is my journey of abuse and rebellion to the point where God healed and restore me," Bainter said. "I was one of the worst hypocrites and I know the results and consequences."



Twila Bainter's book deals with the hypocracies of people and churches.

Bainter's dream of writing and having a book published developed over a three year period.

"I'd always had a dream and goal to write and publish a book," she said. "It seemed to be the right time to share my testimony."

Abused as a child by her Sunday school teacher when she was young, Bainter wrote the book to point out her own errors in hopes of leading others closer to God.

"It's basically to help others avoid the hypocrisy and compromises that people make," Bainter said. "The book shows the mistakes I made, and my husband and I made in leadership. It shows the mistakes others in leadership make in churches."

Interjecting scripture Bainter said God placed in her heart and mind, "Carnal, Flaky and Unstable Christians" points readers to a different view of church life.

"I believe the world is looking for role models and people need to come up to a higher excellence for God so people trust Christians," Bainter said.

Bainter said her years of abuse and rebellion made her not trust church leaders and led her away from the church.

"What got me started in rebellion was the abuse by my Sunday school teacher. I always felt we should be able to trust our leaders, especially Christian leaders, but how can you do that when they fail you it's very devastating," she said.

Bainter hopes readers will have changed lives after reading her book which is available at Jamu Books and Faith Gear in Colby. She's looking forward to a revived nation and region and hopes her book will impact its happening.

"There's only revival through repentance," she said. "I believe

many people have lost respect for the Lord. Things of the world have crept into their lives so their hearts are hardened toward God."

Bainter said a revived love for God in America will happen by "churches coming together in unity. "It all comes back to a relationship with the Lord versus rituals, religious practices and man-made rules and religion," Bainter said. "By people crying out to God for mercy and forgiveness, revival will happen in northwest Kansas."

An accomplished pianist and piano instructor, Bainter has also composed 20 songs she hopes to have recorded to compact disc in the near future.

Mother of two grown children and has two grandchildren. Bainter lives in Hoxie with her husband, Jim, who is a full-time rural mail carrier and part-time city police deputy.

Former Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman to teach at Kansas State

TOPEKA (AP) — Gen. Richard Myers, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has been enlisted to teach military history and leadership at Kansas State University.

Myers, a 1965 Kansas State graduate, will be a professor in the university's Institute of Military History and 20th Century Studies starting next month, university officials said Wednesday.

The four-star Air Force general will earn \$100,000, with half funded by the university and half from the Kansas State University Foundation, said Charles Reagan, aide to Kansas State President Jon Wefald.

"I think that it will help increase the visibility of the institute," Reagan said.

"We're making this real flexible. He had other offers and we wanted to do it in a way that could keep some of his other options open."

Myers said in a telephone interview that the position allows him to keep his ties to Kansas State.

"On the one hand, it's absolutely exciting," Myers said.

"We've always tried to get back to one football game a year and keep ties with the school of engineering."

Myers, 63, received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Kansas State, where he was in

the Air Force ROTC program.

His wife, May Jo, is from Manhattan and earned a bachelor's degree in English in 1964 from Kansas State.

Richard Myers retired in September after serving four years as head of the Joint Chiefs, where he advised the president on the war on terrorism and the decision to go to war in Iraq.

The university position is a part-time appointment where he will give guest lectures, identify potential speakers and attend alumni and foundation events. Reagan said Myers would travel about three times a semester from his home in

Virginia to spend three or four days lecturing students and attending other university functions.

He said Myers' lectures won't be open to the public to preserve the teacher-student relationship, though other speaking engagements would be open.

Myers is scheduled to be keynote speaker at a conference of 350 military historians in May at Kansas State.

After graduation, Myers was a pilot with 600 combat hours in Vietnam.

Myers also served as commander of the Air Force Space Command in Colorado Springs, Colo.

In 2000, Myers was a Landon Lecture series presenter and led the Kansas State homecoming parade in October. He was in the audience Monday when President Bush spoke to more than 9,000 people at Bramlage Coliseum.

The university's institute was created five years ago and offers a doctorate in military history. It is a partnership between the university, the Eisenhower Foundation in Abilene, and the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth.

Myers said he hopes to help the institute build a broader reputation through the "powerful combination" of the university and Fort Leavenworth's military schools.

"I think the greater good is that someone involved in the decision making that's going on can demonstrate how the process works in reality, and how the personalities interact, what works and what doesn't work," Myers said.

"It's helpful to understand how the process really works."

Reagan said Myers has donated memorabilia he received over the years from foreign heads of state and a collection of military books. The gifts eventually will be placed on display at a building under renovation on campus.

He said the school is talking to Myers about receiving some of his papers from his military career. www.ksu.edu/history/institute

Winemakers concerned about selling proposal

TOPEKA (AP) — Kansas' winemakers, currently allowed to sell directly to liquor stores, bars and restaurants, said Wednesday that a legislative proposal to make them go through wholesalers could put some — if not all — of them out of business. If it doesn't drive their prices too high for the market, they said, the measure will alienate proven retailers. Either way, they believe it will cripple the state's small but growing wine industry.

"I'd be going to all my growers — the people I've been begging for a half-dozen years to, 'Plant grapes, plant grapes, plant grapes,'" said Norm Jennings, general manager of

Smoky Hills Vineyard and Winery near Salina and a member of the Kansas Grape and Wine Industry Advisory Council, which advises the state agriculture secretary about the industry. "I'd tell them, 'Don't plant grapes — and as a matter of fact, if you planted any last year and you can still mow them down and put corn on the land, you might do that.'"

"Because five or six years down the road, it's looking pretty nasty right now."

The Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee heard testimony on the measure Tuesday but took no action. On Wednesday, the wine

council voted 5-1, with one abstention, to oppose it.

Wholesalers, who back the Senate measure to take away direct sales, say they only want to comply with court rulings that states may not treat winemakers from different states differently.

"We think the current self-distribution system ... is not constitutional, is not supportable," said Tuck Duncan, a lobbyist for the wholesalers who also is a member of the advisory council.

In May 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states that allow direct shipping of wine to in-state customers must extend out-of-state

wineries the same privilege.

And in December, a federal judge in Seattle ruled that Washington state may not allow in-state wineries and breweries to sell alcohol directly to consumer outlets, unless out-of-state producers are also allowed to do so.

Kansas law prohibits direct shipping of any wine, regardless of origin, but its 13 "farm wineries" are allowed to deliver their products directly to retail outlets. The latest proposal would still allow direct sales at the wineries themselves.

Out-of-state winemakers, distillers and brewers must go through distributors.

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Our staff will be at a training session on Friday.
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Long Sleeve Sport Shirts (Entire Stock) ..... Reduced 40%
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Tall Men Knit Shirts ..... Reduced 40%
Sweaters ..... Reduced 40%
Leather Coats ..... Reduced 40%
Winter Coats ..... Reduced 40%
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Topcoats ..... Reduced 40%
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