

Weather  
Corner

Highs in 50s,  
lows in the  
lower 20s

**The forecast**  
**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with a low around 23. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Friday** — Partly cloudy with a high around 52. Northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.  
**Friday night** — Partly cloudy with a low near 22. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.  
**Saturday** — Mostly sunny with a high around 53. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.  
**Saturday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 23.  
**Sunday** — Partly cloudy and breezy, with a high around 51.  
Temperatures  
Wednesday's high, 55  
Low this morning, 23  
Records for this date, 71 in 1963, -15 in 1902  
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00  
February'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.

Virtual yard  
sale planned  
in Oakley

By Jan Katz Ackerman  
Colby Free Press

The Logan County Healthcare Foundation will host its first virtual yard sale on eBay in April.  
“My hope is that it will bring in some money from outside the community as well as raise support within the community,” Susan Bloom, foundation executive director, said Tuesday.  
Individuals and businesses are being asked to donate new or used items which can be posted for sale on eBay during the virtual yard sale which will run April 3-10.  
“If you are interested in helping with this exciting event or would like to donate an item contact any of the committee members; Melanie Sporer, Crystal Hahn, Lany Sharp, Pat Lysinger, Lew Murray, Jerry Robben, or Sherri Mackley,” Bloom said.  
Bloom can be reached at the foundation office at (785) 672-3663 or at 216 Center Ave. in Oakley.

Group looks at limits on picketing funerals

TOPEKA (AP) — Brandy Sacco fidgeted and fought back tears as the Rev. Fred Phelps Sr. told senators why he and his followers have a legal right to picket funerals of slain soldiers, such as her husband.  
“We can’t be lawfully moved out of sight of our target audience,” Phelps said Wednesday to the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee.  
“You have no legitimate public interest here.”  
In recent months, Phelps and his Westboro Baptist Church members have picketed funerals of soldiers around the nation, often with placards stating “Thank God for IEDs,” and “God Hates America.”  
Phelps and his church contend U.S. troops are being killed in Iraq as vengeance from God for protecting a country that harbors homo-

Commissioners meet Monday

The Thomas County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday at the courthouse. Items on the agenda include Juanita Gatz, health administrator, who will talk with the commissioners about a bill; Clair Schrock, road supervisor, talking about a 2006 tentative equipment plan; approval of Jan. 31 minutes; a draft grievance policy; approval of abatements; the ballot for the 2006 board of directors for the Chamber of Commerce and annual banquet. The meeting is open to the public.

Share signup underway

Heartland Share is taking orders for February. Menu items this month, said Gene Griffin, include pollock filets, diced chicken chunks, chicken breast filets, beef taco meat, deli turkey breast, and six to eight fresh fruits and vegetables. Orders must be received by Monday, Feb. 13. Signup is at the State Farm Insurance office, 905 E. 4th, Colby, or by calling 460-8640 or 460-3579. A share is \$18.50 plus two hours of volunteer time.

Colby singles/couples dance Friday

The Colby Singles and Couples Group is having its monthly dance from 8 p.m. to midnight, Friday, at the City

Limits Convention Center. The group will also sponsor a line dance class before the main event at 7 p.m. Entertainment is provided by Jim Christiansen. Everyone is invited to attend. For questions, call Carolyn Miller, co-coordinator, 462-6896.

Museum exhibit here until Feb. 28

“Playas: Gems of the Plains” has opened at the Prairie Museum of Art and History, 1905 S. Franklin Ave., Colby. This traveling exhibit is by the Northwest Texas Museum Association and can be viewed during regular museum hours, said Sue Taylor, museum director. The exhibit features 20 separate 80-inch tall and 40-inch wide panels illustrating a wide range of topics. Playa lakes are shallow, usually round, wetlands with clay floors that lie in the lowest point of a generally large closed watershed and collect runoff from surrounding uplands. The exhibit will be on display until Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Admission to the exhibit is free; however there is a regular admission charged for the rest of the museum. For questions, call 460-4590.

‘Daffodil Days’ continues

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 bouquet 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.

Deadline for discount nears

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 positions 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. Some of this year’s topics include *Wastewater Utilization, Residue Management for Efficient Water Use and Limited Irrigation Crop Options*. For a registration form, hotel accommodations, or for information, interested persons can go to [www.oznet.ksu.edu/sdi/REvents/cpia.html](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/sdi/REvents/cpia.html). Registration forms and payments should be mailed to Donna Lamm at 760 N. Thompson, Colby, Kan. 67701.

Farmers  
brace for  
dry season

ULYSSES (AP) — The prairie spreads for miles here in stubby, ashen-colored patches. Irrigation pivots spray out in circles, each minute sucking up hundreds of gallons of cold water from beneath the oil fields.

Ed Wiltse, mayor of the 6,000 citizens of this southwest Kansas county seat, is weighing how to spend his city’s money. This year, there’s little question where much of the money will go: he’ll pump a quarter of the public works budget into buying water.

The vast underground pool that fills Ulysses’ faucets, called the Ogallala Aquifer, is running low, forcing towns and farmers to spend beyond their means to tap alternative sources.

“Out here, water is like gold,” said Wiltse, adjusting his glasses as he runs his hands over a chart of the town’s faltering wells. “Without it, we perish.”

The aquifer nourishes vital industries on the plains — its rich soil produces the nation’s beef supply and much of its wheat and corn crops. Ulysses sits in a stretch of the corn belt where the water table has dropped about 25 feet in the last decade. It’s been a long time since anyone thought the sky might water their crops.



Caution tape surrounded the new jungle gym being constructed on the playground at Sacred Heart Catholic School, 1150 W. 6th, Tuesday. Work began Saturday, and school officials said it would be finished by Saturday.

Kansas Supreme Court to rule  
Friday in abortion records case

TOPEKA (AP) — Attorney General Phill Kline should learn Friday how much access he’ll have to patient records from two abortion clinics in attempting to prosecute both the clinics and suspected cases of child rape.

The Kansas Supreme Court plans to issue a ruling at 9:30 a.m. in a dispute between Kline and clinics, operated by Dr. George Tiller in Wichita and Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri in Overland Park. The case involves the records of 90 women and girls.

The court disclosed its plans in a brief statement Wednesday.

The dispute has brought national attention to Kline, a strong abortion opponent. Tiller’s clinic is known for doing late-term procedures; his clinic was bombed in 1985 and he

was shot in both arms by an anti-abortion protester in 1993.

Kline’s chief deputy told the Supreme Court in September that the attorney general believes the 90 records contain evidence of multiple felonies and misdemeanors by the clinics and would help him build cases against sex offenders. The clinics have accused Kline of conducting a fishing expedition.

A Shawnee County district judge issued two subpoenas for the records in 2004 at Kline’s request, agreeing that Kline had cause to believe they contained evidence of potential crimes.

The judge told the clinics to turn the documents over to his office, setting up a procedure where a licensed physician would review the records and determine what was

relevant, with the judge deciding what Kline’s office could see.

The clinics contend turning over the records would violate patients’ privacy, and they asked the Supreme Court to block the subpoenas or narrow their scope.

Kline has said the process set up by the judge would protect the women’s privacy and that it’s routine for criminal investigators to see medical records.

His efforts have the backing of most of Kansas’ county prosecutors.

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY



~ OPEN HOUSE ~

Tuesday, February 7th, 2006

11-12 a.m. - Informational Meeting  
12-4 - Hamburger Feed & Open House

COLBY AGRONOMY CENTER/Agrilience

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Please plan on attending. Thanks for your business!

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SALE: Thursday, Friday, Saturday February 2nd, 3rd, 4th

WINTER SALE - NOW IN PROGRESS!

Entire Stock Suits .....	Reduced 25%
Sportcoats (Select Group) .....	Reduced 50%
Long Sleeve Sport Shirts (Entire Stock) .....	Reduced 50%
One group Long Sleeve Sport Shirts (Values to \$55) ....	Now \$15.99
Long Sleeve Knit Shirts .....	Reduced 50%
Tall Men's Sportshirts (up to 4X tall) .....	Reduced 50%
Tall Men Knit Shirts .....	Reduced 50%
Sweaters .....	Reduced 50%
Leather Coats .....	Reduced 50%
Winter Coats .....	Reduced 50%
Mock Turtleneck Shirts .....	Reduced 50%
Topcoats .....	Reduced 50%
Ties (One Group, values to \$35.00) .....	\$10.99 each
Bargain table (Assorted Items) .....	Huge Reductions

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Alterations on Sale Merchandise Extra.