

### Weather Corner



## Windy weekend

**The forecast**  
**Tonight — Friday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 19. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Saturday** — Mostly sunny with a high around 53. Northwest wind around 10 mph becoming south.  
**Saturday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 21. South wind around 10 mph.  
**Sunday** — Mostly cloudy with a high near 43. East wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.  
**Sunday night** — Mostly cloudy with a low around 20.  
**Monday** — Partly cloudy with a high around 43.  
**Monday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 19.  
**Tuesday** — Partly cloudy with a high around 47.

**Temperatures**  
 Thursday's high, Low this morning, Records for this date, 70 in 1909, -17 in 1989  
 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.

## Briefly

### Massage clinic starts Monday

The Physical Therapist Assistant students at Colby Community College are hosting a massage clinic from 5-9 p.m., Monday, and again the following Monday, Feb. 13. Massages will be held in the Health Sciences Building on the college campus, room 804. Proceeds will go toward helping the programs. For questions, call Pat Erickson, director of the program, 462-3984.

### College student to help with taxes

Colby Community College student Gary Stewart, who is also the director of social services at Infinia of Colby, will be assisting the elderly and other students with tax preparations on Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. in Larry Koon's office located in the Bedker Memorial Complex building on the college campus. Those who need help can call him in Oakley, (785) 672-4421. There is no charge for the service.

### Trustee position open

The Colby Community College Board of Trustees has announced a vacancy and anyone interested in serving on the board of trustees should submit a letter of application and summary of qualifications to Glenn C. Sharp, Interim

President, Colby Community College, 1255 South Range, Colby, KS 67701 by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15. For questions, call Sharp at (785) 462-3984, ext. 201.

### 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.

### Museum offers traveling exhibit

"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.

### Colby singles/couples dance tonight

The Colby Singles and Couples Group is having its monthly dance from 8 p.m. to midnight, tonight, 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.

# Trial for man suspected of meth begins

By Pat Schiefen  
*The Goodland Star-News*

A Kanorado garage owner is getting his day in court in a jury trial that started on Wednesday in the district court in the Sherman County Courthouse.

Scott Baumfalk is standing trial on seven drug charges resulting from a search warrant that was executed on July 1, at his residence at 715 Center Ave., Goodland.

Law enforcement officers from the Quad County Drug Task Force, Goodland Police Department, Sherman County Sheriff's Department, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, state fire marshal's office and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives participated in the arrest and search.

The seven counts, as amended, include manufacture of methamphetamine, possession of pseudoephedrine, and possession of a lithium metal, all level 1 drug felonies; possession of drug parapher-

nalina with intent to distribute or manufacture, a level 4 drug felony; aiding and abetting in the attempt to manufacture methamphetamine, a level 1 drug felony; no drug stamp, a level 10 non person felony; and possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell within 1,000 feet of school property, a level 2 drug felony.

At least 40 people showed up in the courtroom for jury selection on Wednesday morning. The court clerk called off the first 36 names and they took seats in the jury box and then in several rows in the courtroom.

The names of people for jury duty come from voter registration, tax rolls, and driver's licenses.

Judge Jack Burr told the prospective jurors that the attorneys in the



Baumfalk

case would ask them several questions in what was called voir dire or speak the truth.

Scott Showalter representing the state with Bonnie Selby, Sherman County Attorney asked if anyone had problems or were related to any of the law enforcement officers involved in the case, the defendant or any of the witnesses that would appear in the case. Then the group was asked if anyone had problems with hearing a drug case and if they would be able to be there three days for the trial. One man's son was to have surgery in Hays, another woman had medical appointments at the hospital and they were excused. Others were excused for having worked with the defendant or other reasons.

They ended up with a list of 36. The next step was the preemptory challenge by attorneys on both sides. Attorney Richard Dinkel, with the help of Etta Walker, represented Baumfalk. Both are from Sharon Springs.

The list was cut down to the 12 needed to sit on the jury.

Burr said trials were a partnership. Jurors determined the facts and the judge determined the law.

The case continued on Thursday with the prosecution witnesses, and both sides felt it could be in the jury's hands today.

This is the first of several court cases involving Baumfalk that are scheduled for court action this year. He has been in the Sherman County Bastille since his arrest in July.

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Would you see the world? Would you chase your dreams? Settle down with a family, I wonder what would you name your babies? Some days the sky's so blue, I feel like I can talk to you, An' I know it might sound crazy.

The only thing that gives me hope, Is I know I'll see you again some day.

*-Sang by Kenny Chessney*

**We miss you every second of every day and we pray that God watches over you until we can be together again.**

**Love you forever and for always, Mom, Dad & Angie**

# Allegations of excessive steroid use unfounded

From "HEARING," page 1

In **Count 15**, the patient is 80 with a history of dermatitis, sinusitis, bronchitis, fatigue, pneumonia, hypertension, osteoarthritis, heart disease, breast cancer and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

In **Count 16**, the patient is 55

suffering from mental retardation, cerebral palsy, diverticulosis, hypertension, osteoarthritis, degenerative back pain, esophagitis, gastritis, cirrhosis and congestive heart failure.

In **Count 17**, the patient is 72 with a chronic history of lung disease, osteoporosis and osteoarthritis, depression, and other functional gas-

trointestinal difficulties.

In **Counts 18 and 19**, the patient is 42 and suffers from asthma, diabetes, obesity, degenerative lumbar disc disease, gastroesophagus reflux disease, irritable bowel syndrome, hyperlipidemia, hyperthyroidism and retardation. Testimony was provided by doctors on both sides and was noted there is no de-

terminative literature or guidelines that establishes maximum numbers of injections for patients.

In his conclusions of law, Gaschler said the state failed to establish convincing evidence Hildyard violated the applicable standard of care. "The treatment was required by the individual's particular medical condition," he said.

The preceding information was prompted by the Board of Healing Arts filing a petition against Hildyard in August of 2004 alleging the doctor violated the Kansas Healing Arts Act from 1996 to 2003.

# Candidate tackles school finance issue

TOPEKA (AP) — Running for governor, Sen. Jim Barnett outlined Thursday a four-year, \$400 million increase in K-12 spending that would attempt to satisfy a Kansas Supreme Court order without raising taxes or expanding gambling.

Barnett, R-Emporia, called his plan ambitious, designed to satisfy the state's needs and stimulate the economy without breaking the state's bank account.

Spending would grow by \$75 million in fiscal 2008 and \$100 million each in fiscal years 2009 and 2010.

The cumulative spending is more than \$1.02 billion.

"This plan is affordable," Barnett said.

Barnett's plan is the first to emerge in the Legislature since the session began and since the release of a study from the Legislative Division of Post Audit.

That report said Kansas needs to increase spending by between \$400 million and \$470 million annually.

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