

Weather Corner



Wind gusts near 40 mph

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around 24. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday — Partly cloudy with a high near 56. North wind around 10 mph.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy with a low near 19. North wind between 10 and 15 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday — Partly cloudy with a high near 34. Windy, with a north wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Friday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 10. Saturday — Partly cloudy with a high around 35.

Temperatures
 Tuesday's high, 52
 Low this morning, 21
 Records for this date, 76 in 1943, -23 in 1936
 Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
 February'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.

Briefly

Lover's Day book sale Saturday

The annual Lover's Day Book Sale begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 3:45 p.m., Saturday, at the Pioneer Memorial Library, 375 W. 4th, Colby. This is a one-day only event, said Jeff Friesen, librarian. For questions, call 460-4470.

Grain condition reminder

The Thomas County Farm Service Office is issuing a reminder to area farm producers that with this winter's weather conditions it is more difficult to store grain, said Ross B. Sloan, county executive director. Bins that have the grain peaked is showing mold on the surface. "Grain stored in this manner must be monitored closely and may need to be aerated to prevent mold from forming," he said. Storage structure containing commodities under loan with Commodity Credit Corporation are subject to spot check and must remain in condition during the term of the commodity loan, he said.

Farm Bureau offers scholarships

The Thomas County Farm Bureau Association is offering scholarships to three students who are seniors in the three Thomas County schools. Students or their parents must be

members of the Thomas County Farm Bureau Association. For applications, visit the specific school counselor or stop by the Farm Bureau office, 350 N. Franklin Ave., Colby. For questions, call 460-6332.

Formal wear requested by Infinia

The residents at Infinia at Colby Inc. are planning a Valentine's Formal Dance starting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23, at the facility, 105 E. College Dr. "We are needing formal dresses and shirts and ties for the event," said Melony Egbert, activities director. For questions call Egbert at 462-6721 or stop by at facility.

College to hold special meeting

The Colby Community College board of trustees will hold a special meeting at 1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 16, in the board room of Thomas Hall for the purpose of reviewing the audit and selecting a replacement to fill the unexpired term of Larry Arehart, who moved from the area.

Conference for farm women planned

Women Managing the Farm conference will be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17-18. For those interested, call the

Kansas Rural Family Helpline, 1-866-327-6578, farmksu@humeck.ksu.edu or www.k-state.edu/farmksu/wmfconf.htm. The Thomas County Farm Bureau Association will assist sponsorship for women from Thomas County. For questions, call Sue Draper, with the association, at 460-6332.

Fair board to meet Thursday

The Thomas County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday at the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds. Items on the agenda include Thomas County extension agent report; bills and financial report; committee reports on the buildings and grounds, carnival, rodeo, parade, demolition derby, races, fair book and advertising; a discussion on the fair barbecue and 4-H Building rules and regulations, event sponsor contracts; display cases for open class and the Thomas County Community Foundation fair breakfast.

Massage clinic continues next week

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

Enjoying some fresh air

Despite temperatures in the low 50s on Tuesday 4- and 5-year-old preschool students played on playground equipment at Hoxie Grade School on Tuesday afternoon.



JAN KATZ ACKERMAN/Colby Free Press

Prescription drug plan discussion Monday

A volunteer representative from the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging will be at the Housing Authority office, 600 S. Mission Ridge Ave. in Colby, at 9 a.m., Monday to talk about the various prescription drug coverage programs. Mary Ramey, senior health insurance counseling for Kansas and volunteer with the agency will provide clarification and other information about coverage. Ramey's purpose is to assist people in getting their questions answered. Materials will also be available to take home. For questions, call Ramey at 1-800-432-7422.

Patient countersuing case manager for violating issue of confidentiality

By Jan Katz Ackerman
 Colby Free Press

A High Plains Mental Health Services case manager who sued the corporation, a Colby-based therapist and a patient is being countersued by the patient.

Vala Mosier of Hoxie filed suit against the mental health facility, John Phillips and Rawlins County resident Andrew Andrijeski Dec. 30, 2005. Andrijeski is now suing Mosier claiming she violated federal law designed to protect patient health information.

Mosier alleges while driving Andrijeski from Colby to Larned State Hospital in Larned Feb. 3, 2005, he threatened to kill her. She alleges High Plains and Phillips knew or had reason to know Andrijeski was a danger to himself and others, court records state.

Andrijeski, in an answer filed in

Thomas County District Court Jan. 31, is alleging Mosier violated the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. The Act precludes medical facility employees from divulging patient information.

Andrijeski, being represented by Scott Beims of Atwood, alleges he was caused damages of more than \$75,000 after his name was made public as part Mosier's suit.

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