

Weather Corner



The big chill is predicted

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around -1. Wind chill values between -6 and -11. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east. Snow possible.

Friday — Partly cloudy with a high around 16. Wind chill values between -6 and -11. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east.

Friday night — Mostly cloudy with a low near -4. Wind chill values between -4 and -14. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday — Mostly cloudy with a high around 16. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday night — Mostly cloudy with a low around 3.

Sunday — Mostly cloudy with a low around 11.

Temperatures
 Wednesday's high, 43
 Low this morning, 15
 Records for this date, 72 in 1898, -11 in 1903
 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

Farewell party planned

Warren Hixson is resigning as mayor of Colby. He and his wife, Sharon, are moving to Hutchinson to be closer to their family, said Carolyn Armstrong, city manager. In recognition of his service to the community, she said, the City of Colby is hosting an open house from 3 to 5 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23 at the Law Enforcement Training Center, 360 N. Franklin St. "We look forward to seeing all of his friends and colleagues," she said. For questions, call 460-4410.

Power outage planned Friday

As part of the city's upgrade with the electrical distribution system, a brief power outage is scheduled for 6 a.m., Friday, in Colby. The outage should be a maximum of 30 minutes (6 to 6:30 a.m.) and will affect residences and businesses south of Hill Street, said Carolyn Armstrong, city manager. A second planned outage to re-energize the system is also scheduled at 6 a.m., Wednesday or Thursday, Feb. 22-23. Confirmation of the time and date will be published at a later date. For questions, call 460-4410.

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. "So please look in the back of your closets and revive that old prom or bridesmaid dress," she said. For questions call Egbert at 462-6721 or stop by at facility.

Diplomats plan luncheon

The Colby Diplomats are hosting a "Financial Fitness for Women" event from noon to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Prairie Rose Restaurant in Quality Inn. Sylvia Kinderknecht of Ellis will present facts and figures focusing on your financial future. To make a reservation, call JoDeYoung, 460-5003 or the Chamber, 460-3401.

Chorus celebrating 25 years

The Tumbleweed Chorus is celebrating 25 years of

barbership harmony with "Riverboat Cruise" at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4 at the Frahm Theater at Colby Community College. Two guest quartets will accompany the chorus, 12th Street Rag and U.S. Male. For information or tickets, call 462-3004, 462-2474 or 460-6552.

Sorority plans soup supper Friday

Kappa Upsilon, a local sorority, is sponsoring a soup supper from 5 to 7:30 p.m., Friday, at the Colby Community Building when Colby takes on Atwood in basketball action. The menu will include chili, chicken noodle, and vegetable soups, along with cinnamon rolls, cookies and drinks.

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 call 460-6332.



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Hoxie High School Principal Gary Johnson held a box of pink and green slips of papers as Kevin Moss reached in and drew out a green slip meaning he would not be tested for alcohol before entering the Snoball dance Saturday night. Johnson is the first principal in northwest Kansas to initiate breath testing before school activities. Having purchased a \$500 intoxilizer, Johnson said he's received overwhelming support from parents for his actions. Also pictured are Jeff Kaufman, left, and Lucas Bracht, middle.

Four arrested in Oakley drug raid

By JAN KATZ ACKERMAN
 Colby Free Press

A Valentine's Day drug raid in Oakley ended with four arrests at four separate locations.

Quad County Drug Task Force Coordinator Doug Murphy said this morning the task force, with the assistance of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Oakley Police Department, and Logan, Thomas and Wallace County Sheriff's Offices conducted the raid.

"Tuesday's sweep is the result of a nearly year long investigation into drug trafficking in Logan County," Murphy said. "More charges and arrests are pending."

Four arrest warrants were executed at four Oakley residences and four men are being detained on drug charges.

"It went fairly smooth and quick," Oakley Police Chief Danny Shanks said.

Roger Wright, 38, was arrested for possession of marijuana and methamphetamine with intent to sell within 1,000 feet of a school and sale of marijuana within 1,000 feet of a school. Wright was also arrested on one count of possession of marijuana with intent to sell within 1,000 feet of a school and one count of sale of marijuana within 1,000 feet of a school.

Virgil Huffman, 48, was charged with two counts each of possession with intent to sell marijuana within 1,000 feet of a school and sale of marijuana within 1,000 feet of a school.

Jerome L. Kruse, 40, was arrested for three counts each of possession with intent to sell marijuana and sale of marijuana.

Daniel J. Christian, 55, was arrested for two counts each of possession of marijuana with intent to sell and sale of marijuana.

"Additional charges of possession and sale of marijuana are expected to be filed against Christian in Gove County," Murphy said. "And charges will also be filed against Christian in Logan County stemming from a search warrant executed at his residence in Oakley on Tuesday."

Huffman is being detained at the Oakley Police Department Jail and Wright, Kruse and Christian are in the Thomas County jail in Colby pending their first appearances on formal charges.

The Quad County Drug Task Force is comprised of the Logan, Thomas, Sherman, Wallace and Greeley Sheriff's Departments and the Oakley, Colby and Goodland Police Departments. The task force is currently funded through a Bureau of Justice Assistance Edward Byrne Grant coordinated and overseen by the office of Governor Kathleen Sebelius and the Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

Faced with a Drinking Problem?
 Perhaps
Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help
 Meetings are Open to the Public
 City Hall Basement
 Mondays & Thursdays - 8:30 p.m.

Grant will benefit diabetes patients, Colby health care providers

By JAN KATZ ACKERMAN
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Patients battling diabetes will benefit from an award given to Citizens Medical Center, Inc. and Family Center for Health Care in Colby.

Tama Unger, director of fund development and community relations, announced the two medical facilities will share a \$10,000 grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

"The explosion of new diabetic diagnosis is running its course in rural America, and northwest Kansas is no different," Unger said. "In order to combat the debilitating effects of diabetes, the Diabetes Quality of Care grants were developed."

The purpose of the grant program is to assure that diabetic patients receive proper diabetic care and education.

"Family Center for Health Care

has implemented a computer program that tracks diabetic patients through the course of their disease," Unger said.

She said because of the many protocols a diabetic patient must go through to manage their disease, the computer program plays a large role in care. With the new program and patient education the hospital and clinic plans to help diabetic patients better understand their disease and be able to show them graphs of their progress or the consequences of not taking diabetes seriously.

"In short, we are providing the best care available to diabetic patients and making it possible for our diabetic population to be as healthy as it is possible can be," Unger said.

Nurse Practitioner Jenny Niblock agrees.

"The program gives us the tools to follow the American Diabetic Association standards," she said.

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 Time: 10 a.m. CT (Doors open at 8 a.m. day of sale)
 Auction Location: T-N-T & Jones Auction Facility, 200 N. Franklin, Colby, Kan.
 Preview sale items between 5-7 p.m. CT Friday, November 24, 2006.

HOUSEHOLD: 2 PC SOFA & LOVE SEAT IN GREENS; 3PC LIVING ROOM SET IN BLUES; RATAN SOFA HIDE-A-BED; (NEW) LA-Z-BOY LIFT CHAIR W/HEATING PAD BURGUNDY-SWIVEL ROCKERS; SWIVEL ROCKER; LIKE NEW OAK DINETTE TABLE & 4-ARM CHAIRS; SPANISH STYLE ROUND DINETTE TABLE & CHAIRS; SEVERAL CARD TABLES AND CHAIRS; 3PC GLASS TOP END TABLES; HEX COFFEE TABLE W/BUILT IN HI-FI; 3-LEGGED PIE TABLE; BRASS & GLASS 3-SHELF CABINET; ENTRY HALL MIRROR AND TABLE; WALNUT END TABLE WITH BLUE MIRROR TOP; 2-DOOR METAL KITCHEN STORAGE CABINET; 18PC PLACE SETTING SHEFFIELD FINE CHINA JAPAN "ELEGANCE"; 8PC PLACE SETTING OF 1847 ROGERS BROS "DAFFODILS" SWEETWARE & CASE; SET OF KNOWLES CHINA; 2PC WALNUT BEDROOM SET; 2PC KING SIZE BEDROOM SET; KING SIZE MATTRESS AND BOX SPRING; SEVERAL FULL SIZE BEDS; ASSORTED BEDDING; PINE 4-DRAWER CHEST OF DRAWERS; CROCK BOWLS; 6GAL. RED WING CROCK; DEPRESSION GLASS; JIM BEAM BOTTLE COLLECTIONS; HULL POTTERY; KEROSENE LAMP; COPPER WASHTUB; SMALL CREAM CAN; 1940s SMOKING STAND; 1950s RECORD PLAYER AND 78RPM RECORDS; 1960s KIDS TIN KITCHEN SET; DOLLS, TOYS; PRINTERS DRAWER; ASSORTED FANCY WORK; SAMSUNG COLOR TV; KENMORE

WASHER & DRYER; GOLDSTAR MICROWAVE; EMMERSON MICROWAVE; SHARP MICROWAVE; MICROWAVE STAND; NOODLE MAKER; ASSORTED POTS AND PANS; ASSORTED COOK BOOKS; GATEWAY 2000 PENTIUM 4 COMPUTER WITH PRINTER, SPEAKERS, VIVITRON MONITOR, 2DRAWER METAL FILE CABINET; KIMBALL SPINET PIANO AND BENCH; YAMAHA PSR-6 PORTABLE KEY BOARD; FAKE FIRE PLACE; ASSORTED FLOOR AND TABLE LAMPS; ASSORTED PICTURES; ASSORTED CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS; FISH AQUARIUM; SEVERAL GOTT COOLERS; ASSORTED LUGGAGE OUTBACK BIKE RACK; KIDS HUFFY BIKE; POWER OSC LASKO FLOOR FAN

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