

Weather Corner



Winds could gust to 35 mph

The forecast
Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around 21. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east. **Friday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 45. Breezy with a southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph with gusts as high as 35 mph. **Friday night** — Increasing clouds with a low near 27. Southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph with gusts as high as 35 mph. **Saturday** — A chance of rain and snow. Cloudy with a high around 37. Breezy with an east wind between 10 and 20 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent. **Saturday night** — A chance of rain and snow. Cloudy, with a low around 28. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent. **Sunday** — A chance of rain and snow. Cloudy with a high near 37. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Temperatures
Wednesday's high, 77
Low this morning, 29
Records for this date, 81 in 1908, 0 in 1895
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
March'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

Lions holding Sunday lunch buffet

The Rexford Lions Club is holding Sunday lunch buffet from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Rexford Community Hall. Items on the buffet include homemade noodles and chicken or noodles and beef, mashed potatoes, corn, salads and home-made desserts. Free will donations accepted. Proceeds will be used to send a student to Kansas Lions state band and other community projects.

Gaither video Sunday

The Colby Wesleyan Church is sponsoring another Gaither video at 6 p.m., Sunday. Featured this week, "The Atlanta Homecoming," is free and open to everyone. Officials encourage the public to attend and "enjoy great gospel music on the big screen television."

Alzheimer's fundraiser planned

The Alzheimer's Association in the nine-county area is sponsoring a Memory Walk starting at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 1, at Fike Park in Colby. The counties involved include Thomas, Rawlins, Logan, Cheyenne, Sherman, Sheridan, Decatur, Wallace and Gove. Residents in these counties are encouraged to take part in this fundraising event, said Rhonda Riedel, with the association. To register or with questions, call Riedel at (785) 673-3149 or visit: colby-walk.kintera.org

'Bowl for Kids Sake' needs teams

The Big Brothers Big Sisters organization in Thomas County is having its annual "Bowl For Kids Sake" on Saturday and Sunday, April 1-2, at Colby Bowl, said Donna Jennings, board member. For questions or to register a team, call (785) 460-9125.

Underage drinking focus of meeting

The Thomas County Interagency Coalition is hosting a town meeting for all residents interested in curbing underage drinking. The event starts at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 28, at the Colby Community Building. The meeting is also being coordinated with many other towns across the nation. For questions, call Vicki Beiser or Diane Stithem at the Prevention Center, (785) 460-8177.

Mini-March Madness basketball set

The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce is having its Mini-March Madness Basketball fundraiser from 4-6 p.m., March 30, in the Colby Grade and Middle School gymnasiums, said Holly Stephens, executive director. The event is for boys and girls in grades second through fifth. The fundraiser includes a basketball clinic for the students, showing them new skills and more. Then at 6 p.m., the students will play in basketball games

with coaches and referees. Concessions will be available and tickets are being sold by all chamber members. For questions, call 460-3401.

Military support group Saturday
The Northwest Kansas Military Family Support Group will meet at 2 p.m., Saturday, at Montana Mike's in Colby. Anyone who has a family member or friend in any branch of the Armed Forces, activated or not, or anyone who would like to be involved in the support group is encouraged to attend. For questions, call Melanie Fortin, 460-2995, or Lisa Varney, 890-6939.

Board member deadline Friday
The Brewster School Board is looking to fill a vacancy until the general election. The vacancy will be filled by appointment. Anyone interested should call board clerk Daryl Ann Jorgensen at (785) 694-2236 before 4 p.m. Friday.

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.

Preliminary hearing on meth case gets heated

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

Battle lines were drawn Thursday morning in Logan County District Court as prosecutors and defense attorneys argued court procedure. Michael Keyes of Oakley sat between his attorneys, Charles Stewart of Oakley and Cal Williams of Colby as they took the position that prosecutors didn't present all the evidence against Keyes during a preliminary trial.

"It's the state's position that we are disputing all the evidence for the search warrant," Assistant Attorney General Julie Carroll of Great Bend said.

"We don't have to present all the evidence at the preliminary hearing."

Carroll is assisting Logan County Attorney Andrea Wyrick in representing the state in the case against Keyes.

On Jan. 9, Keyes was formally charged with one count each of conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine, attempting to manufacture meth and possession of manufacturing paraphernalia. The charges stem from an Oct. 27 drug raid at Keyes' home.

During a preliminary hearing on Feb. 10, Magistrate Judge Mark Temaat bound Keyes over for trial on the charges.

Stewart and Williams didn't think Wyrick and Carroll were meticulous enough about presenting evidence regarding the search warrant used in the raid.

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assistant attorney general

District Judge Glenn Schiffner recessed the hearing briefly to allow him time to review a transcript from the preliminary hearing.

When the hearing reconvened, Schiffner denied Stewart and Williams' motion to dismiss the case or return the case to a lower court for another preliminary hearing.

Schiffner told all four attorneys he'd noted a statement about a search warrant and the warrant was in the file so he would not dismiss the case or move it out of his court.

"Then we ask to preserve the issue of the foundation for that evidence for an appeal should Mr. Keyes be convicted," Williams said.

Once the dust settled, Schiffner advised Keyes should he be convicted, and depending on a presentence investigation, he faces between 11 and 16 and one-half years in prison and a fine of up to \$500,000 for the conspiracy charge.

For the attempt to manufacture meth charge he faces 11 and one-half years to 17 years in prison and

a fine up to \$500,000, and another year to three and one-half years and a fine of up to \$100,000 for the possession of paraphernalia charge. State law sets the maximum sentence at two times the most severe, and should Keyes be found guilty he faces between 23 and 34 years behind bars and a fine of \$500,000.

Schiffner asked Keyes how he pleaded to the charges and he said, "Not guilty" on all counts.

This is not Keyes first brush with the law.

Keyes was arrested twice during 2002 on drug charges and spent time in prison after violating his probation numerous times.

He was paroled on June 30, 2005, four months prior to being arrested on current charges.

Keyes remains in the custody of the Logan County Sheriff's Office and was returned to the county jail in Goodland where he is being detained.

A trial lasting between four and five days has been set to begin at 8:30 a.m. on May 22.



JAN KATZ ACKERMAN/Colby Free Press

Cal Williams of Colby gestured as he argued in Logan County District Court last week that prosecutors didn't disclose enough evidence against his client, Michael Keyes, center, during a preliminary hearing in February. Charles Stewart of Oakley, seated to the right of Keyes, is Keyes' attorney and Williams is assisting him in a drug case which is set for a May 22 trial.

College student helps 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.

Boyles asks for public apology, request dropped

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out of court for \$30,000.

"What I requested was a public apology to the hospital staff, hospital board and administration because all of us went through hell," Boyles said.

"The Area Citizens did not know the details of so many things, and they do not know today and they can't because it's confidential information the public is not allowed to know."

He said in the course of writing the settlement agreement he was advised to drop his request for a public apology.

"I have to believe that they believed they were right," Boyles said.

According to court documents filed in federal court, Boyles received a combined total of \$25,000 from Kern, Vette and Voisin, and \$5,000 from Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, insurer for the organization.

"I've got enough in my pocket to cover the loss on my house and loss

of three months salary," Boyles said. "But, I'm moving on and it's done and I have to stop worrying about the 'what ifs.'"

Boyles has agreed to "release and forever discharge" Kern, Vette, Voisin, the late Horney and the insurance company "from any and all claims and causes of action of every kind that now exist or may subsequently arise on account any and

all statements made by, and/or documents published or circulated" by them or the organization which referred to him.

The court document states Boyles' release of the defendants "shall never at any time" be considered an admission of liability or responsibility on the part of Kern,

Vette, Voisin, the late Horney or Area Citizens for Health Care.

Voisin was not able to be reached for comment this morning, but Kern and Vette said they have not yet been notified by their attorneys the case was closed.

"I had not heard the lawsuit is over yet," Kern said.

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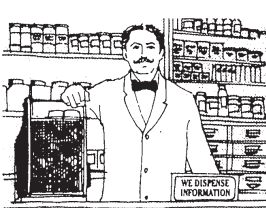
Surplus Property Sale

Friday ~ March 17, 2006
CCC Student Union ~ 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Items to be sold include tables, sofas, chairs, exercise equipment, desks, computer stands, desk stands, tractor used at CCC farm, bale elevator, water purifier, wood cabinets, power rake, projection device, cement picnic form, shop lights, mower, vacuums, chain saws, phonograph records, laser disc players, 15" color monitors, Ricoh laser printers, HP laserjet printers, computer cases, Microline Turbo Printers, Compaq Armada Laptop PI, Premio PII computers (up to 350 Mhz, 64 MB Ram, NIC, 8 MB video, Floppy drive, 8X CD). Computers do not include software All items sold as is without warranty, expressed or implied.



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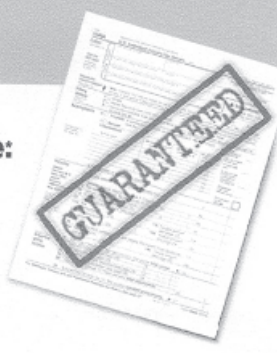
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