


Weather Corner



More snow in the forecast

Tonight — Periods of snow with areas of blowing snow, mainly before 10 p.m. Low around 15. Blustery, with a north wind between 15 and 25 mph with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent. New snow accumulation of around an inch possible.

Tuesday — Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly sunny with a high near 28. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy with a low near 25. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday — A 50 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy with high around 29. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday night — A 50 percent chance of snow, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy with a low around 21.

Thursday — Partly cloudy with a high around 38.

Temperatures
Sunday's high, Low this morning, Records for this date, 88 in 1907, -14 in 1965
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

Board holding special meeting
The Colby School Board is holding a special meeting at 7 a.m. Friday, in the board room of the Administration Building. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss personnel issues, including resignations and final action of termination of tenured teacher's contract where hearing was held. The meeting is open to the public.

Workshop planned March 31
A two-day workshop, "Real Deal Building Local and Regional Business in Entrepreneurial Agriculture," will be held March 31 and April 1 in Atwood. The purpose of the workshop is to inspire producers in the tri-state region to seek new markets through entrepreneurial agriculture, direct sales and agri-tourism. Workshop fees and questions can be directed to Chris Sramek, Rawlins County Economic Development director, (785) 626-3640.

Preschool open house planned
Heartland Christian School is having its preschool open house March 31, 2006 from 8:15 a.m. to noon. All preschool age children and their parents are invited to come and visit

and participate in the activities, school officials said. If you would like to attend this open house, please call the school at 460-6419.

Town meeting scheduled
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.

Memory Walk set for April 1
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. The walk, she said, raises not only money, but awareness about the disease and is the largest national fundraising event for support programs. To register or with questions, call Riedel at (785) 673-3149 or visit: colbywalk.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. Many people can be involved in this event by forming teams and recruiting team members, she said. "It is a celebration and fundraiser, and we welcome anyone who wants to form a team or bowl on an established team." For questions, call (785) 460-9125.

Basketball fundrasiser March 30
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.

Colby students place high at journalism contest

HAYS — Of the more than 270 high school students who competed in the Kansas State Press Association Regional Journalism Contest at Fort Hays State University, Colby High School had 8 students recognized.

Nick Howard, Josh Johnson, Rishonna Martin and Janessa Rasmussen all took one first place honor with Michelle Myers, Chris Staley, Morgan Stephens and John Tole receiving other awards. The students were judged in the 3A-4A division. The following Colby students and their categories were:

- Howard, 1st, yearbook sports writing; 3rd in photography and

honorable mention for newspaper sports writing.

- Johnson, 1st, newspaper sports writing.
- Martin, 1st, headline writing.
- Myers, honorable mention, editorial writing.
- Rasmussen, 1st, feature photography and honorable mention in layout/double page spread.
- Staley, newswriting, honorable mention.
- Stephens, honorable mention, theme development/graphics.
- Tole, honorable mention in infographics.

Other high school students from around the area were:

Norton, also in the 3A-4A division: Andrew Ables, 3rd, newspaper sports writing and honorable mention for editorial cartoon; Lacy Ellis, 1st infographics; Amy Husted, honorable mention, newspaper design; Karlie Jones, 3rd, sports photography; Lisa Jones, 3rd, outline writing; Alyssa Kaus, honorable mention and advertising; Tiffany Marx, 3rd, newswriting; Stephen Mizel honorable mention for editorial cartoon; and Lacey Roe, honorable mention, sports photography.

St. Francis had 22 students recognized in the 1A-2A school division. Those included Angela Van Allen,

honorable mention, yearbook copy writing; Matt Brown, 3rd, headline writing; Schuyler Coates, 3rd, yearbook sports writing; Mindy Cooper, 3rd, advertising; Cassie Dankenbring, honorable mention, outline writing; Jade DeGood, honorable mention, layout/double page spread; Ashley Dowgwillo, 2nd, editing, honorable mention, editorial writing; Danielle Flemming, 3rd, infographics; Grace McKenzie, 1st, editing and 3rd, feature writing; Jenice Hartman, honorable mention, advertising; Grace Hnizdil, 1st newswriting; Holly Keller, 3rd, newspaper sports and writing; Dara Loyd, 1st, editorial cartoon;

and Sheryl Miller, 1st, newspaper design.

Other students from St. Francis with honors were: Allyson Reichert, honorable mention, newspaper sports writing; Lauren Ross, honorable mention, feature photography; Ashton Rueb, 3rd, feature photography; Gabe Smull, 2nd, editorial cartoon; Addie Swihart, 2nd, outline writing; and Talisa Voorhies, honorable mention, heading writing.

In the theme development/graphics, both Grace Hnizdil and Schuyler Coates took 3rd with Kate Marini and Heather Hnizdil receiving honorable mention in theme development/graphics.

In total, 21 high schools either in 1A, 2A, 3A or 4A participated.

All contestants who placed first, second or third or who were honorable mentions will advance to the association's state contest scheduled at the University of Kansas on May 6.

For questions or information about the process, call Fort Hays State University (University Relations), (785) 628-4206.

Jazz vocalist to perform Sunday in Oberlin

The Western Plains Arts Association will present jazz vocalist and song writer Donna Tucker as she performs at the Gateway in Oberlin, starting at 3 p.m. (CST) Sunday. Admission will be by WPAA season ticket, or at the door: Adults \$10, children \$5. Pleased to be "coming home," Donna will be performing songs she listened to as she grew up in Oberlin.

"She will add her original style and arrangements to familiar standards such as "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," "The Water is Wide," a medley of Mancini tunes, and Broadway songs, said Mary Beth Akers, media correspondent. She

will be showcasing her musicians on piano, bass, drums and saxophone. Tucker is committed to helping children cultivate an appetite for good music. This show is presented in part by Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency, and National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. WPAA members should

note the following change in this season's schedule: The Alferd Packer Memorial String Band which was scheduled to perform in Sharon Springs on April 30 will appear in Quinter on Saturday, May 13 at 7:30.

The association is a non-profit organization which receives funding from private, state and federal agencies.

Bill seeks greater enforcement of DUI law

TOPEKA (AP) — Most Kansas residents convicted of multiple drunken-driving offenses haven't followed through on a requirement to get a device on their vehicles that keeps them from starting if alcohol is detected on the driver's breath, according to the Kansas Department of Revenue.

That has prompted some people who install the devices to seek improved enforcement of the four-year old law.

"If there was any other law where people didn't follow state regulations there would be a mass uprising," said Matt Strausz, general manager of the Smart Start company, which installs interlock devices in the Topeka area.

Strausz and Toby Taylor, of Guardian Interlock Systems in Oklahoma City, want the Legislature to adopt a bill requiring people to provide the Kansas motor vehicle division with documentation that a breath-testing device was installed in a vehicle before a license is reinstated. Currently, people convicted of a second, third or fourth drunken-driving offense have their licenses suspended for a year. After serving

the suspension, the offenders can obtain a one-year restricted license to drive vehicles equipped with an interlock device.

According to the Department of Revenue, compliance has ranged from 11 percent in 2002 to 32 percent in 2003. Last year, less than 18 percent of 1,736 people convicted of a second, third or fourth drunken-driving offense added the ignition interlock device to their vehicle.

A fifth drunken-driving conviction results in permanent revocation

of driving privileges.

Under the bill, people who did not provide the state with proof of installation of the testing device would have a second year added to the suspension of their license.

The House has passed the bill, which is being reviewed by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

However, Marcy Ralston, chief of the Revenue Department's driver control bureau said the bill could be

viewed as requiring people to buy a vehicle to be equipped with the ignition interlock device before their driving privileges are reinstated.

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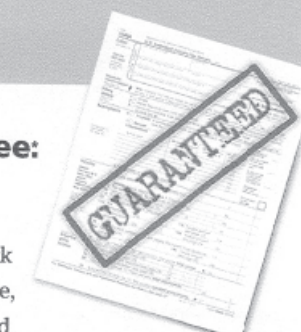
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