

Weather Corner



Get ready to batten down the hatches!

Tonight — A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy with a low around 39. Windy with a north wind 20 to 25 mph increasing to between 30 and 35 mph. Winds could gusts as high as 45 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent. **Friday** — Rain likely, mainly before 1 p.m. Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly sunny with a high around 47. Very windy with a north wind between 35 and 40 mph with gusts as high as 55 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. **Friday night** — Partly cloudy then gradually becoming clear with a low near 28. Blustery with a north wind between 20 and 24 mph becoming calm. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph. **Saturday** — Sunny with a high around 63. South wind between 5 and 15 mph. **Saturday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 39. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 77.

Temperatures
Wednesday's high, 85
Low this morning, 39
Records for this date, 88 in 1893, 8 in 1936
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
April's precipitation, A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Briefly

‘Booked for Lunch’ concludes Friday
Pioneer Memorial Library will conclude its week-long “Booked For Lunch” series starting at noon “One Was Annie,” which will be reviewed by its author, Lora K. Reiter of Ottawa. A light lunch will be served with the review beginning around 12:15 p.m. The public is welcome. For questions, call 460-4470.

Easter egg hunt Saturday
The 31st annual Kiwanis Scott Haas Easter egg hunt will be Saturday, April 8 at Fike Park beginning at 10 a.m. Newborns to 3-year-olds will hunt at 10 a.m.; followed by 4- to 6-year-olds at 10:10 a.m. and 7- to 9-years-old at 10:30 a.m. Listen to KXXX for updates in case of bad weather.

College meetings continue
Nine special meetings were held or are coming up regard-

ing the selection of a new president for Colby Community College. Those meetings started Wednesday and Thursday and continue Friday and Monday involving the two presidential candidates, Dr. Lynn Kreider and Clayton Tatro. Friday’s meeting begins at noon in the board room of Thomas Hall to talk about selection of a new president and at 5 p.m. to meet with the presidential search committee. The board is expected to recommend a candidate for employment at 5 p.m., Monday, in the Thomas Hall board room on the campus.

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.

Last tax help session next week
Pioneer Memorial Library, 375 W. 4th, will be the location on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. and until April 15 assisting with tax returns for the elderly or low to middle income families and individuals. Alvin Volk is coordinating the project in Colby and will help in tax preparation at no charge. For information, call 460-2645.

Open house planned April 28
Colby Sacred Heart Preschool, 1150 W. Sixth, will be holding an open house from 1 to 6 p.m., Friday, April 28.

Square dance Saturday
The Golden Buckle Square Dance Club is holding a dance beginning at 8 p.m., Saturday, at the Colby Community Building. Callers for the dance are Marlin and Jackie Spellmeyer of Ogallala, Neb. Visitors are always welcome.

A lifetime of learning



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Heartland Preschool Teacher Dixie Snyder, left, shared the story of Jonah and the whale with Grace Morgan and her mom, Jackie, during Heartland Christian School’s preschool open house held Friday. In addition to that open house, the school is also planning a “Kindergarten Round Up” Friday and an all-school open house from 1-3 p.m., Sunday. For questions, call 460-6419 or stop by the school, 1995 W. Fourth St. Enrollment is ongoing and the facility tours are open to everyone.

Kansas senator wants guest worker bill passed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Sam Brownback on Wednesday defended his support of a measure that would allow millions of illegal aliens to seek U.S. citizenship and urged his Senate colleagues to reach a compromise this week.

“I’ve been in a pro-immigration position for some period of time and I believe strongly in it,” the Kansas Republican told reporters in a telephone conference. “(I believe) that this is a nation of immigrants and that we should be welcoming, that we should be compassionate.”

Brownback broke with many of his conservative allies last week in voting for a bill that gives a path to citizenship to 11 million undocumented people living in the United States. He was one of just four Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee to join Democrats in supporting the measure.

Despite criticism from conservative publications like the National Review and Human Events, Brownback said he doesn’t think his position will hurt his chances of gathering support for a possible presidential bid in 2008.

“I am in a position similar to where (President) Reagan was, and he’s about as good as a conservative light as you can have,” Brownback said.

Lawmakers this week are working out a compromise on the most contentious immigration issue — what to do about illegal immigrants already living in the country.

Thank You

We wish to express our heartfelt Thank You and Appreciation to our family and many friends for cards, flowers, food, Mass and memorials. A special Thank You to the ladies of Sacred Heart that prepared and served dinner. Also to Father Dana, Jeanne Solko, Cindy Cersovsky, LaDonna Dempewolf and Brad Kersenbrock.

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Saudi ambassador emphasizes education

MANHATTAN (AP) — Nurturing educational links between the United States and Saudi Arabia is the best way to strengthen diplomatic ties and combat stereotypes, Saudi Arabia’s ambassador to the United States said in a speech Wednesday at Kansas State University.

Prince Turki Al-Faisal came to this central Kansas university town to promote a new scholarship program that is bringing thousands of students from the world’s largest oil exporter to U.S. colleges and universities, reversing the post-Sept. 11 trend of declining enrollments for foreign students.

Sixty-five Saudi students are enrolled at Kansas State this year, most of whom are taking English courses in preparation for the undergraduate engineering program.

“The true ambassadors of Saudi Arabia are the ones who will be going out to form friendships and relationships that will break down barriers of misunderstanding between our cultures,” Al-Faisal told a packed audience of faculty, administrators and students, several of whom wore traditional white robes.

Kansas State officials who held a luncheon to welcome the delegation said the university benefited from recruiting a diverse, international student body.

“Certainly in America we get a distorted picture of Islam,” said Kansas State University President Jon Wefald.

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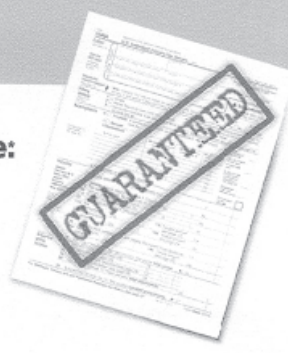
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