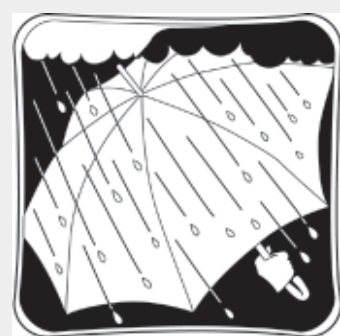


Weather Corner



Rain possible tonight

The forecast
Tonight — There is a 30 percent chance of showers, mainly after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43. East wind between 10 and 15 mph. **Thursday** — A 30 percent chance of showers before 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy with a high near 57. East wind between 10 and 15 mph. **Thursday night** — Mostly cloudy with a low near 41. East wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Friday** — A 30 percent chance of rain or drizzle. Mostly cloudy with a high near 55. East wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Friday night** — A 30 percent chance of rain or drizzle. Mostly cloudy with a low around 42. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 69.

Temperatures
 Tuesday's high, Low this morning, Records for this date, 96 in 1965, 22 in 1907
 Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.03
Water use for May 1
 • 2,404,200 gallons
Water use for May 2
 • 2,559,100 gallons
 A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Funding issue with research

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not utilized for reproductive purposes, they're destroyed. He said President George W. Bush has suggested that such embryos could be "adopted," allowing other couples to use the embryos to have children. There are other potential sources of stem cells, such as unfertilized eggs, umbilical cord blood and adult tissues. Issues have also brought about problems with funding. Before August 2001, funding existed and there were 78 lines available for research. On Aug. 9, 2001, President Bush stipulated there would be no new lines created with federal money. Research on the existing lines is allowable, but Robert said only 12 of the 78 eligible. A specific stem cell line comes from the embryo used to create it. Despite federal limitations, the states still have some leeway. California has dedicated \$3 billion over 10 years for stem cell research. He also said Canada and the United Kingdom have different standards for funding. In Canada, researchers can use left over embryos to create new stem cell lines, but can't specifically create embryos that will be destroyed.

Briefly

Academy plans open house Monday

Thomas County Academy, a charter school operated by Colby Public Schools, is sponsoring an open house and informational meeting from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Monday, in the academy classrooms at the grade school, 210 N. Grant. Visitors are asked to enter the doors leading to the elementary gymnasium on W. Third Street. Officials said the academy is currently accepting applications for this achievement based learning environment. The academy is open to student in grades 5-8 in the northwest Kansas area. For questions, call (785) 460-5004.

Awards presentation May 9

Colby High School is sponsoring its annual "Senior Awards Night," starting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 9, in the school's auditorium, 1890 S. Franklin Ave. The event will recognize students for their academic, attendance and scholarship awards. In addition, the all-school student awards assembly will be earlier that day at 1:15 p.m., also in the auditorium. Parents and friends are invited to attend either of these to events. For questions, call 450-5300.

Scrapbooking project Saturday

Heartland Christian School is sponsoring a scrapbooking fundraising project from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, May 6. The classes will be held at the school, 1995 W. Fourth, Colby, and are open to experienced scrapbookers and beginners. For questions and costs, call Tonya Winger, 462-3677.

Piano recital Monday

Piano students of Pat Ziegelmeier will perform in a spring recital at 7:30 p.m., Monday, in the Cultural Arts Center at

the Colby Community College. The program will be a variety of solos and ensembles, free and open to everyone.

Free sports physicals May 9

Colby Medical and Surgical Center, 175 S. Range Ave., is once again providing free sports physicals on Tuesday, May 9, for middle school and high school students planning to participate in sports next fall. Students are asked to bring physical forms with them. Colby High School students will be seen at 5:30 p.m.; Colby Middle School at 6 p.m.; and Brewster and Golden Plains at 6:30 p.m. For questions, call Patti Stephens, (785) 462-3332.

Car wash/bake sale Saturday

The College Drive Assembly of God Church is sponsoring a car wash and bake sale fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, at the Dillons parking lot, 1605 S. Range Ave., Colby. All proceeds from the sale will help some church members go to Mexico for mission work. Free-will offerings will be accepted.

Spring band concert Tuesday

Colby Community College's concert band and jazz band will present "An American Celebration" at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, in the Frahm Theater of the Cultural Arts Center on campus. Dr. David Mruzek is the director of bands and the event is free and open to the public.

Oakley schedules youth rally

Oakley's Community Church is sponsoring *CrossCurrent Student Ministries* from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Impact Center, 806 E. Second St., Oakley. The *Ignite Band* from Hays will be in concert and activities include fear factor games, retro

dodgeball tournament and a teen-focused message: "Lessons from the Almighty - (Bruce Almighty). The youth rally is free. For information about the rally call Community Church, (785) 672-4020 or toll free, (800) 821-6347 or by email at communitychurch@impactcenter.net.

Kindergarten visitation Friday

Kindergarten visitation for children entering that grade next fall is scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m., Friday, at Colby Grade School, 210 N. Grant. Principal Terrel Harrison is reminding parents that if their child did not receive an invitation, they are encouraged call the school at 460-5100.

Second half of 2005 taxes due

Thomas County Treasurer Donita Applebury is reminding taxpayers that the second half of personal and real estate property taxes for 2005 are due by Wednesday, May 10. For questions, call 460-4520.

Health screenings available May 20

The First Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St., Colby, is hosting a health screening Saturday, May 20. The non-profit organization, Gerontology Research Foundation/Health Screens is offering 10 noninvasive, non-radiation tests for early detection of cancer, heart disease, Peripheral Artery Disease, thyroid disease, kidney disease, stones, diabetes, aneurysms, osteoporosis, risk of stroke, and other illnesses. "An immediate written report includes original ultrasound pictures, color-flow Doppler blood flow rates, heart reading, bone density T-score, blood results and other pertinent information, said Greg Dole, community service official with the foundation. For questions about the cost of testing or to make an appointment, call toll-free (877) 854-4735.

Hoxie man receives prestigious honor

By Jan Katz Ackerman
 Colby Free Press

A retired Hoxie teacher, debate and forensic coach, and pastor believes more than his own effort went into his induction into the Kansas State High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

"It was a collaboration of the school's teachers, administration and students, along with the community embracing me that this induction is taking place," Rev. Benny Rosell said.

The son of a Christian minister, Rosell was born in the Philippines in 1934, immigrated to the United States in 1952, and became a naturalized citizen in 1968.

Having earned degrees in both secondary education and theology, Rosell moved to Hoxie in 1964.

He taught school and was the minister at the First Christian Church in Hoxie until he retired in 1994.

Rosell developed a debate department which garnered four first place state championships, as well as four second places spots and two third places in his 20 years at Hoxie.

In addition, his teams won 18 regional championships and four runner-up titles at the regional level. Besides coaching debate, Rosell taught English, speech and directed school plays which led forensic teams to back-to-back state titles.

"It's really a distinct honor," Rosell said about his induction into

“ My philosophy is that each person is a creation of God and we need to sanctify that and treat people like a plant and nurture and care for them as a child of God.”

Rev. Benny Rosell, retired teacher and pastor

the Hall of Fame during a ceremony which will take place in Hoxie High School's auditorium at 11 a.m. on May 13.

Retired Hoxie High School English teacher Bette James supported Rosell's induction into the Hall of Fame.

"To this day, none of us as colleagues has any idea by what means Mr. Rosell achieved the success that he did with his debate students," James said. "He simply did it, one student after another, year after year, in his quiet and consonant manner."

According to association guidelines, individuals considered for the Hall of Fame must have made an "unusually outstanding contribution in interschool activities" either as a student or adult supervisor such as coaching, directing or sponsoring students. Hall of Fame inductees are no longer active in the field for which they are nominated.

"It doesn't take a teacher too long to know what a person could be,"

Rosell said. "My philosophy is that each person is a creation of God and we need to sanctify that and treat people like a plant and nurture and care for them as a child of God."

Several of Rosell's former students participated in the nomination process. Three in particular are excited about Rosell's honor.

Robert G. Schaffer was one of Rosell's students from 1985 to 1989. He said Rosell's teaching helped his career as an attorney, one which allowed him to serve as a law clerk for the late Chief Justice William Rehnquist before settling down in Phoenix.

"To me, Benny's true legacy is a teacher, a mentor and role model," Schaffer said. "Benny was uncommonly kind to everyone and yet he was also fiercely competitive."

Schaffer said Rosell's "unique combination of traits" inspired students to work hard and succeed.

"I attribute a lot of my success today to the foundation that Benny helped lay," he said. Steve Dietz and

his wife, Patta, were not only students of Rosell's they attended the church he pastored and were married by him in 1983.

"Benny's had a lot of influence in my life," Steve Dietz said. "His primary achievement was how to take excellence to the lives of his students."

Dietz, a contract attorney for a computer company, said he looks up to Rosell because of both capacities he served in his life, that of teacher and pastor.

"The remarkable truth is that Mr. Rosell enjoyed tremendous success in two separate careers at the same time," he said.

Patta Dietz said Rosell always "chose to see the best in his students."

"He very much made you rise to his expectations," she said. "He had very high expectations and he chose to help you live up to them."

She said what she learned from Rosell has helped her interact with teenagers, her own and those she taught before leaving teaching to be a full-time mother.

"Benny was very encouraging," she said. "As a teenager there were a lot of people who knew you were goofing up, but Mr. Rosell never focused on that and I appreciate that."

Committee looks for right lecturer

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Gordon said who is on the committee is kept private to prevent harassing of the students by people who may not agree with a speaker.

This year's speakers before Dr. Jason Robert were Ray Doswell from the Negro League Baseball Museum in Kansas City, author Thomas Frank commented about his book "What's the Matter with Kansas" and Amnesty International Executive Director Dr. William Schulz

But after the committee thinks it found someone, it does not mean they can come to Colby. Scheduling and financing are two hurdles.

There is an expense involved in the speaker's lodging and transportation, let alone their speaking fee. Financing for the speakers is anonymously donated.

"Some people charge tens of thousands of dollars," Gordon said. "And sometimes you can get somebody, but that doesn't mean next month."

A speaker's schedule can change after agreeing to speak in Colby. That has happened, Gordon said. Gordon is also cautious of scheduling speakers during the winter months because of weather.

No matter who or what topic, Gordon said the intent of the lecture series is to grasp the audience's at-

tention. "We want people to think," Gordon said. "Sometimes we hear from people 'Don't bring me the status quo - a cheerleader for what people already know,'" Gordon said.

Meeting that goal of provoking thought, must be taken with great care.

"It doesn't have to be controversial, but something informative," Gordon said. "I can't think of another reason to have a lecture series."

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To make reservations, please call Tonya Winger at 462-3677.

Guess Who?

Ellen Moore is Celebrating her 90th Birthday May 5, 2006. Family would like to encourage you to send cards for a card shower to: 410 Smith Drive, Colby, KS 67701.

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