

Weather Corner



Highs near 75,
lows about 45

The forecast
Tonight — Clear with a low around 41. North wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.
Tuesday — Sunny with a high around 75. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.
Tuesday night — Clear with a low near 44. North wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.
Wednesday — Sunny with a high around 82. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Wednesday night — Mostly clear with a low around 48.
Thursday — Mostly sunny with a high around 86.
Temperatures
 Sunday's high, 72
 Low this morning, 34
 Records for this date, 97 in 1931, 25 in 1907
 Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
 May's precipitation, 0.32
 A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Briefly

Music Boosters selling sunglasses

The Colby Music Boosters are selling "Colby Eagle" sunglasses to benefit the music program at Colby Public Schools. Show your team spirit with these cool shades. Check them out at Jamu Books or contact any Music Booster club member.

Heartland Share delivery Saturday

Heartland Share delivery is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, at Sacred Heart School gym. The May menu is four pounds of chicken fries, deli sliced ham, hot dogs, boneless chicken wings, one pound bacon, cucumbers, potatoes, cabbage, green peppers, green onions, apples, lemons, surprise package. A share is \$20.50 plus two volunteer hours. There are a few shares still available for anyone interested. For information, call 460-8640 or 460-3579.

School board to meet today

The Colby School Board will meet at 7 p.m. today in the board room of the Administration Building. Items on the agenda include: approval of the consent agenda; a student forensics presentation; curriculum presentation on the Enhancing Education Through Technology grant; reports from the principals, curriculum director and superintendent; approval to let bids for a 2006 large sport utility vehicle and 41-passenger school bus; and personnel issues, if necessary. The meeting is open to the public.

Free sports physicals in August

The Family Center for Health Care will be offering free athletic physicals the second week of August for those middle school and high school students. More information will appear closer to the date.

City-wide garage sale planned

The Colby High Plains Lions Club in conjunction with the Highway 25 Association is sponsoring a city-wide garage sale, Saturday, June 10, said Hazel Estes, Lions Club member. This is the second year for this event, she said, and like last year, any service organizations, individuals or groups interested in coordinating a garage sale that weekend are encouraged to call the Lions Club. In turn, the Lions Club will advertise all the garage sales on a map showing locations and make those available to the public. In addition to the garage sales in this area, other sales will be going on from Interstate-70 at Coby to Interstate-80 at Sutherland, Neb. "To be included on the garage sale list for June 10, we need to know right away," she said. For questions, call either Estes at (785) 460-0557; Mary Hurtt, (785) 443-1886; or Francis Britton, (785) 460-6426 (evenings).

Induction celebration



JAN KATZ ACKERMAN/Colby Free Press

Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer, left, presented former Hoxie High School debate and forensics coach Benny Rosell a resolution adopted by the Kansas Senate in honor of Rosell's induction Saturday into the Kansas State High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. About 200 people were on hand, including Rosell's former student and debater Brett Leopold, seated, for the ceremony in Hoxie's auditorium. Rosell taught English and coached debate at Hoxie from 1964 to 1994.

Deer crossing signs proving to be ineffective

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — With research indicating that deer warning signs don't help prevent accidents, Kansas is joining some other states in trying to find ways to keep the animals and vehicles from colliding.

Some states are studying replacing the yellow signs with the silhouette of a leaping deer, with tall fences, reflectors or even roadside sensors.

Kansas is considering fencing along part of Kansas 10 in Johnson County that would direct deer to existing underpasses, or changing the way it uses deer-warning signs.

While acknowledging that the signs are not effective, Missouri officials for now don't plan to change state policy that places a sign when there is an average of 10 deer killed in a three-year period.

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"You see those signs everywhere," she said. "I don't think you really pay attention to them. How many times do you drive by them and you don't see a deer?"

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Because of production errors in Friday's Graduation Section, mistakes were found. Above are the corrections. When errors occur, please call 462-3963.

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