

Weather Corner



Clear skies and hot

**The forecast**  
**Tonight** — Mostly clear with a low around 53. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming south.  
**Friday** — Predictions call for mostly sunny with a high near 94. West wind around 5 mph becoming calm.  
**Friday night** — Mostly clear with a low near 56. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Saturday** — Mostly sunny with a high around 95. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Saturday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 53.  
**Sunday** — Partly cloudy with a high around 86.  
**Sunday night** — Skies will be clear with a low around 56.  
**Monday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 89.  
**Temperatures**  
Wednesday's high, Low this morning,  
Records for this date, 96 in 1893, 30 in 1942  
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00  
May's precipitation, 0.32  
**Water Use Report for Wednesday by Public Works Department**  
• 3,348,900 gallons  
4 million = Water Warning  
4.5 million = Water Emergency  
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Moore announces retirement

TOPEKA (AP) — Lt. Gov. John Moore announced Wednesday he will not seek a second term, leaving Gov. Kathleen Sebelius with the job of picking a new running mate before she files for re-election next month.  
Moore said in a statement that he informed Sebelius last month of his decision not to run for another four-year term but wanted to wait until the Legislature wrapped up its session last week to make his decision public.  
“It’s time to go home,” said Moore, 62, who lives in Wichita. Moore said he will finish the rest of his term, which ends Jan. 8.  
In his letter to the governor, Moore cited his long periods of separation from his wife, Marty, while he worked in Topeka.  
“The separation from Marty and our home, which has been the case for over three years, has been difficult for me and became more so the longer it has continued,” he said.



Briefly

Last day for donations

Donations are still needed for the second annual Heartland Rural Counseling Services garage sale scheduled from 4 to 7 p.m., Friday and 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, at 405 N. Franklin (formerly Hot Topics), said Judy Taylor, coordinator. “Contributions will go to assist low income families and children with mental health services,” she said. For those wanting to donate items, which are tax deductible, today from 5 to 6:30 p.m. is the last drop off date prior to the garage sale Friday. For questions, call 443-1838 or 821-0781.

Gaither Concert Sunday

Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine, is sponsoring a Gaither Video Concert featuring a “Going Home Video.” The concert is open to the public and free of charge. “Enjoy great gospel music at 6 p.m., Sunday, on the big screen,” officials said.

Piano recital Sunday

The piano students of Sharon Kriss will hold their annual spring recital at 1 p.m., Sunday, at the Colby United Methodist Church, 950 S. Franklin Ave. Students performing are: Joshua Baden, Brett Bandy, Brittany and Brooklyn Bange, Morgan and Lauren Bell, Elizabeth Erickson, Abby and Allie Friesen, Hollie Herbel, Valarie Higerd, MaKayla Hoffman, Katrina Kaus, Sara Martin, Cameron McLaughlin, Cynthia, Jennifer and William Mick, Abby Miller, Michelle Myers, Karl Pratt, Renea Reasoner, Alexi, Ariel and Kale Regier, Courtney Reilley, Kelsey Shields, Ashley Standage, Andrew and Anna Taylor, Brenly Terrell, Michael Tubbs, Quade Woofter, Andrea Zerr, and Hannah Zim-

merman. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

‘Buddy Poppies’ have arrived

The VFW Auxiliary will be selling “Buddy Poppies” until Memorial Day weekend. The poppies are assembled by disabled, needy and aging veterans in Veteran’s hospitals across the country, said Auxiliary Junior Vice-President Hazel Duffey. Auxiliary members are currently distributing the poppies around the area and donations are encouraged. “When an auxiliary member visits with poppies, please consider giving a donation,” she said. The majority of donations will go toward local veteran services and welfare. For questions or to receive a poppy, call Auxiliary member Gene Griffin, 460-3579 or Duffey at 462-3476.

Special college meeting Monday

The Colby Community College Board of Trustees scheduled a special meeting at 5:30 p.m., Monday, in the Thomas Hall board room on campus. The meeting was called to discuss the proposed Wellness Center, said Interim President Skip Sharp. All meetings are open to the public.

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.

Leave baby wildlife alone, official says  
Well-intended ‘rescues’ often result in suffering and death

By Bob Mathews  
Kansas Department of Wildlife

PRATT — It’s common to encounter young wild animals, especially in spring and summer. Some people have an irresistible attraction to these young animals and want to take them home.  
But every year, the lives of young wild animals are needlessly jeopardized by well-intentioned people who take them from the wild in the mistaken belief that the animals are abandoned or orphaned and will die if not given care. In fact, rescuing wildlife from the wild often results in the death of the animal.  
There are a variety of problems and health hazards, to humans and animals alike, when people try to “adopt” a baby cottontail, fawn, or other wildlife young.  
All of these problems and hazards can be avoided if people follow one simple rule when coming upon young wildlife: leave them alone.  
From the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks website, www.kdwp.state.ks.us, here are five good reasons to leave young wildlife alone:  
1. They’re not abandoned.  
Bird and animal mothers will often leave their young while they search for food during the day. This is the time when the young are most vulnerable to well meaning humans. Young fawns, for example, are quite safe when left alone because their color pattern and lack of scent help them to remain undetected until their mothers return. The adult animal may even be waiting for you to leave so it can return to care for its young.  
2. It’s illegal.  
Picking up young animals is against the law.

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Both the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment have regulations against such activity. Fines can be up to \$1,000. State permits are required to legally possess most species of wild animals. For some species, federal permits are required and fines are more severe.  
3. They may carry disease.  
Even though they may look cute and fuzzy, wild animals carry a number of potential health threats. Rabies can be transmitted from a bite or saliva contacting an open wound. Distemper and rabies are the most common illnesses that household pets acquire from wild animals. Ticks and fleas borne by some animals carry lyme and other diseases. Wild animals may also carry bacteria, roundworms, tapeworms, mites, and/or protozoans that can cause diseases in humans or their pets.  
4. They’re not pets.  
Although young animals may be cute, they are wild animals. Many well meaning people have taken young animals home, then quickly learned that they’re not equipped to handle the animal as it matures. Adopting young wild animals may be an irresistible urge for some people, but wild animals make poor pets. Many people have been injured by animals that initially

seemed easily-tamed.  
5. Good intentions can be deadly.  
Many animals taken into captivity soon die. Those that don’t are denied the opportunity to learn how to survive in their natural environment, so they seldom develop the skills necessary for them to survive when they are eventually returned to the wild. Their ability to find food

is hindered and wariness — usually learned from their parents — is impaired.  
Young wildlife raised in captivity often develop an attachment to humans. Upon their release to the wild, they may have little fear of people and return to make nuisances of themselves or put themselves in danger of traffic or attack from domestic animals or other wildlife. Further, when released to the wild they may be thrust as unwelcome intruders into the home range of another member of their species. If they carry disease, they may also threaten local wildlife.  
*Editor’s note: For questions or animal concerns, call the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks in Colby, 462-3367.*

Landfill closes holiday weekend

The Thomas County Landfill will close at noon, Saturday, May 27 and will remain closed Sunday and Monday, May 28-29.

County offices closed May 29

The Thomas County Courthouse and the Thomas County Health Department will be closed Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day and re-open Tuesday at 8 a.m.

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. For questions or to sign up, call either Estes at (785) 460-0557; Mary Hurtt, (785) 443-1886; or Francis Britton, (785) 460-6426 (evenings).

‘Bridging the Gap’ Saturday

“Bridging the Gap,” a special day for mothers and young women, is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. Fifth St.. Sponsored by the Colby Secondary Parent, Teacher, Student Association and Thomas County Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect/Prevention Center, the event, organizers say, is “designed to help moms and teens, teen moms and single moms open lines of communication.” To reserve a spot, contact Kathy Lindberg at (785) 443-1040 or kncomm@st-tel.net.

Auction of Surplus School Items

June 3, 2006  
10:00 a.m.

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served with side & salad No Hot Buffet available. \$24.95  
**WED: Homestyle Buffet**  
**THUR: Special: USDA Choice 10 oz Strip Steak**  
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**FRI: Seafood Buffet**  
**SAT: Flank Steak Buffet** \$12.95

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