

**Weather Corner**



**Warm and Breezy**

**The forecast**

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with a low around 56. East wind around 10 mph. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 92. Breezy with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph. **Saturday night** — Partly cloudy with a low near 57. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Sunday** —

Mostly sunny with a high near 90. North wind between 5 and 15 mph. **Sunday night** — Partly cloudy and breezy with a low around 56. **Monday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 89. **Monday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 53. **Tuesday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 89.

**Temperatures**

Thursday's high, 93  
Low this morning, 52  
Records for this date, 97 in 1934, 28 in 1894

Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00  
May's precipitation, 0.32

**Water Use Report for Thursday by Public Works Department**

• 3,559,900 This issues a Water Watch.  
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.

**Briefly**

**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 Woolfer, Andrea Zerr, and Hannah

Zimmerman. 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. 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.

**Landfill closes Memorial Day**

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

**Colby to host open house**

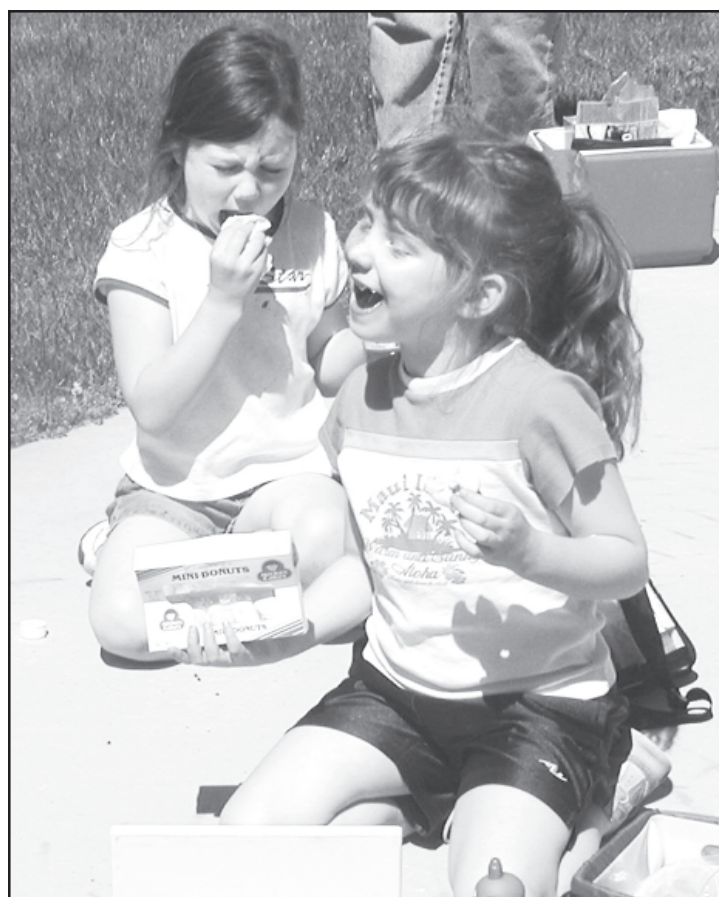
Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas will hold their annual open house from 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 23 at Wheatland Developmental Center, 1675 W. Fourth in Colby.

The public is invited to come to the event and visit with staff. Refreshments will be provided. For information, call 462-3012.

**Heartland Share delivery Saturday**

Heartland Share delivery is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, at Sacred Heart School gym. 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.

**Fike Park field trip**



TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

Hoxie Grade School student Cami Schamberger, front, and classmate Brooke Dornekamp enjoyed a picnic lunch at Fike Park Tuesday. The students were in town for an end of year field trip.

**Oakley center close to reality**

By Jan Katz Ackerman  
Colby Free Press

Another step has been taken toward the Wild West Historical Foundation's goal of having a visitor's center near the sculpture of Buffalo Bill in Oakley.

Foundation board president Raelene Keller said a 648-square-foot log cabin with a loft has been at the baseline of the sculpture's hill as a temporary center.

"This cabin will be a welcome solution to many issues we face," Keller said. "It will allow us to get a real count of how many people we have stopping."

Besides being an education site for the Wild West Historical Foundation, Keller said the cabin will be the "stepping stone" to the intended Buffalo Bill Cultural Center.

That center, estimated between \$500,000 and \$600,000 will compliment the larger-than-life bronze statue of Buffalo Bill Cody hunting buffalo made by Leoti artist Charlie Norton.

The sculpture was set May 21, 2004, at the top of a man-made hill on land donated by Keller and her husband, Gary.

Private, local and state funding is being sought as a way to pay for the proposed center.

"This development is a new phase for the foundation," Keller

said. "I'm excited because this thing looks doable."

Bill Olsen, owner of the truss company Straight Line north of Colby, built the cabin for his own use, but sold it to the foundation.

"It is not finished yet, as they will complete some things now that it is moved," Keller said.

"We will be adding a porch and connecting it to the existing concrete."

Keller said the cabin will be used to educate visitors and share more of the history of the Oakley and Logan County area.

"We will encourage people to visit downtown and direct them to the museum," she said. "We will also promote this region as a destination to spend more than a few minutes."

The city of Oakley has been a major supporter of the foundation member's dreams.

As early as July, the city plans to provide utilities from the east side of U.S. Highway 83 to under and across the highway to the log cabin and proposed center's site. Once across the highway, the foundation will assume the costs of the utility usage.

"The city is contributing and making it possible for future growth," Keller said.

Foundation members are compiling a list of potential volunteers to

man the cabin until sufficient funding is in place to hire someone.

"We have lots of volunteers who have signed up and we welcome those willing to volunteer," Keller said.

She also said the foundation is asking for contributions to aid in the purchase of the building, as well as decorations and stock for inventory relative to the cause of Wild West which will be sold as gift items. In addition, foundation members have begun a reserve account to enable them to employ someone from the community to run the center.

"We plan to be open by Memorial Day weekend," she said. "And my standard line I always say is that this is, 'to be continued,'" Keller said.

**Auction of Surplus School Items**

June 3, 2006  
10:00 a.m.

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