

Weather Corner



Rain possible, otherwise hot

Tonight — Forecast is calling for a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 62. South wind around 10 mph becoming northeast.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy with a high near 89. Northeast wind around 15 mph.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy with a low near 61. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday — Mostly sunny with a high around 93. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday night — Mostly clear with a low around 60.

Thursday — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high around 91.

Temperatures
Sunday's high, 91
Low this morning, 63
Records for this date, 98 in 1960, 39 in 1970

Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00

June's precipitation, 0.42
Water Use Average for June 2, 3 and 4
• 2,765,600

The Colby City Council could take action could be taken when water use reaches the following levels for three consecutive days.

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

Day camp starts Tuesday

The Thomas County Extension office, and in cooperation with the local 4-H Council, is sponsoring a day camp from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 6 at Fike Park in Colby. The theme is "Photo Fun Day" said Jan Poore, one of the coordinators. For questions, call 460-4582 or stop by the office, 350 S. Range Ave., Suite, 16, Colby.

Ice-cream social deadline today

The Northwest Kansas County Coalitions are celebrating their accomplishments from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday at Fike Park with an ice cream social. There will be ice cream, games, awards and prizes. For those planning to attend, the deadline is today either by calling (785) 460-8177 or e-mail at lindyk@st-tel.net

Blood drive Wednesday

The American Red Cross will celebrate its 125th anniversary with a "Birthday Bash" at the Colby community blood drive Wednesday. The blood drive will be from noon to 6 p.m. at the Colby Community Building. Every donor will receive a 125th Birthday Bash T-shirt along with a piece of birthday cake. Organizers said in order to donate, people must be at least 17-years-old, weigh 110 pounds or more and

be in general good health. For questions, visit the website: www.bloodgiveslife.org.

School board meets today

The Colby School Board will meet at 7 p.m., tonight, in the Administration Building, 600 W. 3rd. Items on the agenda include reports from principals, administrators, and curriculum director. The board also plans to touring the districts mechanical and technical systems. For questions, call 460-5000.

Colby Council meets Tuesday

The Colby City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, in council chambers, 585 N. Franklin Ave. Agenda items include improvements at Villa High Park; approving amendment to road crossing with Thomas County for sewer line improvement; audit report; and 2006 street improvement projects. Other discussion items include garbage collection, and parking regulations in front yards of residential districts. For questions, call 460-4410.

Volunteers sought for mock election

Thomas County Clerk Shelly Harms invites voters to stop by her office and participate in a mock election on one of the new electronic voting machines. Harms' office is on the sec-

ond floor of the courthouse and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. For questions, call (785) 460-4500.

Barbecue Wednesday in Levant

Captive Free and the Levant Vacation Bible School children are presenting a barbecue at 6:45 p.m., Wednesday, at the Levant Community Church. The evening will include funnel cakes, balloons, horses, and face painting. In addition, the Son Treasure Island Vacation Bible School started today from 9 a.m. until noon and will continue through Thursday, same times. Transportation is available from Brewster and Colby. For information, call (785) 586-2376.

Sponsors sought for Relay event

Corporate sponsors are still needed for the annual Thomas County Relay for Life event slated to begin at 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 18 and continue through 7 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 19. The deadline to become a corporate sponsor is June 11. For questions, call Duncan at (785) 846-7678.

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 unable to do so in the spring. More information will appear closer to the date.

Giddy-up



JAN KATZ ACKERMAN/Colby Free Press

Randi Cressler of Hoxie, foreground, exercised her horse Sunday before participating in Sheridan County's first National Little Britches Rodeo Association. Cressler was one of 50 youth from Kansas, Nebraska, Arizona, Oklahoma, Wyoming and South Dakota to travel to Hoxie for events which included barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying and individual and team roping, as well as bull riding.

Some Republicans not likely to change

TOPEKA (AP) — The results of the November general elections could determine if the RINOs are ready to leave the preserve and seek greener pastures.

The RINOs — Republicans in name only — are moderate Republicans who have grown increasingly disenchanted with their role in the state's dominant party. Over the past decade, they have watched their position of power erode in the Legislature and within the party structure itself. And at least a few are ready to look for new horizons.

But despite a high-profile defection, don't expect a thundering herd any time soon.

Mark Parkinson, the former state Republican chairman, left the party last Tuesday to join the Democratic re-election team of Gov. Kathleen Sebelius. Parkinson said though he had criticized Sebelius repeatedly in 2002, she's not the liberal Democrat he feared would wreck Kansas government.

His endorsement of Sebelius and

Democratic ideals sends a signal to moderates that jumping party lines isn't something to be feared. The question becomes will victories in November spawn realignment of the state's two dominant parties

State Republican Chairman Tim Shallenburger doesn't expect moderates to follow Parkinson in significant numbers. He sees Parkinson's move one of an individual who clearly was out of place and out of favor with the GOP.

"Parkinson is way more like John Kerry than he is like George Bush. He's way left. He was really out of place," Shallenburger said.

The fact the party continues to outpace Democrats in registered

See "RINOs" page 5

Vacation Bible School

"B.O.O.T. CAMP: Biblical Outlook & Outreach Training"

Mon. - Fri., June 12-16
8:45 - 11:50 a.m. Daily
Colby Berean Church
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Daily Activities: Singing, Bible lessons, crafts, games, and Christian fellowship with other kids.

Age Range: Kids from 4 years of age through completion of 6th grade (during Fall 2006) are invited to attend.

Registration: Children may either register at the door or preregister by contacting Dan and Lois O'Brien at 785-460-7530.

This year's Vacation Bible School should be a great time of learning about God through His word and having fun and Christian fellowship with other kids.

For The Record

The following arrests were made either by the Colby Police Department, Logan County Sheriff's office or the Thomas County Sheriff's office. All suspects were booked into the Thomas County jail and are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The Thomas County Jail is used by Colby, Oakley, Logan and Thomas counties.

Thursday, June 1
Kyle Douglas Runnels, 20, of

Colby, was arrested by the Colby Police Department and charged with driving under the influence (second). As of today, he was still in the Thomas County jail.

Friday, June 2
Anthony Robert Elwood, 37, of Springfield, Mo., was arrested by the Colby Police Department on a probation violation associated with fraud by wire. Elwood is being held at the Thomas County jail for the U.S. Marshal's office.

Jackie Ann Ivey, 22, of Monument, was arrested by the Logan County Sheriff's office on a probation violation and booked into the Thomas County jail about 6 p.m. She was released on a \$1,000 bond Saturday.

Saturday, June 3
Ernest Gabriel Ochoa, 28, of Pueblo, Colo., was arrested at 10:25 a.m. by the Thomas County Sheriff's office for possession of marijuana with intent to sell. As of

today, Ochoa remained in jail pending his first appearance.

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American Red Cross

Injury survivor wants to be doctor

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — Beverly Wilson and her brother, Bobby, were racing snowmobiles through their grandfather's farm field near Burlington in December 2000 when Beverly turned to see her brother gaining on her.

But as she turned forward again, her snowmobile barreled through a five-strand barbed wire fence. The top wire caught her neck, severing her trachea.

Wilson, now a 23-year-old University of Kansas medical student with a raspy voice, recently told her classmates the story of her survival and how she was so inspired by doctors' efforts to help her breathe, eat and talk again that she has decided to become an ear, nose and throat doctor.

On the morning after the accident, doctors at Kansas University hospital called Michael Kennedy, a family practice physician who was working at the Burlington hospital when Wilson was rolled in.

"They told me it was quite amazing," Kennedy said. "They hadn't ever seen a clothesline injury like this because the survival rate on this type of injury is very low. They don't even make it to the hospital."

After she hit the fence, Wilson's father, Terry Wilson, who had been trailing his children in a truck, scooped her up and started the eight-mile drive to the hospital. He had radioed home for someone to call an ambulance. It met him six miles up the road.

"I struggled to breathe," Beverly Wilson said. "I couldn't breathe, and I didn't know what to do to

make myself breathe."

Paramedics could not clear an airway. They put an oxygen mask on her, but it was not helping. Wilson wasn't getting oxygen. Seven minutes later at the hospital, an air passage was cleared. By then her oxygen level had dropped to 15 percent. It's normal at 95.

Doctors did not know the severity of her injuries. There was no blood, no cuts or scrapes. The only mark on her was a red ring around her neck that Wilson called a hangman's scar. A thick scarf she had wrapped around her neck to keep warm had guarded her skin.

Still, however, she was in trouble. Her chest had hit the barbed wire with such force that her lungs had collapsed.

Doctors cut holes on both sides of her torso and inserted plastic tubes, similar to straws, to release air that had built up in her chest cavity and collapsed the lungs.

When she was stable, Wilson was flown to Kansas University hospital, where doctors inserted a plastic disc between the two pieces of Wilson's severed trachea and then stitched her windpipe back together.

Because the solid disc blocked the passage of air, doctors inserted a metal tracheostomy tube through a stoma in her neck, just below the disc, to enable her to breathe.

"I couldn't cough or sneeze, talk or swallow," Wilson recalled. "It was scary, because I didn't know if I would ever be able to eat normally or to talk."

later, and the disc later was removed, but it was mid-February before she could eat solid food again. It would be much longer before she could talk.

The tracheostomy was removed in March, and the stoma closed, leaving a small scar. But months of vocal exercises did not restore her voice.

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