

Weather  
CornerRain, storms  
predicted today

**Tonight** — The forecast is calling for a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy with a low around 60. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

**Friday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 86. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

**Friday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 62. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Saturday** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 88. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Saturday night** — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 61.

**Sunday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 85.

**Sunday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 60.

**Monday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 85.

**Temperatures**  
Wednesday's high, 86  
Low this morning, 64  
Records for this date, 106 in 1988, 43 in 1985  
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00  
June's precipitation, 2.54  
**Water Use Report**  
**Wednesday, June 21**  
• 2,511,000 gallons  
3.5 million = 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

## Ham operators plan field day

Colby's Trojan Amateur Radio Club will participate in a nationwide Field Day at 1 p.m., Saturday and continuing through 1 p.m., Sunday at the Colby Municipal Airport. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness about ham radio operators and how their networks can save lives in emergency situations when traditional forms of communication fail or become overloaded. Everyone is encouraged to attend the event. For questions, call Frahm at 462-7388 or Mike Albers, 460-3678.

## Mosquito fogging continues

City of Colby crews is fogging for mosquitoes the remainder of the summer. Mondays and Tuesdays, fogging will take place on the south side of town from Webster south, a public utilities official said. Fogging on Thursdays and Fridays will include the north side of town from Webster north. The city urges residents to check their yards and empty anything that is holding stagnant water, such as cans, swimming pools, and tires to help keep the mosquito population at a minimum. For questions, call 460-4420.

## Bikes, more prohibited on sidewalks

The City of Colby is reminding bicyclists and others riding related devices about the ordinances against riding on sidewalks and other walkways. According to the law, no person riding a bicycle, roller skates, skateboards, coasters, toy vehicles or similar devices are allowed to use sidewalks or

pedestrian walkways in the downtown business district. The ordinance addresses designated sidewalks and walkways in the area from Second Street to Sixth Street between Chickamauga Avenue and Lake Avenue and other locations designated by the council. Fines for a first offense is \$55; second offense is \$65; and third offense is \$90. For questions, call 460-4410.

## Waste site collection Saturday

The Thomas County Household Hazardous Waste Site, 190 W. Fourth St., Colby, will be collecting old paints, cleaning products, lawn and garden chemicals and more from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday. For questions about what is accepted, call Swob at 460-4526.

## County offices closed July 3 and 4

Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius has declared Monday, July 3 as a holiday and consequently all state/government offices will be closed that day and July 4. In Thomas County, the commissioners said the courthouse and all its offices will remain closed those two days and re-open at 8 a.m., Wednesday, July 5. For questions, call 460-4500.

## Promotion meeting Tuesday

The Colby Promotion Committee, a part of the Thomas County/Colby Chamber of Commerce, is meeting at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350

S. Range Ave. The purpose of the committee is promoting Colby within the community and beyond through advertising and planning. Businesses and individuals are invited to attend. For questions, call 460-3401.

## Corgi-mix puppies need a home

The Colby Animal Clinic has six Corgi-mix puppies, both male and females, black and white in color and six to eight weeks old ready for adoption. The only cost for adoption is the price of immunization shots. For questions, call 460-8621 or stop by the facility, 810 E. Fourth St.

## Music Boosters offer fundraiser

The Colby Music Boosters are continuing to sell "Colby Eagle" sunglasses to benefit the music program at Colby Schools. To place an order, call 462-6503.

## Teams needed for Relay event

The annual Thomas County Relay for Life event is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 18 and continue through 7 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 19. Teams are still forming and anyone wanting to participate is encouraged. All money raised through the individual teams will assist the American Cancer Society in research, education and progress toward a cure. For questions, a registration form or other information, call Duncan at (785) 846-7678 or write: 573 County Road 8, Levant, Kan. 67743.

## Hoxie plans to limit fireworks display this year

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

Hoxie residents will see fireworks on the Fourth of July, but not on a grand scale.

Chief of Police John Bieker said

Thursday no community or civic organizations in town will be hosting a public fireworks display.

However, Bieker said an ordinance passed some years ago governs whether or not Hoxie residents will be allowed to discharge fire-

works. That ordinance is reviewed each year by the city as far as weather conditions and whether or not a burn ban is in effect at the time.

Sheridan County Clerk Paula Bielser said there is no burn ban

in effect at the current time.

Hoxie residents will be allowed to discharge fireworks from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. from June 27 to July 5.

On the Fourth of July, Bieker said, fireworks can be dis-

charged from 7 a.m. to midnight.

"For the most part there hasn't been any problem," he said.

"Once the city commissioners decide to allow fireworks then this ordinance goes into effect," Bieker said.

## Colby man charged with break-in and attempted theft

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

A Colby man has been charged with attempting to steal a riding lawn mower from a local business.

Ryan R. Hanzlick, 29, has been charged in Thomas County District Court with breaking into Orscheln Farm and Home Supply located at 1100 S. County Club Drive at 12:40 a.m. June 9.

Hanzlick is also charged with attempted theft of a Poulan Pro riding lawn mower valued at \$1,549. He is alleged to have unplugged an anti-theft cord that secured the mower.

According to court documents, Hanzlick failed or was "prevented or intercepted in executing" the crime.

Criminal trespass is a Class B nonperson misdemeanor punish-

able by six months in the county jail and a fine of \$1,000.

Attempted theft is a severity level 10 nonperson felony punishable by five to 13 months in prison and a fine up to \$100,000.

## Domestic battery charges filed

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

A Colby man has been charged with two counts of domestic battery against family members.

According to court documents Ross L. Wallace, 47, has been charged in Thomas County District Court with having physical contact with Rita L. Wallace and Heather

Nicole Shaw in a "rude, insulting or angry manner" on or about June 11. The alleged incident was reported to the Colby Police Department as having taken place at the Wallace home located in the 1100 block of S. Franklin.

Domestic battery is a Class B person misdemeanor. Should a person be convicted of the charge, and depending on the outcome of a pre-

sentence investigation, the penalty for domestic battery is six months in the county jail and a fine up to \$1,000.

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a civil matter.

• **Fire:** Sheriff's deputies responded to a call at 9:50 a.m. of an unknown type of fire again in the 200 block of Rock Island in Brewster.

The fire turned out to be a controlled burn and the Brewster Fire Department was notified.

## Faced with a Drinking Problem?

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City Hall Basement

Mondays & Thursdays - 8:30 p.m.

## For the record

The following arrests or incidents have been provided by either the Thomas County Sheriff's office or the Colby Police Department. All suspects were booked into the county jail and are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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

**Colby Police Department**  
**Tuesday, June 20**

• **Forgery/theft:** One of the Colby bank managers reported a forgery and theft of checks from his business.

• **Burglary/theft:** A Colby woman told police someone had

take items from her vehicle at 12:16 p.m., which was parked in the 600 block of West Plum.

• **Burglary/theft:** A weed eater was taken from a Colby residence in the 600 block of West Plum and reported to authorities at 6:12 p.m.

The items stolen from the car and the weed eater incident while not related were close in proximity.

**Thomas County Sheriff's office**  
**Tuesday, June 20**

• **Dispute:** Authorities were called to the 200 block of Rock Island in Brewster at 9:11 a.m. regarding a neighborhood dispute.

Residents were advised this was

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