

Weather
Corner

Mostly cloudy
highs near 84

Tonight

— Mostly clear with a low around 53. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Tuesday

— Partly cloudy with a high near 84. South wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Tuesday night

— Partly cloudy with a low around 57. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday

— A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 86. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming northeast.

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Thursday

— Mostly sunny with a high near 90.

Temperatures

Sunday's high, 78
Low this morning, 48
Records for this date, 108 in 1936, 42 in 1958
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
June's precipitation, 3.20

Water Use Report

Average Friday, Saturday and Sunday
• 2,082,200 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

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 in promoting Colby within the community and beyond through advertising and planning. Businesses and individuals are invited to attend. For questions, call 460-3401.

Baby-sitting clinic starts Wednesday

A baby-sitting clinic for children 11-years-old and up will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday at the Colby Community Building, 285 Children who have pre-registered will learn about baby-sitting, and hear about topics such as infant care, emergency procedures, fun activities, nutrition and more. Participants need to bring a sack lunch both days. The Thomas County Health Department and Thomas County Extension Office, both at 350 S. Range

Ave. are sponsoring the event. For questions, call health department, 460-4596 or extension office, 460-4582.

School board to meet Friday

The Colby School Board will meet at 7 a.m. Friday in the board room of the Administration Building, 600 W. Third St.. Items on the agenda include setting the July board meeting date; 2006-2007 student handbook revisions; year-end budget transfers; out of district attendance and transportation requests; out of district student requests; review of vehicle bids and personnel. The meeting is open to the public.

Picnic in the Park Thursday

Shawna Kersenbrock of Colby will be singing in the park, noon, Thursday as part of the weekly *Picnic in the Park* entertainment. The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitor's Bureau and the *Colby Free Press* are sponsors. Everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn

chair, a sack lunch and enjoy the festivities, officials said.

Mosquito fogging continues

City of Colby crews are fogging for mosquitoes on Mondays and Tuesdays on the the south side of town from Webster south and Thursdays and Fridays on the north side of town from Webster north. For questions, call 460-4420.

Public van will not operate

All Thomas County offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday, July 3-4, which includes anyone who uses the public transportation van as it will not be running those days. For questions about the van or closings, call (785) 460-2901.

Voter registration reminder

The Thomas County Clerk is reminding residents that if they move within the county or out of the county, they need to re-register to vote at their local clerk's office. For questions, call 460-4500.

Hospital's chief administrator named to leadership class

TOPEKA — Janice McCart, chief executive officer of Citizens Medical Center in Colby, was selected as one of this year's Leadership Kansas class members.



J. McCart

Leadership Kansas is a flagship leadership growth program of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce, which along with McCart has chosen 40 emerging state leaders for its 2006 class activities, said Kansas Chamber Chief Executive Officer Lew Ebert.

The 40 individuals selected for the Class of 2006 to participate in this year's program will be engaged during six statewide conferences by a variety of experts in the critical issues facing Kansas business and government.

Individuals chosen for Leadership Kansas have records of success in their businesses and communities.

"Those selected for Leadership Kansas have a desire to strengthen their state, communities, and employers," Ebert said.

"Class members are chosen based on leadership contributions in their professions and communities and their willingness to contrib-

ute to Kansas' future progress," he added.

The Leadership Kansas Class of 2006 will graduate in October following participation in a number of programs planned throughout Kansas to inform the class of key business and government issues facing the state and to inspire them to become activists in creating future solutions.

The mission of the program:

1. Informs leaders about the challenges and opportunities facing business and our state to encourage solutions and collaboration
2. Inspires leaders to become active in business, organization, community, and statewide efforts to make Kansas the best place in America to do business and live
3. Challenges leaders to increase awareness of themselves and Kansas to maximize their leadership potential
4. Provides an opportunity to network with a diversity of individuals to strengthen personal and organizational influence

The Kansas Chamber's 2006 Leadership Kansas Class Employers of Leadership Kansas participants acquire:

- Valued employees connected to a diverse network of dynamic Kansas leaders;
- Individuals with knowledge and capacity to engage a variety of

issues at the state and community levels; and

— Staff energized and motivated to apply Leadership Kansas skills to organizational situations.

The Class of 2006 was approved by the Leadership Kansas Board of Directors, to include Midwest Energy's Larry Berg, Class of 1997 and who formerly was in Colby.

Teresa L. Clouch, Class of 1999,

is the state program chair. John Federico is the Leadership Kansas executive director.

For more on The Kansas Chamber go to www.kansaschamber.org.

The Kansas Chamber of Commerce, with headquarters in Topeka, is the statewide business advocacy group moving Kansas towards becoming the best state in America to do business.

The Kansas Chamber and its affiliate organization, The Kansas Chamber Federation, have more than 10,000 member businesses, including local and regional chambers of commerce and trade organizations.

The Chamber represents small, medium and large employers all across Kansas.

Kansas artist makes name in glass

KECHI (AP) — Like the beginnings of his glass artwork, Hutchinson resident Rick Garnett keeps picking up more material along the way.

Each piece of glass Garnett builds begins as a shapeless blob of molten glass, with the color and consistency of honey, sitting on the end of a blowpipe.

A puff of air expands the piece, filling each glass sculpture with the breath of the artist. Garnett returns to the furnace and dips his rod into the 2,000-plus degree furnace, pulls more material from the flames and adds it to his creation.

Garnett began blowing glass 17 years ago in his brother-in-law Rollin Karg's garage. Like his glass sculptures, Garnett's continued education in the art form depends largely on the pool of knowledge he

has amassed from others.

His brother-in-law taught him the trade and encouraged him to expand his boundaries.

He learned from a sculptor, who didn't know much about glass but whose designs Garnett admired.

He picked up some more material from a Hutchinson Community College art professor who told him not to give up on his dreams.

The work of art is heated in the 'glory hole,' a high-temperature heater, after adding the dichroic glass.

He's still adding material from long-dead artists and other glass blowers who travel to Karg Art Glass in Kechi for work.

"I'm still learning," Garnett said. "There's 4,000 years of glass blowing to catch up with. To me, it's exciting that you're that far behind."

After adding enough material to the blowpipe, Garnett works the semisolid material with hand tools — adding colored glass, punching a hole through the center and twisting the form a little at the base.

Then he heats it again, turning and twisting the sculpture into a double helix.

Once finished with the design, Garnett scores the base of the glass and places it in an annealing oven. There, the piece will sit for several days until the internal and external temperatures stabilize, making the piece safe to handle.

Karg said the score mark is then cut and ground with diamond polishers to a smooth, glassy finish before it's set out on display.

Karg's shop services nearly 200 art galleries throughout the United States.

Garnett and Karg also travel to dozens of art shows during the year to display unique pieces.

"I've traveled a lot going to art shows," Garnett said.

"There's no other place I'd rather live than Hutchinson. ... If I had a day dream, it'd be to blow glass in Hutch."

Bridge players, divided by race, gather for tourney

OVERLAND PARK (AP) — Bridge players representing clubs long divided by race came together for a first-of-its-kind unified competition during the weekend.

The tournament Saturday at the Kansas City Bridge Studio was part of a national effort to bring together the largely black American Bridge Association and the predominantly white American Contract Bridge League. The group has more than 160,000 members and is the coun-

try's largest bridge association. It did not allow black players until 1967, prompting the formation of the 4,500-member American Bridge Association. Officials with the two groups said they never merged because members grew used to the system.

Lee Goodman, who owns the Kansas City Bridge Studio, said the bridge association and contract bridge association are largely social groups now.

She said members remain in one organization over another not because of race, but because they've already made friends within it.

"Once you have separate things, they don't die out," bridge association local president Julia Hill said.

Across the country this weekend, bridge clubs took part in the event, playing the same computer-chosen hands.

There were no cash prizes. Players compete only for master

points, which amount to little more than bragging rights that accumulate over the course of one's career.

The Overland Park event was more popular than organizers expected. They thought only 20 tables full of players would take part, but more than 30 tables were filled.

Organizers and members of both groups said the coming together was important, if for nothing else

but its symbolism.

"This is an effort to forge a closer bond between the groups locally," said Helen Rogers, a liaison between the bridge clubs.

Goodman said the tournament went off without a hitch.

Regents expected to approve tuition increase

TOPEKA (AP) — Students and their families should expect to pay up to 16.7 percent more this fall to attend state universities because the Board of Regents appears likely to increase tuition and fees.

The regents planned to voted last week on the increases, which the universities proposed to raise additional money for academic pro-

grams and other services. The cost of enrolling has increased every year since at least 1999, and it has more than doubled at the University of Kansas. Board members have defended past increases as necessary to keep the universities from slipping in quality. The changes would raise \$37 million for the 2006-07 academic year.

"You can anticipate that it will pass, as offered by the universities," regent Dick Bond, of Overland Park, said Wednesday. "I'm sure a majority will support it."

Among the reasons approval is expected is that student leaders have signed off on the universities' proposals, as they have in previous years.

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.

Thomas County Sheriff's office

Wednesday, July 21

- **Possession:** David Kenneth Schnug, 25, of Colby, was arrested by a Thomas County Sheriff's deputy at 10:25 a.m. in the 100 block of East Fifth Street on possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released at 1:10 p.m. on \$1,000 bond.

Thursday, July 22

- **Worthless check:** Nancy Elizabeth Robinson, 30, of Colby, was arrested at 3:32 p.m., for giving worthless checks by an officer of the Colby Police Department at the Law Enforcement Center, 225 N. Court Ave. She was being held for Decatur County authorities and released at 3:47 p.m. on \$250 bond.
- **DUI:** Lindel Charles Barnard,

52, of Tooele, Utah, was arrested at 11:10 a.m. at the Thomas County Law Enforcement Center on a second charge of driving under the influence. He is expected to be released from jail on Tuesday.

- **Multiple charges:** Benjamin Joshua Johnson, 25, of Denver, Colo., was arrested at 8:55 p.m. for possession of stolen property, obstructing official duty, and driving while suspended. The Kansas Highway Patrol picked Johnson up on Interstate 70, milemarker 48 east-bound. He remains in custody.

- **Rape:** A deputy responded at 9:07 a.m. reference a rape in the Mingo area. The rape is alleged to have occurred in 2002.

Colby Police Department

Thursday, June 22

- **Theft:** Officers were notified of a semi-driver stealing items and leaving from the Oaskis Travel Center at 1:57 a.m. Police notified Kansas Highway Patrol and Sherman County of the theft.

- **Accident:** A vehicle was struck in the 700 block of West Eighth Street while attempting to pull into a driveway at 3:31 p.m.

- **Open door:** The police were

advised of an open door at 6:16 p.m. in the 1100 block of South Franklin. After investigating, the house was cleared.

- **Intoxicated:** Police were called to the 500 block of South School at 9:53 p.m. regarding a person staggering down the street while walking. Police were advised that the person was picked up resulting in police being unable to locate.

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Happy Birthday America!

We hope everyone
enjoys the holiday.
Please be safe!

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Sun. - Thurs.: 7:00

NACHO LIBRE
Fri. & Sat. : 7:15 & 9:00 (G) 1:35
Sun - Tues. : 7:15

SUPERMAN 3
Wed. & Thurs: 7:15 (PG-13) 2:40

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Tuesday, June 27th @ 1:00 p.m.
@ Colby Cinema.
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COLBY THEATRE

JUNE 23 - JUNE 29

CLICK
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Sun. - Thurs: 7:15

FAST & FURIOUS 3
Fri. & Sat. : 9:15 (PG-13) 1:50
Sun. - Tues: 7:00

NACHO LIBRE
Wed. & Thurs: 7:00 (PG) 1:35