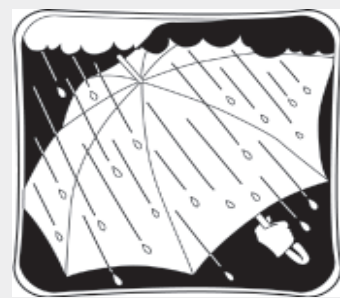


Weather Corner



The forecast
Tonight — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy with a high near 85. West wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.
Tuesday — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a low around 65. East wind around 5 mph becoming calm.
Tuesday night — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy with a low around 68. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Wednesday — Partly cloudy and hot with a high near 97. South wind around 10 mph.
Wednesday night — Mostly clear with a low around 67.
Thursday — Mostly sunny and hot with a high near 100.
Temperatures
 Sunday's high, 81
 Low this morning, 64
 Records for this date, 108 in 1938, 42 in 1905
 Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.17
 July's precipitation, 1.35
Water Use Report
Average Friday, Saturday and Sunday
 • 2,082,200 gallons
 3.5 million = Water Watch.

Briefly

Fair Board to meet Thursday

The Thomas County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m. Friday at the 4-H Building on the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Items on the agenda include: extension agent report; bills and financial report; committee reports on the buildings and grounds, carnival, rodeo, parade, demolition derby, races, fair book, advertising expenses and income; a discussion on the fair barbecue; display cases for open class; Colby Community College rodeo contract and the Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass Festival. The meeting is open to the public.

Colby school reopens Aug. 24

The first day of classes for the Colby School District is Thursday, Aug. 24, said Kirk Nielsen, superintendent. Enrollment for all kindergarten through 12th grade returning students begins at 7 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 10, in the commons area of Colby High School. New students will enroll at appropriate buildings at 8 a.m., Friday, Aug. 11. Additional enrollment information will be listed in the Wednesday, Aug. 2 edition of the *Colby Free Press*.

Girl Scouts holding book drive

Junior Girl Scout Troop 218 and Brownie Girl Scout Troop 228 are hosting a book drive from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Pioneer Memorial Library. Children's or young adult books are needed so the Scouts can build a library to donate back to the community. Depending on the number of books received, the books will be distributed to preschools, daycare providers, the Red Cross or church nursery classes. For information, call 462-3332, Ext. 19.

Rodeo queencontestants wanted

The Thomas County Rodeo Queen and Princess Pageant is looking for contestants for the 2006 contest, said Marie Skolout, coordinator. Girls ages 8-11 are eligible for the junior princess; 12-15 for princess and 16-23 for the queen contest. Contestants are judged on horsemanship, interview, speech and modeling.

This year's contest will be on Friday, July 28, with entries due July 26. For entry forms or questions, call Skolout at (785) 586-2228.

Picnic in the Park next week

Sappa Strings 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. The concert series will run each Thursday at noon through July 27.

Voter registration reminder

The Thomas County Clerk is reminding residents 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.

Mosquito fogging continues

City of Colby crews are fogging for mosquitoes on Mondays and Tuesdays on 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.

Hospital helpers



TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

Hankie Beckman, left, and Anita Roulier, right, volunteers at Citizents Medical Center, kept busy Friday by answering the phone and greeting visitors at the hospital entrance.

Speech clause a valid issues for senators

TOPEKA (AP) — Two senators who don't want to testify before a House committee about their central role in what's become known as "the Nuss Fuss" argue that doing so would violate free speech rights granted to legislators.

Senate President Steve Morris and Sen. Pete Brungardt were having lunch outside the Statehouse on March 1 when their conversation with Kansas Supreme Court Justice Lawton Nuss touched on a pending school finance lawsuit.

In resisting demands that they testify before the House panel investigating the event, Morris and Nuss cite a provision of the Kansas Constitution that says legislators "shall not be questioned elsewhere" for what they say and write during legislative debates.

But they may get additional legal ammunition from a 10-year-old ruling by a pre-Nuss Supreme Court in a notorious case involving allegations of attempted legislative blackmail.

In the 1996 decision, the court said the purpose of the constitutional provision, known as the

"speech or debate clause," is to make sure "legislators may perform legislative functions independently, free from outside interference or fear of such interference."

And, the court said, "The speech or debate clause is to be read broadly to carry out these purposes."

Thank You!

To family & friends for the beautiful flowers, cards & phone calls received in honor of my 90th Birthday.

Elon Miller

Oakley man sentenced to house arrest

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

An Oakley man was sentenced to house arrest for driving drunk for the fourth time.

Harry L. Roudebush, 71, was sentenced in Logan County District Court Thursday for driving under the influence of alcohol on June 5, 2005.

Roudebush lives the majority of the time with a daughter, Scheryl Lagneau, who monitors the 14 different prescription drugs he takes.

"Basically we have a person who has a very low quality of life," Roudebush's attorney Charles Stewart of Oakley said. "Basically he's on his last days."

Stewart called Lagneau to the

witness stand to explain her father's heart, lung and urinary tract medications to District Judge Glenn Schiffner.

She said Roudebush's ability was substantially limited due to his health conditions and she didn't want to see him sent to prison.

She said his ability to cope with life declined when her mother died about nine years ago and Roudebush suffers from depression.

Stewart told Schiffner that Roudebush has been attending weekly meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous. Roudebush testified he did little other than "watch TV."

Schiffner asked Logan County Attorney Andrea Wyrick what the state's position was regarding this being Roudebush's fourth time behind the wheel drunk.

Wyrick said she was not familiar with case law about Stewart's request for house arrest versus prison, but added she was "not heartless" should Schiffner impose that sentence.

Roudebush was ordered to serve 90 days under house arrest and is required to pay the \$15 a day charge for electronic monitoring.

Schiffner also ordered Roudebush's confinement to his house be supervised by the Logan

County Sheriff's Office for the first 90 days, after which he'll serve a one-year term of supervised probation with the Kansas Department of Corrections.

Roudebush was fined \$2,500 plus \$152 in court costs, must submit blood and saliva samples to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and own no firearm for a period of five years.

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