

**Weather Corner**



**Temperatures to go over 100**

**Tonight** — Isolated showers and thunderstorms before 8 p.m. Partly cloudy, then gradually becoming clear, with a low around 69.

East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Friday** — Sunny and hot with a high near 97. Calm wind becoming east between 5 and 10 mph.

**Friday night** — Clear with a low around 67. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Saturday** — Sunny and hot with a high near 102. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Saturday night** — Clear with a low around 68.

**Sunday** — Sunny and hot with a high near 101.

**Sunday night** — Clear with a low around 67.

**Monday** — Mostly sunny and hot with a high near 101.

**Temperatures**  
Wednesday's high, Low this morning,  
Records for this date, 111 in 1934, 44 in 1987

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

July's precipitation, 1.35

**Water Use Report**

**Wednesday, July 12**

• 2,409,900 gallons

In the event usage goes up to 3.5 million or more for three consecutive days, certain restrictions and/or increases could go into effect.

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.

**Woman gets 21 years in escape plot**

LEAVENWORTH (AP) — A prison volunteer who admitted helping a convicted murderer escape in a dog crate was sentenced to 21 months behind bars.

Under a plea agreement reached last month, Toby Young, who ran a dog training program using inmates at Lansing Correctional Facility, pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting aggravated escape and introducing contraband — a cellular phone — into the prison.

She also agreed to pay \$7,500 in restitution for overtime and travel expenses. During Wednesday's hearing, District Judge Frederick Stewart asked her, "Is there anything you want to say?"

She softly replied, "No."

Coming into the Leavenworth County Courthouse with family and friends, Young declined to talk to reporters.

**Briefly**

**County office closes Friday morning**

The Thomas County Appraiser's office will be closed Friday until 1 p.m. to attend a funeral. The office will reopen at 1 p.m. and close at 5 p.m.

**Volleyball team sets fundraiser**

The Colby High School volleyball team is holding a car wash from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wal-Mart parking lot. The cost is a free-will donation, and the event is to raise money for extra expenses.

**Advance voting begins next week**

In an effort to accommodate registered voters in Thomas County for the Aug. 1 primary election, Shelley Harms, Thomas County Clerk, said advance voting will begin next Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Starting from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, July 25, voters may vote at the courthouse, 300 N. Court Ave. Voters can also cast their ballot from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, July 29. Following the decision to consolidate voting places from nine locations down to three, Harms said, she is wanting to assist the voters as much as possible. The three locations available on election day will be at the Brewster City Hall, Rexford City Hall and Colby Community Building, 285 E. Fifth St.

**Bowhunters to host 3D shoot**

The Northwest Kansas Bowhunters are hosting a 3D archery shoot, at 1 p.m., Sunday, at the range one-quarter mile north of Colby on Franklin Avenue. Anyone interested in the shoot is encouraged to attend. Participants need not be members of the bowhunters group, said Gordon Rasmussen, member. For questions, call him at 462-6524.

**Scholarship available; deadline near**  
Colby's branch of the American Association of University Women is offering a scholarship to a Thomas County high school girl who will be a junior or senior in college this fall. Interested girls are asked to pick up applications at Pioneer Memorial Library, 375 W. Fourth St., Colby. The deadline for application is Tuesday, Aug. 1. For questions call members Joyce Mahin, 462-6134 or Bev Eicher, 462-2400.

**Gaither concert Sunday**

Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine, is hosting another Gaither video concert, starting at 6 p.m., Sunday. This week's concert will feature the video "Something Beautiful."

**Car wash planned next Saturday**

The Thomas County Relay for Life committee is planning a car wash from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, July 22, in the Citizens Medical Center parking lot, 100 College Dr., Colby. Proceeds will benefit the committee's efforts in bringing the annual event to the area and for the purpose of raising money to help the American Cancer Society.

**College board meets Monday**

The regular meeting of the Colby Community College board of trustees will be held at 5 p.m., Monday, in the board room of Thomas Hall on campus. Agenda items include approval of employment contracts; resolutions; election of 2006-07 officers and representatives to the Kansas Association of Community Colleges and Endowment Association. The board will also hear reports from President Lynn Kreider, administrators and discuss authorizing the lease purchase agreement for a bus. For questions, call 462-3984.

**CPR classes scheduled**

The Thomas County Red Cross will be teaching First Aid and Adult CPR from 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, July 26, 6-10 p.m. In addition, Infant and Child CPR will be taught at the same times Thursday, July 27. Both will be held at the Thomas County Red Cross office, 350 S. Range Ave., Colby. For reservations or questions, call 462-7161.

**Heartland Share sign-up this week**

Heartland Share, a program designed to promote community involvement, will continue sign-up for the month of July until noon Saturday at State Farm Insurance office, 905 E. Fourth St. This month's delivery begins at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 29 at Sacred Heart School gym, 1150 W. Sixth St. For information, call 460-3579.

**Man charged with eluding officers, damaging car**

By Jan Katz Ackerman  
Colby Free Press

A Colby man has been charged with damaging his wife's car and trying to elude law enforcement officers.

Daniel L. Fringer, 39, has been charged in Thomas County District Court with striking his wife's car, leaving the scene of the accident and fleeing from a sheriff's deputy.

According to Thomas County Sheriff Mike Baughn, on the night

of July 6, Fringer sideswiped a car owned by Patricia Fringer at a residence on County Road Q.

"A deputy saw Mr. Fringer's vehicle's tail lights, but when he approached the car he found it abandoned," Baughn said.

According to court documents, Fringer refused to stop when instructed to do so about 10:18 p.m.

Fringer fled from the deputy and ran into a wheat field, after which a K-9 unit was dispatched to try and locate him.

Baughn said one of his deputies called Fringer on his cell phone and told him to come out of the field. Fringer told the deputy he would not surrender, but that he would turn himself in to the Thomas County Sheriff's office at a later time. At 3:53 a.m. on July 7, Fringer did turn himself in.

Besides being charged with felony criminal damage to prop-

erty, Fringer is charged with one count each of attempting to elude a police officer, failure to remain at the scene of a property damage accident and obstruction of official duty. Felony criminal damage is a level nine nonperson felony punishable by five to 17 months in prison and/or a fine up to \$100,000.

Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer is a Class B nonper-

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

Failure to remain at an accident is an unclassified misdemeanor punishable by one month in the county jail and a fine of \$500, and obstruction of duty is a Class A nonperson misdemeanor punishable by one year in the county jail and a fine of \$2,500.

**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**

**Thursday, July 6**

• **Failure to appear:** David Kenneth Schnug, 25, of Colby, was arrested at 9:03 a.m. by the Thomas County Sheriff's office in the 100 block of E. Fifth St. for failure to appear. He was released from jail at 10 a.m. on a \$500 bond.

**Friday, July 7**

• **Battery, fleeing:** Daniel Lee Fringer, 37, of Colby, was arrested at 3:53 p.m. by the Thomas County Sheriff's office at the Law Enforcement Center. He was charged with aggravated battery, fleeing, attempting to elude authorities, leav-

ing the scene of an accident and obstructing official duties. (See related article on this page).

• **DUI:** Jeffrey David Carter, 31, of Colby, was arrested at 12:30 a.m. on U.S. Highway 24 by the Thomas County Sheriff's office and charged with driving under the influence. He was released from jail at 1:57 a.m.

• **DUI (second offense):** Arron John Rondeau, 24, of Colby, was arrested on Range Avenue and Cedar Street at 11:06 p.m. by the Colby Police Department and charged with a second driving under the influence violation. He was released from custody at 1:07 p.m., Saturday, July 8.

**Saturday, July 8**

• **Battery:** Michelle Renay DeHart, 33, of Colby, was arrested at 2:22 p.m. in the 3000 block of West Fourth Street by the Thomas County Sheriff's office. She was charged with battery and released from custody at 4:03 p.m. on her own recognizance.

**SIZZLING SUMMER SALES EVENT**  
Thursday, Friday, Saturday ~ July 13th, 14th, 15th

Suits (entire Stock)	Reduced 25%
Sportcoats (select group)	Reduced 33%
Short Sleeve Sport Shirts (Over 150 in stock!)	Reduced 33%
Short Sleeve Knit Shirts	Reduced 25%
Tall Men Sportshirts	Reduced 33%
Tall Men Short Sleeve Knit Shirts	Reduced 25%
Short Sleeve Silk Mock Turtleneck Shirts	Reduced 33%
Short Sleeve Banded Bottom Knit Shirts	Reduced 33%
Men's Lightweight Jackets	Reduced 33%
Ties (One Group, values to \$35)	Now \$15.99 ea.

**STORE HOURS:**  
9:00-7:00 Monday, Tues., Wed. Thurs.  
9:00-5:30, Fri. & Sat.

**All Sales On Sale Merchandise Final  
Alterations on Sale Merchandise Extra**

**HIS SHOP** 475 N. FRANKLIN  
462-6361

**Faced with a Drinking Problem?**  
Perhaps  
**Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help**  
Meetings are Open to the Public  
City Hall Basement  
Mondays & Thursdays - 8:30 p.m.

**Routine screening and prompt treatment can reduce deaths from breast and cervical cancer.**  
call to see if you qualify for a free screening

**early detection works**  
620-275-5302  
www.preventionworkskansas.com  
A message from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Cancer Information Service, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, and American Cancer Society.

**Please Recycle**

**Good Luck at State... Sweet Thunder 16U**

**Record: 21-4**

Front Row: Lindsay Frahm, Ashley Schippers, Logan Wark, Brena Jones, Kelsey Normandin. Back Row: Coach Joe Anderson, Kiri Kendrick, Jordan Krzyczki, Brittany Anderson, Danielle Pettibone, Tara Powell, Erika Gonzales, Coach Susan Wark.

**FROM YOUR #1 FANS:**  
**MOMS DADS GRANDMAS GRANDPAS**  
State Tournament ~ July 14, 15, 16  
Shawnee County Sports Complex & Hummer Sports Park - Topeka

**you're on the right track in the CLASSIFIEDS!**

**Colby's 11th Annual PICKIN' on the PLAINS BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL**  
JULY 14, 15, & 16, 2006  
Thomas County Fairgrounds - Colby, KS  
2 Mi. N. of I-70, Exit 53 ~ Camping Available

**WANTED: Teens & Under for the Bluegrass Youth Contest Sat. morning CASH PRIZES!**

**11 Bands! Programs begin Friday nite, 6:30 p.m.; Festival ends Sunday, 2:00 p.m. CT**

Enjoy the family atmosphere - camping, crafts, food vendors, horse-drawn wagon rides, children's activities, chess games.

For information contact: Colby Convention & Visitors Bureau at 460-7643 or 1-800-611-8835  
Check our website: www.shorcock.com/colby

**Admission:**  
Weekend (3 day) Advance - \$20  
Gate, \$25 • Youth (12-16) - \$10  
Friday only, gate.....\$10  
Sat. all shows, gate.....\$15  
Sat., 6-11 p.m., gate.....\$10  
Sunday, gate.....\$10  
Under 12, FREE with paying adult  
Tickets: 1-800-611-8835

**Bands include:** The Abrams Bros, Canada: Sons & Brothers, CO; Bonham Revue, OK; Ozark Alliance, MO; Spontaneous Combustion, MO; Hot Strings, CO; The New Old-Timers, KS; The McLemore Family, KS; Sappa Strings, CO; The Pearce Family, KS; Larry Booth, KS and MC Marshal Allen Bailey, KS

**BBQ Cookoff**  
Sponsored by Great American Outdoor Trails Radio Show

**Win a Turser Premier Guitar with Case!**  
Furnished by Strings 'N Things Guitar Shop and **PASTTIMES**