

Weather Corner



Watch water usage during hot days

Heat wave continues

Tonight — Clear with a low around 67. East wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday — Mostly sunny and hot with a high near 103. Breezy with an east wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday night — Mostly clear with a low around 72. Breezy with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday — Mostly sunny and hot with a high near 106. South wind around 15 mph.

Wednesday night — Mostly clear with a low around 70.

Thursday — Mostly sunny and hot with a high near 99.

Temperatures
Sunday's high, 102
Low this morning, 62
Records for this date, 107 in 1930, 49 in 1900

Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
July's precipitation, 1.35

Water Use Report
Average Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 14, 15, 16
• 3,265,200 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

Parakeet found on West Third

A parakeet, yellow and green in color, was found in the 1000 block of West Third Street, Colby, over the weekend. The bird is being held at the Colby Animal Clinic, 810 E. Fourth St., awaiting its owner to come forward. Clinic officials believe the parakeet is someone's pet. For questions, call 460-8621.

Adelines plan 'pond tour'

The High Plains Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines International will host a pond tour from 1:30 to 4 p.m., Sunday, July 30. The event is sponsored by Barton Concrete Works and will feature eight ponds at homes in Colby. For ticket information, call 462-6312 or 462-3004. All proceeds will benefit the Sweet Adeline Chorus.

Traveling exhibit, workshop near

The Prairie Museum of Art and History is hosting the traveling exhibit, "Golden Weaves of Grain" from the Kansas Association of Straw Artist through Aug. 15. Donna Morgenstern, who is one of the artists whose work is featured in the exhibit, will be presenting a wheat weaving

workshop at the Prairie Museum at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 29. For information, call the museum at 460-4590 or visit on the Internet at www.prairiemuseum.org.

Golf fundraiser July 21

The Colby Community College Wrestling team is sponsoring a four-person golf scramble starting at 11 a.m., Friday, July 21. All proceeds will go toward helping the wrestling program.

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. In addition, Infant and Child CPR will be taught at the same time 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.

Colby school opens Aug. 24

The first day of classes for students in the Colby School District is Thursday, Aug. 24, said Kirk Nielsen, superintendent. Enrollment for all kindergarten through twelfth 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 starting at 8 a.m., Friday, Aug. 11. Additional enrollment information will be listed in the Wednesday, Aug. 2 edition of the *Colby Free Press*.

Queen, princess contestants 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. A trophy saddle is awarded to the queen along with other great prizes for the princess and junior princess. 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.

Commodity distribution Wednesday

United States Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center, 165 Fike Park. For information, call 462-6744.

Discovery of sunken WWII sub answers questions

HUTCHINSON (AP) — News that a submarine lost during World War II was recently found had special significance to three Hutchinson women, who always wondered about their brother's fate.

Marjorie Zimmerman recalls clearly the day her family learned that her older brother, Wesley Clay Shackelford, and the other 85 crew members of the USS Lagarto were missing and presumed dead.

Six decades later, the Navy said the Lagarto — last seen in May 1945 — had been discovered 225

feet below the surface of the ocean 100 miles off the coast of Thailand.

Finally, Shackelford's family can stop wondering.

"I think as long as you don't know for sure, you always have a ray of hope they might show up," said Zimmerman, who was 10 when her brother's ship disappeared. "You always just kind of wonder."

Four young men from the family served in the war. Wesley, the oldest, joined the Navy in 1942; Robert and Walter joined the Army; and the youngest, Dale, also served in

the Navy.

The USS Lagarto, a 1,526-ton Balao-class diesel submarine named for a lizard-like fish, sailed for Japan from Pearl Harbor on Feb. 7, 1945. By May 3, the Lagarto had met the U.S. submarine Baya to plan an attack on a heavily armored Japanese convoy.

But later that night, as the attack was to begin, no one could contact the Lagarto, and the sub was never seen or heard from again. On Aug. 10 — five days before Japan surrendered and the war ended — the

Navy announced the Lagarto as "overdue from patrol and presumed lost."

Zimmerman remembers the day Wesley's wife, Eleanor, came bearing bad news to Hutchinson.

"Eleanor came down from Great Bend — I think her parents brought her — and she was crying, and she had a telegram that said Wesley's ship was missing, that they thought he was dead," Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman said her mother took the news hardest of all, and held out hope that Wesley was somehow alive and would show up someday.

"I was always kind of worried they might find it and bring it up while my mother was still alive," Zimmerman said.

"I don't think she would have been able to stand that."

Eventually, the other three brothers returned from the war and life returned to normal. Eleanor, Zimmerman said, remarried and lost contact with the family.

Today, only the family's three sisters — Zimmerman, Margaret Austin and Rosemary Grandestaff — survive. They all live in Hutchinson.

A private commercial diving team discovered the submarine in the South China Sea, near where the Lagarto was last sighted.

Positive identification was made after Navy divers came across serial numbers, twin 5-inch gun mounts on the sub's deck and the name of the vessel's builder on the propeller.

After the divers' investigation, a plaque commemorating the lives and service of the sailors was left behind.

"It brings closure," said nephew Pete Shackelford. "We never really knew what happened. It's all just been very interesting. With the research that's been done, you can almost get down to the very last moments and figure out what happened."

Oberlin arts group begins drive

The annual membership drive for Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission begins this week.

There are nine events planned, instead of eight, for the same price of \$60 for adults; \$125 for family tickets, or \$65 for the single adult family.

Other tickets available include: \$75/patron, \$100/benefactor and \$500/corporate. Single event tickets will be available at the door at \$10 for adults or \$5 for students grades 1 through 12.

Programs scheduled include: the Turpen Tyme Ragsters, 7 p.m., Aug. 20, Oberlin City Park, a grilled hamburger benefit by the Last Indian Raid Museum; "On Golden Pond," a stage presentation by the

Southwest Nebraska Community Theater, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 14; Eli Barsi Western Concert, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 28, combined with dinner theater, 6:30 p.m., Oct. 28; Ronnie Kole, world famous pianist, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 28; Ben Ulin, comedy illusionist, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 27; Jay Antle, "Mobilizing the Masses," Remembering World War II, Home Front Posters, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 17; K-State Singers, 2 p.m., March 11; Todd Green, instrumentalist, 2 p.m., April 15; Local History Tour of Traer and Herndon, 2 p.m., April 29.

All events will be held at The Gateway in Oberlin unless otherwise mentioned.

Other events sponsored by Commission include: the Holiday Arts and Crafts Show, High Plains

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 Thursday, July 12

• **Erratic driver:** Police were advised of erratic driver at 12:49 a.m. in the eastbound lane of Interstate 70, milemarker 45. Since no sheriff or highway patrol unit was available, a city officer stopped the vehicle at the eastbound rest area. The officer was later assisted by the sheriff's office. (See related incident in sheriff's news)

• **Fight:** Police were advised of two people fighting at 1:29 a.m. on East Fourth Street.

• **Noise complaint/fire:** Police were called to the 400 block of Austin at 1:50 a.m. for noise complaint and persons starting fires on the sidewalk. The fire department was called and the individuals were warned to stop.

• **Stolen vehicle:** Police were alerted about a stolen U-Haul vehicle at 12:14 p.m. at the U-Haul Rental, 1120 Golden Ave., Colby.

• **Parking complaint:** Police were advised by a resident at 9:48 a.m. that people living two blocks away were parking in front of their house. No addresses were given.

Thomas County Sheriff Thursday, July 12

• **Erratic driver:** A sheriff's deputy assisted Colby police at 12:49 a.m. about a driver who was stopped at the eastbound rest area past milemarker 45 on I-70. The deputy advised the man was tired from driving all day.

Bridal Registry
Crystal Herschberger & Zachary Luedke
July 29th, 2006
OFFICE WORKS Home Furnishings
462-2222
850 S. Range • Colby Fax: 462-2262

COLBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WRESTLING
GOLF Tournament
JULY 21, 2006
COLBY COUNTRY CLUB
Please help support CCC Wrestling Program!
Something for everyone!! We will play 9 holes of 4 person scramble golf, then 9 holes of fun golf with lots of gimmicks and surprises.
11:00 a.m. registration, 12:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
Cost: \$50 without a cart or \$55 with a cart

VOTE, August 1
Republican
BYRON SOWERS
Seeking position of District 1, Thomas County Commissioner
Born and raised in Thomas County. Married 33 years, raised 7 children and shows an interest in the functions of Thomas County.
Byron Sowers, Farmer, Rancher

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Thank You
I want to say thanks to all my good friends for prayers, gifts, flowers, telephone calls, and visits shown to me while in Denver Hospital and since being home. Thanks for my good drivers to McCook. We are blessed by having wonderful friends.
God Bless.
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