

Weather Corner



Chance for rain slim

Tonight — Clear with a low around 68. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 95. Breezy with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday night — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 67. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday — Forecasters are calling for a percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 89. South wind around 10 mph becoming east.

Sunday night — A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 62.

Monday — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms mainly after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 85.

Monday night — Skies will be partly cloudy with a low around 60.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy with a high near 87.

Temperatures
Thursday's high, 94
Low this morning, 62
Records for this date, 109 in 1935, 46 in 1931

Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
August's precipitation, 1.52

Water Use Report Thursday, Aug. 10
•2,159,000 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

Commissioners meet Monday

The Thomas County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m., Monday, in the commissioners room of the courthouse, 300 N. Court Ave., Colby. Agenda items include noxious weed position, parcel searches, compactor purchase and weed control. For questions, call 460-4500.

College board holds public hearing

The Colby Community College board of trustees has scheduled a special meeting at 5 p.m., Monday, in the board room of Thomas Hall, to hold a public hearing on the 2006-07 budget. Following the hearing, the board is expected to approve the budget, which was published in the Free Press Aug. 2 and prior to the hearing.

Fans available for those in need

Due to the hot temperatures, the Thomas County Sheriff's office and Thomas County Health Department in association with the Salvation Army have fans available for those in need. For questions on receiving fans, call Deputy Jane McDougal, 460-4570 or Kathy Ryan at 460-4596

Marathon bridge fundraiser nears

The American Association of University Women is again sponsoring its Marathon Bridge Tournament from September through May as a fundraising event to help pay educational scholarships for Thomas County girls. Anyone interested in playing for this cause, said Sharon Kriss, one of the organizers, can call her at 460-2800 for details. In the 30 years

the group has been sponsoring the marathan, Kriss said that more than \$20,000 has been raised for scholarships.

Disability support group to meet

A support group for individuals with disabilities will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at Colby United Methodist Church. The support group members offer each other emotional support, information and opportunities to solve problems. There is no cost and refreshments will be served. for information, call 462-7600.

High school yearbooks arrive

Extra 2006 Colby High School yearbooks are available for purchase at the school office. Graduates may pick up books from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. next week. For questions, call 460-5300

Airport manager suggests crosswind runway

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Colby's airport lacking those amenities can make pilots fly to other areas.

Colby competes with airports in Goodland, Hays, Garden City and McCook, Neb. "Anything within 150 to 200 miles is considered competition," Ostmeyer said.

Some of those other airports offer jet fuel and other services. Those services include having someone at the airport fill the planes with fuel. Some smaller airports usually have

self-service gasoline.

"These are guys in suits and ties," Ostmeyer said, "they don't have their pilots fill the plane."

Another runway-related proposal is the addition of a cross-wind runway.

Cross-wind runways are used when strong winds make for a difficult landing on the other runway. After an extensive study of wind speeds and consistency, the cross-wind runway would be located where wind poses a minimal problem for landings. "It's just easier to

land on a cross wind those days," Ostmeyer said. The proposal is to have a 4,600 feet cross wind runway and it lay in a northwest-southeast direction.

A second runway will also provide an alternative when one runway is drifted with snow.

Based on current plans, the city's water retention ponds near the airport would need relocated because of the cross-wind runway. Ostmeyer said estimates for the runway expansion and addition of a cross-wind runway is at \$5.4 million.

Grants are available to assist with cost. The airport's last master plan dates back to 1982. But what happens in the future to Colby's airport goes beyond what is on paper.

"When you are working with the federal government rules change periodically," said Paul Steele, who is chairman of the airport advisory board. "Twenty years ago we protected our flight plans, but now the government has expanded our flight plans."

Steele said the challenge with the master plan is acquiring the land to

make the additions and changes. If the runway is extended to the north, Steele expects a county road that runs east-west to be closed. The extension would also encroach private property that may need to be relocated or torn down. Similar concerns are also at the south end of the runway.

"We are landlocked," Steele said, "We need more air rights."

Steele said owners of property adjacent to the airport have not been formally informed of the master plan.

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
Sunday, Aug. 6

• **Minor in possession:** Christopher Dean Sutton-Kearn, 19, of Colby, was arrested at 8:15 a.m. by Colby police in the 300 block of West Third Street. He was charged with obstructing official duty and being a minor in possession of a cereal malt beverage. He was released on his own recognizance.

• **Burglary:** Blake Anthony Chrisco, 19, of Concordia was arrested at 8 a.m. by Colby police in the 300 block of West Third Street. Chrisco was charged with attempted burglary, obstructing official duty, and minor in possession of a cereal malt beverage.

• **Burglary:** The sheriff's office assisted Colby police with a burglary in progress at 6:27 a.m. in the 200 block of North School.

Monday, Aug. 7

• **Disorderly conduct, domestic:** Kimberle Jo Haremza, 38, of Colby, was arrested at 11:58 p.m. by a deputy from the sheriff's office in the 2400 block of County Road T. She was charged with a domestic disorderly conduct and domestic battery.

Haremza was released Aug. 8, with notice to appear citations on both charges.

• **Worthless checks:** Elaine Kay McClelland, 44, of Colby, was arrested by a sheriff's deputy in the 300 block of South Lincoln and charged with giving worthless checks. She pled guilty and made restitution. Court costs, fines and fees were waived and she was placed on a six-month unsupervised

probation.

• **Fourth DUI:** Stanley Gerold Percival, 56, of Dodge City, was arrested at 10 a.m. by the Kansas Highway Patrol at the law enforcement center.

He was charged with his fourth driving under the influence violation and will be in jail until Nov. 4.

• **Domestic:** An individual went to Colby's law enforcement center at 11:08 p.m. advising that her husband had taken her apartment key and car keys without returning them to a location in the 2400 block of County Road T.

Tuesday, Aug. 8

• **Stolen property:** Matthew Jay Williams, 35, of Newark, Ohio, was arrested at 9:28 a.m. by a sheriff's deputy in the eastbound lane of Interstate 70 at milemarker 50.5. Williams was charged with possession of stolen property.

Rebecca Mae Shaffer, 19, of

Pataskala, Ohio, was arrested at 9:28 a.m. by a sheriff's deputy in the same location as Williams.

She was charged with possession of stolen property and on a probation violation for grand theft in Licking County, Ohio.

Wednesday, Aug. 9

• **Driving while suspended:** Jessica Ann Sherrod, 24, of Colby, was arrested at 5:02 p.m. by a Colby police officer on I-70, exit 53. She was charged with driving while suspended on a revoked license. Sherrod was released from custody on a notice to appear in court on Sept. 5.

• **Worthless check:** Dawn Marie Jones, 37, of Hoxie, was arrested by a sheriff's deputy at the law enforcement center. She was charged with giving a worthless check in Thomas County. She was released with a criminal summons to appear in court.

• **Failure to appear:** Jonathan

Michael Torpey, 25, of Colby, was arrested by Colby police at 5:02 p.m. at I-70, exit 53, after a hit on the National Crime Information Center confirmed Torpey was wanted by the Chatham County Sheriff's Office in Georgia on two failure to appear warrants to include carrying a concealed weapon and aggravated battery.

• **Probation violation:** Joseph Lee Delancey, 20, of Colby, was arrested at 9:18 a.m. on a probation violation involving a burglary charge.

Delancey is being held by the Northwest Kansas Correctional Center and will remain in custody until Sept. 11.

• **DUI:** Matthew Ray Pieplov, 32, of Colby, was arrested at 5:05 a.m. by a Colby police officer in the 300 block of North Franklin. He was charged with driving under the influence.

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