

Weather Corner

Cooler temps, rain possible next few days

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with a low around 57. East wind between 10 and 15 mph becoming calm.

**Tuesday** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a high near 84. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

**Tuesday night** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a high near 64. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Wednesday** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 89. Breezy with a south wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

**Wednesday night** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 65.

**Thursday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 93.

**Temperatures**  
Sunday's high, 83  
Low this morning, 63  
Records for this date, 103 in 1937, 44 in 1920  
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00  
August's precipitation, 1.96

**Water Use Report**  
**Average Friday, Saturday and Sunday**  
•2,386,600 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

Fair board to meet Thursday

The Thomas County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday at the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds. Items on the agenda include Thomas County 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 barbecue and payment from bluegrass festival. The meeting is open to the public.

Survivor reception Friday

Organizers for this year's Relay for Life will have a Cancer Survivor Reception from 5 to 6:15 p.m. Friday at the Thomas County Complex Office Meeting Room, 350 S. Range Ave. The event is open to all survivors. Relay for Life begins at 7 p.m., Friday, and will continue until 7 a.m., Saturday. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For those wanting to donate toward luminaries in remembrance of loved ones who lost the battle to cancer or those battling the disease, call Carla Sharp, 460-7451. Purple ribbons around town are in honor of the event. The ribbons are

tied to poles along Fourth Street, Range and Franklin avenues.

Deadline Friday for leadership

The deadline to return completed Leadership Thomas County applications for the 2006-07 year is Friday, said Leilani Thomas, program coordinator.

For those who have not received an application or businesses that may want to nominate an employee, stop by the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce office, 350 S. Range Ave., Colby, or call Thomas at 460-7643 or 460-3401.

All new class members will be informed of acceptance in mid-September. The purpose of the leadership classes are to help individuals learn skills increase their awareness of issues in Thomas County and consider taking an active role in city, county government.

Author to appear in Colby

William H. Colby, who wrote *Unplugged: Reclaiming Our Right to Die in America* will be in Colby at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 22, at Colby Community College to read from his books and answer questions from the audience. Colby is nationally

recognized for his legal argument before the U.S. Supreme Court on a high profile case involving a person's care at the end of her life. Hospice Services of Thomas County has also donated a copy of the book to Pioneer Memorial Library. For questions about the presentation or Hospice, call Sandy Kuhlman of Phillipsburg toll-free, 800-315-5122.

Fans available for those in need

The Thomas County Sheriff's office and Thomas County Health Department in association with the Salvation Army have fans available for those in need. Those interested can 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 can call Sharon Kriss at 460-2800 for details. In the 30 years the group has been sponsoring the marathan, more than \$20,000 has been raised.

Plea withdrawl denied

By JAN KATZ ACKERMAN  
Colby Free Press

A Brewster man's second request to withdraw his plea was denied by a judge Wednesday.

Dee Petty, 45, asked District Judge Glenn Schiffner to allow him to withdraw his plea of guilty to the April 22 criminal threat and choking of 28-year-old Michelle O'Brien.

Petty was arrested at his home in the 400 block of Nebraska Avenue in Brewster after an incident in the 300 block of Nebraska Avenue.

At the time of his arrest, Thomas County Undersheriff Jason Moses said Petty and O'Brien were the invited guests at the home of Joe and Michelle Barron when an incident took place about 10:15 p.m.

Court documents stated Petty allegedly told O'Brien he was "going to kill her" and he allegedly placed his hands around her neck and choked her. Moses said Joe Barron pulled Petty away from O'Brien and removed him from the residence.

Petty told Schiffner May 4 he had not presented himself accurately to the judge

"I was operating on no sleep and wasn't how I wanted to represent myself," Petty said.

He said despite having served time in Leavenworth Correctional Facility in 1979, he only recently understood that sentence was for a misdemeanor, not a felony.

Petty said it wasn't until the latest charges were filed against him did he learn he was pleading guilty to a felony for the first time.

Petty had his attorney, Todd Stramel of Colby, filed a second motion asking Schiffner to let him withdraw his guilty plea.

Schiffner said he told Petty at his hearing on May 4 state law required him to show the court good reason to withdraw his plea. He said neither Petty or Stramel had argued for his innocence.

During the sentencing phase of the hearing on Wednesday O'Brien pleaded for leniency for Petty.

"I just want to say I want him to get the easiest sentence possible," O'Brien said. "He's a father and he works and I need him right now."

Schiffner sentenced Petty to an underlying prison term of 13 months and placed him on 24 months probation.

Golf tournament benefits healthcare

By JAN KATZ ACKERMAN  
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Logan County Healthcare Foundation will host its 13th Drive For Health benefit golf tournament Aug. 19.

The golf tournament will start at 9:30 a.m. at the Oakley County Club located at the intersection of U.S. Highways 83 and 40.

"This is a fun event that has raised a lot of money for the health community in Logan County and the surrounding area," said Susan Bloom, foundation executive director

Over the past 12 years, \$91,500

has been raised through the tournament to promote health and wellness of the citizens of the Logan County area.

This year's Drive For Health tournament will feature a four-person scramble format. Bloom said teams can be formed in advance or anyone wanting to participate can join a team the day of the event.

Sponsorship packages are being offered as a way to support the tournament.

Those packages are Diamond Honors Club, a donation of \$1,000 or more; Corporate Gold Sponsor, \$500 to \$999; Silver Sponsor, \$100 to \$499; and Bronze Sponsor, \$25

to \$99. Anyone donating \$100 or more are considered hole sponsors.

"The foundation is also asking for merchandise donations to be used as hole prizes and door prizes," Bloom said.

Since formed in 1993, the Logan County Healthcare Foundation has given more than \$1 million back to the healthcare community in equipment and services.

For more information about entering or sponsoring the Drive For Health Golf Tournament, contact Bloom at 216 Center Ave. in Oakley, call (785) 672-3663 or e-mail at info@lchcf.org.

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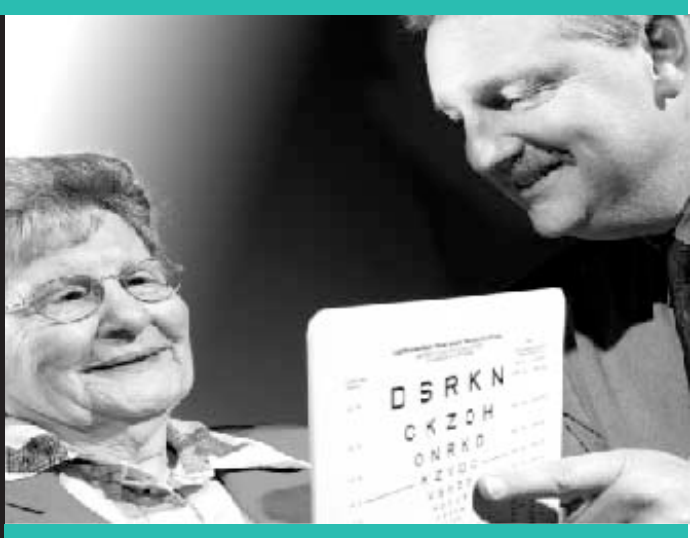
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