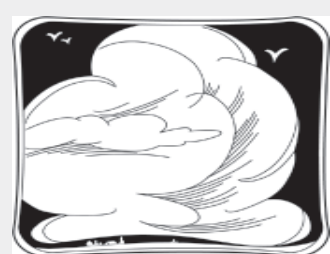


**Weather Corner**



**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with a low around 64. Breezy with a south wind around 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. **Friday** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 92. Breezy with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph with gusts as high as 35 mph. **Friday night** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy with a low around 61. Breezy with a southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Saturday** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 85. Southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Saturday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 48. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 67. **Sunday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 41. **Monday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 65.

**Temperatures**  
 Wednesday's high, 86  
 Low this morning, 52  
 Records for this date, 100 in 1935, 28 in 1904  
 Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00  
 September's precipitation, 0.65

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 meets tonight**

The Thomas County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m. tonight at the 4-H Building on the fairgrounds. The meeting is open to the public.

**School Board to meet Monday**

The Colby School Board will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, in the board room of the Administration Building, 600 W. Third St. Items on the agenda include approval of the consent agenda; reports from the curriculum director, principals and superintendent; stadium project report; establishment of a timeline for administrative evaluations; a discussion on research about replacing a car in the district fleet and personnel issues, if necessary. The meeting is open to the public.

**Auxiliary to meet in October**

The Colby Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, Oct. 10, at the Post home, 220 Lake. Kathy Koon, district president will do the annual inspection. The group will meet for lunch at 11:45 a.m. at China Buffet then go to the Post home for the meeting at 2 p.m.

**College board meeting Monday**

The Colby Community College board of trustees meets at 5 p.m., Monday, in the board room of Thomas Hall on campus. Items on the agenda include approval of agreements Salina Regional Health Center, Hays Medical Center, Westwood One/CNN Network, and Goodland Regional Medical Center.

The board will also consider approval of employment contracts, integrated marketing plan, van purchases and consideration of resignation. The board will also hear reports from Dr. Lynn Kreider, president; other administrative personnel; and trustees.

**Skills day planned Saturday**

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks is co-sponsoring a Youth Outdoor Skills Day Saturday. The skills day includes a variety of outdoor events under the guidance of qualified instructors. For registration times and age requirements, call Matt Bain, 462-3367 or Benny Young, 462-7602, both with the Wildlife and Parks Department. Deadline to sign up is Friday.

**Youth soccer meeting set**

A parent meeting for all American Youth Soccer Association soccer players is 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave. Officials for the AYSA in Colby say the first game scheduled for Saturday has been postponed. The new date is Saturday, Sept. 23. Schedules for times and dates of all games will be mailed prior to the first game.

**Purebred dog found in Levant**

An adult male Great Pyrenees was found north of the Levant-Brewster area Tuesday and was taken to Colby Animal Clinic, 810 E. Fourth St. Dr. Russell Bowers, veterinarian, said he is looking for the dog's owner. To claim this animal, either call 460-8621 or stop by the facility.

**Gaither video Sunday**

Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine, is sponsoring a Gaither video concert, "Give it Away," 6 p.m., Sunday. The concert features the Gaither Vocal Band's new concert. The event is free and open to everyone.

**Woman sentenced for meth**

By Jan Katz Ackerman  
 Colby Free Press

An Oakley woman was sentenced in Logan County District Court Thursday for having drug making equipment found at her home during a drug bust on Oct. 27, 2005.

Nelda A. Foust was told by District Judge Glenn Schiffner if she violates probation she will go to prison for 11 months. In lieu of prison, Schiffner ordered Foust to 12 months supervised probation with an additional 12 month postrelease probation period.

Law enforcement officers, including agents from Colby-based Quad County Drug Task Force and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, found equipment used in the manufacture of methamphetamine in her house when it was raided.

As part of a plea agreement,

Logan County Attorney Andrea Wyrick, representing the state, asked Schiffner to dismiss one count of conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine and one county of attempting to manufacture methamphetamine as part of a plea agreement.

As part of the same agreement, Foust's attorney, Todd Stramel of Colby, asked that she not be fined. Foust sat in a wheelchair next to Stramel as he told Schiffner medical conditions and recent amputation of the lower portion of her left leg were putting a financial burden on his client.

Foust apologized to Schiffner, the county and the state for her actions, then told Schiffner she was trying to live on \$603 disability each month. Schiffner ordered her to pay \$203 in court fees and repay the state's general fund for attorney fees in the

amount of \$400, all payable in \$50 monthly increments.

This is not the first time a residence owned by Foust was used for a drug operation and raided.

In April 2002, Foust's son, Michael Keyes, along with Chris Barnett, Derrick Barnett and Joseph Henderson, were arrested for operating a meth lab at a residence in Brewster owned by Foust. In August 2002, Keyes and Henderson were found to have again manufactured meth at the same home. Both incidents occurred with Foust's alleged knowledge.

In the October 2005 raid in Oakley, Foust and Keyes, along with Betty Groblebe and Farrell Odum were arrested. Keyes was sentenced to just over seven years in prison, the case against Groblebe has been dismissed. Odum's case has been set for a preliminary hearing on Oct. 26.

**Oakley man's plea changes drug charges**

By Jan Katz Ackerman  
 Colby Free Press

An Oakley man arrested during a Valentine's Day drug raid has entered a plea agreement and is scheduled to be sentenced in October.

Despite pleading not guilty in Logan County District Court in May, Roger Wright on Aug. 11 entered a plea agreement with the state and pleaded guilty to one drug charge.

According to court documents, Wright's guilty plea to one count of sale of methamphetamine looks to gain him the dismissal of five other drug charges.

As part of a journal entry on file with the court in Oakley, one count of sale of methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of school property, three counts each of sell marijuana within 1,000 feet of a

school and one count of possession of marijuana within 1,000 feet of a school on Aug. 5, 2005, could be dismissed as part of the plea agreement.

Logan County Attorney Andrea Wyrick, along with Wright's attorney, Charles Stewart of Oakley, have asked District Judge Glenn Schiffner to depart from Kansas sentencing guidelines and order Wright to nearly six years in prison.

Schiffner ordered a presentence investigation of Wright's background, which includes a report on his criminal history. Not bound by the plea agreement, Schiffner retains the right to order Wright to a maximum prison term of six years rather than the lesser term outlined in the agreement.

Wright remains free on an appearance bond and is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 5.

**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 Monday, Sept. 4**

- Traffic complaint:** The sheriff's office received a 911 call at 7:59 a.m. advising them a motorist was driving erratic on Interstate 70 eastbound near milemarker 45.
- Miscellaneous:** The sheriff's office received a call at 1:13 p.m. from a woman advising her son had taken her vehicle without permission. A report was filed.
- Noise complaint:** The sheriff's office was notified at 10:37 p.m. that individuals were hammering siding on a garage and making too much noise. The complaint was in the 1800 block of Sagebrush Road. A deputy spoke with the individuals.

**Tuesday, Sept. 5**

- Burglary, theft:** A resident on DeSoto Drive advised the sheriff's office of a vehicle theft. A report was filed.

**Wednesday, Sept. 6**

- Theft:** A theft report of a laptop computer taken from the a house on Cottonwood Drive was filed at 8:40 a.m.
- Theft:** The sheriff's office was notified at 10:23 a.m. of a lawn mower theft from Colby Implementation, 2106 U.S. Highway 24.

**Thursday, Sept. 7**

- Motor vehicle-fixed object:** The sheriff's office was notified at 2:22 p.m. a mailbox was destroyed in the 100 block of Third Street in Menlo.

**Friday, Sept. 8**

- Domestic battery:** Charity Elizabeth Hughes, 28, of Colby, was arrested at 6:30 p.m. by Colby police in the 100 block of East Hill. and charged with domestic battery. She was released on her own recognizance at 6:59 p.m. with a court date in Thomas County scheduled for Jan. 3, 2007.
- Furnishing to a minor:** Cody Samuel Lilly, 21, of Colby, was arrested at 11:48 p.m. by Colby police in the 200 block of West Fourth Street. The charge pending is furnishing to a minor. He was released at 12:33 a.m., Saturday, with a notice to appear in the Thomas County District Court Oct. 13.

- Minor in possession:** Sean Patrick Walter, 19, of Colby, was arrested at 11:48 p.m. by Colby police in the 200 block of West Fourth Street. Charges pending include minor in possession of alcohol. He was released at 12:51 a.m. with a notice to appear in the Thomas County District Court Tuesday, Oct. 3.
- Domestic:** A mother and son were reported to be arguing at 10:07 p.m. in the 400 block of Harrison in Levant. The deputy assigned reported everything was OK.

**Colby Police Department Monday, Sept. 4**

- Criminal damage to property:** Police were notified at 9:53 a.m. by a resident damage was done to a vehicle and yard in the 1000 block of West Seventh Street.
- Criminal damage to property:** Police were notified at 10:15 a.m. a resident's vehicle was vandlaised while parked in the area of Sterling and Second Street.
- Animal complaint:** Officers were advised at 10:52 a.m. about a dead raccoon in the roadway and in front of the sale barn, 135 S. Country Club Dr. The animal was disposed of.
- Recovered property:** An individual advised police at 11:59 a.m. she found a jacket with cigarettes in the pocket under one of her bushes in the 200 block of North Garfield.
- Juvenile complaint:** An individual notified police at 5:11 p.m. that he had a disagreement with his son, who took off walking with a knife from the 200 block of North School. Police filed an aggravated assault report.
- Service rendered:** Police were questioned at 7:02 p.m. by a woman needing a court order to force someone to turn over clothes to her. Police provided information for this civil matter.
- Noise complaint:** Police were alerted via radio at 10:58 p.m. about a loud motorcycle with no exhaust on Fourth Street, west of town. The officer assigned could not locate the motorcycle.
- Civil matter:** Police were advised at 11:30 p.m. about a subject that kept calling and talking to his daughter in the 400 block of North Riddle. The officer spoke with the reporting party, but was unable to locate the caller allegedly in the 800 block of East Eighth Street.

**Wednesday, Sept. 6**

- Service rendered:** The manager at Fairview Estates Retirement Community, 1630 Sewell Ave. advised police at 1:02 p.m. an individual was missing. The police located the person at Pioneer Memorial Library.
- Miscellaneous, officer information:** A student at Colby High School made threatening comments at 3:40 p.m.
- Loud music:** Police were advised at 10:51 p.m. of loud music in the 600 block of North Range Avenue. An officer spoke with individual and the music was turned down.

**Thursday, Sept. 7**

- Dead opossum:** Police were notified at 11:28 a.m. of a dead opossum in the 500 block of West Cedar. An officer disposed of the animal.
- Criminal damage to property:** A person reported damage to a vending machine at 4:54 p.m. at 770 Dylan Dr.

- Juvenile complaint — runaway:** A parent told police at 5:05 p.m. that a juvenile son ran away from home in the 700 block of South Franklin Avenue. The mother called back later saying her son had returned.
- Domestic:** Police were notified at 9:47 p.m. a juvenile was assaulted by an adult in the 400 block of West Fourth Street.

**Friday, Sept. 8**

- Service rendered:** An individual reported at 1:22 p.m. the theft of a power drill from the 500 block of North Sterling. The officer responding noted the victim wanted to know if the drill had been recovered in the solved burglary cases.
- Trespassing:** An individual advised police at 11:48 p.m. of people being asked to leave the 1100 block of South Franklin. Two officers responded to the call.

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