

Briefly

Airport plans annual 'fly-in'

The Colby Municipal Airport is sponsoring its sixth annual open house, Saturday, Oct. 1, beginning at 6:30 a.m. at the airport. In addition to a fly-in breakfast, airplane rides, incoming helicopters, experimental aircraft, powered parachutes and more will be featured. Eagle Med, Med-Star, the Kansas State University Aviation Department, Air Care, Rans Aircraft and the Kansas Highway Patrol will also have exhibits available for spectators. The pancake feed will be served by Colby Boy Scout Troop 140 and airplane rides will begin from 1 to 3 p.m.

Share delivery Saturday

Heartland Share delivery is Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart School gymnasium. The food menu for September includes: chicken kabobs, ground turkey, deli roast beef (1.5 lbs.), chicken drumsticks, ham steaks, broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce, potatoes, radishes, Gala apples, organes, red pears, and chocolate bundt cake. The items are \$18.50 plus two volunteer hours of the participant's choice. If interested in a share, call Gene Griffin, 460-3579.

Old cell phones wanted

Colby Grade School is collected old cell phones with proceeds going toward the purchase of new playground equipment, said Tami Brown, coordinating the project. Drop-off sites are located at Gavons Electronic, 1870 S. Range; the service desk at Dillons, 1605 S. Range; Unicel, 1933 S. Range; Beringer Hardware, 165 W. 4th or at the grade school, 210 N. Grant. In addition to helping the school, she said, those donating will also be helping the environment through recycling efforts. For questions, call Brown at 460-5100, ext. 1305.

Booster membership drive continues

The Colby Booster Club is currently having its membership drive and is encouraging business, individuals and families to join. Dues help support all activities supported by the booster club. Costs include: \$10, Colby Booster; \$25, bronze; \$50, silver; and \$100, gold. Those wanting to join and support the club can make checks payable to the CHS Booster Club and mail to: CHS All Sports Booster Club, PO Box 136, Colby, Kan. 67701. Officers this year are Dennis Peterson, president; Russ Martin, vice president; Raenette Martin, secretary; Tanya Staats, treasurer.

Tootsie roll drive nears

The Colby Council of the Knights of Columbus will be handing out "specially marked" Tootsie Rolls on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Oct. 14-16, while seeking donations

for those people with intellectual disabilities, said Dick Parnell, chairman for the drive. For those who are not contacted by a Knights of Columbus member, donations may also be sent to the local Knights of Columbus Council by making checks payable to: Tootsie Roll Program Fund, c/o Dick Parnell, Tootsie Roll chairman; 2820 N. Range Ave., Colby, Kan. 67701. All donations are tax deductible.

'Kids For Safety' event planned

The Thomas County Health Department is again offering its "Kids for Safety," from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 28, at the Colby Community Building. Highlights of the event include water safety demonstrations, music and other learning experiences. Everyone, young and old, is encouraged to attend, said Juanita Dewey, administrator.

College to offer computer class free

Colby Community College is offering computer and Internet classes for older Americans beginning Thursday, Oct. 6. Classes will be held Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27. The beginner's class will start at 2 p.m. The class for advanced students will begin at 3 p.m. The classes, taught by Larry Koon, will meet in the computer lab located in the Bedker Memorial Complex on the college campus. To register, call Deb Koon at 462-6617.

Weather Corner



Chance of rain in the forecast

The forecast
Tonight — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 7 p.m. Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 50s. Breezy with a northeast wind 6 to 9 mph becoming north northeast between 18 and 21 mph.

Thursday...A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 7 a.m. Partly cloudy with a high in the low 70s. East northeast wind between 9 and 17 mph with gusts as high as 29.

Thursday night...A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 7 p.m. Patchy fog after 1 a.m. **Friday** — A 30 percent chance of showers before 7 a.m. Patchy fog before 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high in the high 70s. South southeast wind between 8 and 18 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday night...A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 7 p.m. Partly cloudy with a low in the mid 50s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy with a high in the high 70s. **Saturday night**...A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low in the high 40s. **Sunday**...A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Partly cloudy with a high around 74.

Temperatures
Tuesday's high, 90
Low this morning, 53
Records for this date, 97 in 1986, 23 in 1983
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
September's precipitation, 0.04
Soil temperature, 75
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

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Downtown gets bigger with business expansion

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

A major expansion project has expanded the tiny town of Selden's downtown.

Selden Lumber, owned by the family of John R. Geisinger, and his wife Julia, has been located at the corner of Selden's downtown and U.S. Highway 83 for 20 years.

While until recently it operated out of a store front only 16-feet by 20-feet, an expansion has more than doubled its size.

"Dad's original intention was to buy the buildings for storage of his lumber for his construction business," John B. Geisinger said.

"But people just kept showing up to buy lumber. He had Norman Spreser come in and help, and it just kept building up to the lumber yard it is today."

Proud of the fact Selden Lumber

has been able to provide quality lumber and building products to its customers for so many years, Geisinger believes the family has carved out a niche in the industry. That particular spot allows for competition with the big box stores.

"Big box stores are not the enemy. We both serve a need."

"The big box stores are for big towns and stores like this are better for small towns. We can offer one thing that's better, and that's service."

"We know a large majority of the people and we often know what they want and hopefully can get what they need in the amount of time they need it," Geisinger said.

While he knows he can't compete with the larger stores on every item, he believes Selden Lumber can hold its own.

"In my opinion, the big box stores have items they can buy in such quantity they can have sales that I can't have because of that quantity. But you can walk through here and find prices that are lower," Geisinger said.



J. Geisinger

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