

Weather Corner



Prediction calls for rain

The forecast
Tonight...Clear with a low around 38. North wind between 12 and 15 mph becoming light.
Thursday...Mostly sunny with a high in the low 70s. South southwest wind between 5 and 11 mph.
Thursday night...Mostly clear with a low in the low 40s. South wind between 6 and 10 mph.
Friday...A 20 percent chance of showers after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high in the low 80s. South wind around 6 mph.
Friday night...A 20 percent chance of showers after 1 a.m. Partly cloudy with a low around 50.
Saturday...Partly cloudy with a high near 84.
Saturday night...Mostly clear with a low around 50.
Sunday...Mostly sunny with a high around 85.
Temperatures
 Tuesday's high, 93
 Low this morning, 54
 Records for this date, 98 in 1921, 19 in 1976
 Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
 September's precipitation, 0.04
 Soil temperature, 73
 A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Briefly

Book fair slated at Sacred Heart

A Scholastic Book Fair is planned during the parent-teacher conferences at Sacred Heart School on Tuesday, Oct. 4, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 6, from 2 to 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome to view the selections during those hours, said Dave Evert, principal.

Colby's 'fly-in' Saturday

The Colby Municipal Airport is sponsoring its sixth annual open house, Saturday 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.

Childbirth classes begin next week

Colby Childbirth Education will hold a four-week series of childbirth education classes. The series will begin on Thursday, Oct. 6, from 7 to 10 p.m. and will continue on Oct. 13, 20, and 27 in the health science building at Colby College. Expectant mothers in their last trimester are encouraged to attend. The labor support partner who will be with the mother in labor, is also encouraged to attend classes. The next series of classes will be January 2006, said Jeanene

Brown, RN, at Citizens Medical Center. For questions or to register, call Brown at (785) 460-4850 or (785) 462-7105.

Carwash hurricane relief Saturday

Sacred Heart CYO youth group will be holding a car wash Saturday, October 1st, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dillon's parking lot. All donations received will be for hurricane relief.

Depression Screening Week

Heartland Rural Counseling Services will be offering free depression screenings for the 2005 National Depression Screening Day. Depression is more than feeling sad. It is a medical illness. If you would like to see if you, a friend or family member is depressed, please stop by the office at 270 N. Franklin, Suite C on Monday, Oct. 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. for a free depression screening.

Hospital to host diabetes program

Citizens Medical Center is hosting a program on diabetes with Dr. Richard Guthrie speaking on, "Diabetes Update," starting at 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 7 in the hospital cafeteria. Anyone interested in learning more about diabetes care is welcome to attend this free program. Guthrie is an expert on the care and treatment of diabetes, according to Jeanene Brown, RN, MS at the hospital. He is regarded as an international expert in the field and has authored many articles and books on the subject, she said. Diabetes is a major health is-

sure in the United States. Studies have shown the importance of persons with this disease understanding ways they can care for themselves and reduce the complications of the disease.

After Harvest Festival Tuesday

The social problems class at Colby Community College will sponsor the 37th annual After Harvest Festival, starting at 3 p.m., Tuesday. The festival will be held in the Community Building Little Theater. The event is for all those 55 years and older. Activities include bingo and cards at 3 p.m., followed by dinner at 5:15 p.m. and a dance from 6:30-7:30 p.m. No reservations are required. For transportation or other questions, call Deb Koon, 462-6617.

Crop walk scheduled Sunday

The annual Crop Walk to support the local Genesis project and the worldwide ministry of the Church World Service will begin at 2 p.m., Sunday, at the Colby United Methodist Church, 950 S. Franklin, said Carolyn May, one of the organizers. Anyone interested in participating is asked to pick up a packet beforehand and collect donations for the walk. For questions, call the church office, 460-6521.

Captive Free to perform Saturday

Captive Free, a contemporary music ministry team sponsored by Youth Encounter, will be performing at 7 p.m., Saturday at the Colby United Methodist Church. There is no admission fee.

'Our Place' new addition in downtown Oakley

By Jan Katz Ackerman
 Colby Free Press

A setting of smiling faces and sounds of laughter are what customers are getting used to at Oakley's newest downtown business. Our Place, the restaurant which opened recently, is the brainchild of Nick Scott, Oakley, and his brother, Ron, Grinnell. "We were pretty much sitting around talking and we'd say, 'When we get our place going,' and the name stuck. Plus, it's the community's place.

The community needed something downtown," Nick Scott said. With a seating capacity of 80 people, Scott and his staff are offering a breakfast and lunch menu from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Monday through Thursday, and breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Experienced in the restaurant business, Scott previously managed the VFW and Country Club restaurants and, along with his brother, co-owned Scott's Bluff, a club in Oakley. In addition to partnering

with his brother for the restaurant, Nick and Ron are co-owners of Scott Millwright, a business which builds elevators and feed mills, and Nick is one of three Logan County Commissioners. "I tried farming and had a bunch of landlords and when they started dying I couldn't afford the land," Scott joked about his transition into cooking and catering. In addition to the restaurant, Scott, along with Ellise Tholen, cater weddings, banquets, school events, and "lots of work for the

service center." "That service center has been a godsend for this community. It serves 18 counties and people come here from all over," Scott said. Scott said the community and local businesses and banks have been very supportive of his new venture. He also said he was excited to be part of a growing community. "We have a really good Chamber of Commerce working right now and the banks are helping. If you don't have the money, nothing works. "We've also got Interstate

70, and Highways 83 and 40 and they all intersect here," Scott said. Using an open kitchen design and pastel colors, Scott has turned the former Christian book store into his new business. "I've always had an open kitchen, one, because the employees keep them cleaner, and two, the people like to see what's going on," he said. "We offer home cooking and a non-smoking establishment and we have a low-carb menu because we try to do a little bit of everything," Scott said.

Hoxie school district down on numbers

By Jan Katz Ackerman
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Enrollment numbers and budget numbers are both down in Hoxie's school district. "Last year we had 353 students," said Kaylene Oelke, district board clerk and secretary to Superintendent Scott Hoyt.

Each Sept. 20, the state takes a headcount of students enrolled in each school district state wide.

Hoxie's numbers this year are 23 students lower than last, with 320 children in school.

Four of those students came from Jennings, two of which are under closure contract with that district, and two which live in the Hoxie school district but had attended Jennings in the past, Oelke said.

Of those four students, one of them, along with three Jennings graduates from last year, came to Hoxie last year to participate in sports through cooperative agreement.

The budget for the current school year is \$2,493,325, compared to last year's of \$2,507,807.

Hoyt said the student numbers, as well as the budget numbers, are "projections."

"You need to understand this is enrollment numbers and not full-time equivalency which could get into some confidential areas," Hoyt said.

"Budgets are also projections and may not always be accurate to what

Breakdown by grade

The following is a breakdown of students in each grade in the Hoxie Public School system. Those include:

- Kindergarten 20; 1st - 17; 2nd - 21; 3rd - 19; 4th - 20; 5th - 22; 6th - 24; 7th - 20; 8th - 12; 9th - 36; 10th - 36; 11th - 37; and 12th - 36.

you are actually getting or spending." Full-time equivalency is the measure school districts are allowed by the state to use when figuring budgets. For example, some of the factors used in figuring full-time equivalency include the number of special education students, how many students receive free or reduced meals, etcetera.

Hoyt said Hoxie's school district received \$308,240 for special education dollars last year, down this year to \$298,055. At risk student dollars was up this year to \$45,000 from last year's \$18,542. And low enrollment and correlation weighting last year ran \$732,425, to this year's \$646,638, for a current proposed budget of \$2,493,325, down from last year's \$2,507,807.

A copy of the school budget is on file at the district office located at 1100 Queen in Hoxie.

Nurse found guilty of stealing drugs

A registered nurse who worked at a Glasco nursing home has been found guilty of forging the narcotics records of residents at the home so she could steal prescription drugs intended for her patients, Attorney General Phill Kline said.

Kim M. Boland, 43 of Jewell pleaded no contest Tuesday in

Cloud County District Court to one felony count of forgery and was subsequently found guilty by the court.

Forgery is a severity level 8 non-person felony punishable by a sentence of seven to 23 months in prison and a fine of up to \$100,000, Kline said.

Fighter group holds final reunion

HUTCHINSON (AP) — Fighter pilots who were part of a celebrated group that destroyed hundreds of German planes in World War II visited the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center for their final reunion.

The stop at the museum on Sunday gave the men who belonged to the 352nd Fighter Group a chance to see aviation memorabilia, including rockets they had to contend with in aerial combat. Looking at a smaller version of the Walter 509A HWK rocket engine displayed in a glass case, Ray Mitchell of Woodstock, Va., recalled facing the real thing. "Three of them went straight

in front of me," he said. "They lost a lot of pilots on those."

Mitchell was among about 200 veterans from the 352nd Fighter Group Association who toured the museum and watched an IMAX film on fighter pilots. Police escorted the group into Hutchinson while members of the Hutchinson Community College jazz band welcomed the pilots and their families with patriotic and jazz music. Members of a Boy Scout troop formed a color guard, and Cosmosphere President and CEO Jeff Ollenberger thanked the pilot group responsible for destroying 776 enemy aircraft on 420 flying missions.

Eggs-actly

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Sacred Heart School principal Dave Evert held up an egg that survived "re-entry" during McGyver Day at the school Friday. The day included problem-solving and ended with a rocket launch.

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