

Weather Corner



Saturday hot, Sunday cooler

Tonight — Mostly clear with a low around 59. Breezy with a south wind around 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Saturday — Mostly sunny with a high near 88. Breezy with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 52. Breezy with a southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday — A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy with a high near 65. Breezy with a north wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Sunday night — A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy and breezy with a low around 41.

Monday — A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy with a high near 56.

Monday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 37.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy with a high near 65.

Temperatures
Thursday's high, 73
Low this morning, 45
Records for this date, 92 in 1932, 20 in 1952
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
September's precipitation, 0.00

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 at the Thomas County Courthouse. Items on the agenda include a discussion with Jim Harms of the road department at 9 a.m. on a tabled issue on salary request; 9:30 a.m., Juanita Gatz, health department administrator, on a family planning grant; 10 a.m., Clair Schrock, road department supervisor, on an enclosed trailer for the weed department and at 10:30 a.m., Larry Jumper, landfill supervisor, with a discussion on the household hazardous waste building. The meeting is open to the public.

Tootsie Roll Drive begins next week

The Colby Knights of Columbus annual Tootsie Roll Drive is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 13-15. "When you see those friendly gentlemen in their bright yellow and red aprons, please be generous so aid may continue to those special people with disabilities," said Dick Parnell, chairman of the drive.

Fair Board meets Thursday

The Thomas County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday at the 4-H Building at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Items on the agenda include approval of the Sept. 14 minutes; Thomas County Extension Agent report; bills and financial report; committee reports on the grounds, rodeo, parade, demolition derby, races, fair book and advertising expenses and income; and a discussion on the Pickin' on the Plains blue grass festival contract terms.

Essay contest deadline Nov. 1

The Masonic Grand Lodge of Kansas is sponsoring an essay contest with this year's topic: *How is Trade with China Affecting Life in America*. The contest is now in its 48th year and junior and senior public high school students are eligible. A total of \$12,000 will be awarded: first place, \$4,000; second, \$3,000; third place, \$2,000; and fourth, \$1,000. Four honorable mentions will receive \$500 each. Essays must be submitted to the local Masonic Lodge on or before Nov. 1 to

be judged for the statewide competition. In Colby, send essays to: St. Thomas Lodge, P.O. Box 421, Colby, Kan. 67701.

Senior recognition Oct. 13

Colby High School seniors in cheerleading, cross country, dance, golf, football, tennis, volleyball, trainers, managers and pep band will all be taking part in the Senior/Parent Recognition Night at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 13. Parents are asked to meet their students at 6:15 p.m. at the northeast corner of the Dennen Field track.

4-H plans introductory meeting

The Thomas County Extension Office is hosting an introductory to 4-H meeting, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, in the 4-H building on the fairgrounds. The purpose of the meeting is to help youth not involved in 4-H learn more about the opportunities available, said Joe Liebbrandt, extension agent. The organization offers help with leadership skills, public speaking skills, and more. Prizes will be given away for those attending.

Kansas Bar Association to swear in new members

TOPEKA — A St. Francis attorney is one of 17 members of the Kansas Bar Association who will be sworn in at 10 p.m., Monday, Oct. 16, before the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., said Cindy Diederich, with the association.

John G. Kite of Kite and Day Law Firm in St. Francis is one of the new admittees who was congratulated

by the bar association recently.

Association President David J. Rebein in Dodge City, will present the attorneys to the court for admission, she said, and following the group ceremony, a reception hosted by the Kansas Bar Association will be held in the west conference room of the U.S. Supreme Court building.

In addition to Kite, other attor-

neys in Kansas who will be sworn in are: Ross D. Alexander, Alexander Casey Dwyer McPherson and Franklin, Wichita; Laura L. Ice, Cessna Finance Corp., Wichita; Hon. Cheryl Rios Kingfisher, City Of Topeka Municipal Court, Topeka; David J. Kuckelman, Smiths Group, Germantown, Md.; Robert Rex Lee

II, Wilson Lee Gurney Carmichael and Hess, Wichita; Leo L. Logan, Coates and Logan LLC, Overland Park; Maria L. Montgomery, Marcia L. Montgomery P.A., Overland Park; Michael G. Norris, Norris and Keplinger LLC, Overland Park; Gary M. Peterson, Cooper and Lee LLC, Topeka; John E. Taylor, Slattery and Rawson P.C.,

Kansas City, Mo.; Roger Hadley Templin, Payne and Jones Chtd., Overland Park; Jeffrey Lynn Thompson, Thompson and Thompson, Scandia; Regine Lucy Thompson, Thompson and Thompson, Scandia; Craig Lee Uhrich, Jones Day, Dallas; Deborah C. Westphal, Westphal Law Office LLC, Mission and Douglas Paul Witteman, Coffey County Attorneys Office, Burlington.

For questions about the association, call (785) 234-5696 or write: Kansas Bar Association, 1200 SW Harrison St., P.O. Box 1037, Topeka, Kan. 66601-1037.

Editor's note: The Kansas Bar Association, based in Topeka, was founded in 1882 as a voluntary association for dedicated legal professionals and has more than 6,500 members, including lawyers, judges, law students, and paralegals. The goal of the association is in advancing the professionalism and legal skills of lawyers, promoting the interests of the legal profession, providing services to its members, advocating positions on law-related issues, encouraging public understanding of the law, and promoting the effective administration of our system of justice.

Oberlin youth ranch school closes its doors

By Kimberly Davis

Oberlin Herald

Teachers at Sappa Valley Youth Ranch will take on jobs in town starting this week, since the facility where they taught closed on Friday.

The Oberlin School District has four full-time teachers, Aurelia Jackson, Deb Lohofener, Elaine Marcuson and Kimberly Witt, and two part-time instructors, Susan May and Keith Grafel, for the school at the ranch.

Superintendent Kelly Glodt said all but the last employee to get hired at the ranch school will move in town. Ms. Lohofener is on a monthly contract, he said, so she

will only work through the end of October.

Mrs. May and Mrs. Marcuson will work at the high school, Mrs. Witt and Mrs. Jackson will be at the grade school and Mr. Grafel will do both.

The closing of the ranch, said Mr. Glodt, in no way has anything to do with the school there. The school was working efficiently and the students were learning.

Last year in March, Clarence M. Kelley Youth Services announced it would close the ranch. The biggest fear then, said Mr. Glodt, was that the state would not reimburse the school district for teacher salaries.

The ranch reopened under management of King's Camp, however, and the state paid the salaries.

The same question arose last Wednesday, Mr. Glodt said, when he got a call from Mrs. Jackson that she thought the ranch was going to close.

Mr. Glodt said they are working in teacher negotiations for a legal way to protect the district from a closing, but right now, most of the teachers are on annual contracts.

After some calls, he said, he did get an agreement from the state that all of the supplies purchased up to now will be paid for and that the teacher salaries will be paid through

state aid this year. On count day, Sept. 20, said Mr. Glodt, the ranch had 35 boys, one short of full.

Most of the teachers will be helping individual students in the special education program for the rest of the year, he said.

If the ranch doesn't reopen, which Mr. Glodt said he hasn't heard anything about, the district won't be able to afford to keep all of the staff for the next school year. That means at the end of the year, the district will have to put its reduction in force policy into action.

The district will have to wait and see what happens, he said. Until something changes, he said, the equipment, including laptop computers, will be moved out of the two school buildings at the ranch.

Human-operated elevators a time warp

WICHITA (AP) — It is a push-button world now, life at your fingertips.

But residents at the Hillcrest co-op apartment building and people at the Century Plaza building can step back into the 1940s by riding one of what are possibly the last two human-operated elevators in town.

Local elevator companies and city inspectors don't know of any others.

Ann Reed, a resident of the Hillcrest since 1986, has a short ride to the second floor, but she prefers a human being to take her there.

Pull the gates open, turn the wheel, and share a moment in time.

"It's just very nice to have somebody to ride with," she said.

Reed grew up on a farm, but as a kid often visited her grandparents who lived in the Hillcrest. The elevator was a major attraction of the visit.

"I always thought it was so much fun riding that elevator," she said.

Relegated to black-and-white movies now, these elevators used to be vertical taxis as uniformed operators probed your life and dished gossip.

The car in the Hillcrest is original to the Tudor-style, 1927 building.

It sits in the center of the sprawling complex near a parlor appointed in 1920s decor.

It has been re-paneled, painted and otherwise renovated over the years, but the control knob with its

large wheel is the original.

People who work the front desk also work the elevator. A buzzer alerts them when a customer needs a ride, and its original lift engine in the attic clanks and rattles to life.

The operator turns the wheel to control speed and direction. It requires skill to stop the car at floor level without jarring bumps.

The operator pulls open a grilled gate and a glass door to allow entry.

The Hillcrest has two automatic elevators at either end. But manager Bill Landis said the manually operated elevator is the fastest, most dependable elevator in the building. He can't remember the last time it needed repairs.

And it's popular with residents.

"It takes them back to innocence," Landis said.

Second-shift front-desk man Brian Hill has been on the job only four months, but he enjoys talking to residents about their day during the short rides up.

"It's a real pleasant job. You got to be a people person," Hill said.

Some guests and residents prefer

that elevator to the automatic lifts, he said, and he feels more comfortable in it as well.

"It's got a nice smooth ride to it. It's faster than those other two, but you can't feel it," Hill said.

"A lot of seniors love it because it's what they remember."

The elevator makes about 20 trips a day, more for parties in the Sky Room on the top floor.

The elevator at the Century Plaza has no regular operator except during weddings and events upstairs. Sophokles "Steve" Anthimides, who owns the building, said there are three hand-operated elevators in the marble lobby, but only one is in use.

"Believe it or not, people prefer to use it rather than go up and down in an automatic elevator," he said.

Anthimides and Landis have no plans to convert the historic relics into automatic elevators.

"I believe in old things," Anthimedes said.

"It sets the tone for the front parlor," Landis said.

"A lot would be lost without it."

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.

Colby Police Department Wednesday, Sept. 27

- Criminal threat:** Police were advised at 12:45 a.m. of an individual threatening another person in the 1100 block of South Franklin Avenue.
- Theft:** A motel clerk called police at 9:20 a.m. advising them that someone had skipped out on paying their bill.
- The Kansas Highway Patrol, Oakley police and Goodland police were notified.
- Missing person:** A six-year-old was reported missing to police at 6:11 p.m.
- Officers were told the youth had been missing from the 800 block of North Thompson since 3:30 p.m. that day.
- Suspicious incident:** Police were notified at 6:57 p.m. of a juvenile shooting another juvenile with a bb gun in the 800 block of South Court.



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