

Weather
Corner

Rain possible
Friday, Saturday

Tonight — Mostly clear with a low around 35. West wind around 10 mph.

Friday — Partly cloudy with a high near 66. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday night — A 30 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy with a low around 36. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday — A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy with a high near 48. North wind around 15 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 30.

Sunday — Partly cloudy with a high near 50.

Sunday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 29.

Monday — Mostly sunny with a high near 57.

Temperatures
Wednesday's high,
Low this morning,
Records for this date, 90 in 1903, 17 in 1989
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.07
October's precipitation, 1.82

A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Briefly

Solo auditions begin Sunday

Auditions for vocal solos begin at 1 p.m., Sunday, for the upcoming presentation of "The Messiah" in the Cultural Arts Center on the campus of Colby College. All singers wanting to participate do not need to audition, only those wanting to perform solos, said Dr. Phil Shuman, director of choral activities. For questions about auditions, call Shuman at 462-3984, ext. 311.

Clerk's office to extend hours

The Thomas County Clerk is reminding everyone pheasant season opens Saturday, Nov. 4. "To accommodate all hunters," said Shelly Harms, county clerk, "we will be open until 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 2-3 to assist you." For questions, call 460-4500.

Applications for food baskets begin

Genesis-Thomas County, which serves as the area's only food bank, is again planning its annual holiday food basket program for those Thomas County families in need. "Anyone who is interested in receiving a food basket during this special time is asked to pick up forms at the Genesis-Thomas County office, 350 S. Range Ave., Suite 6 in Colby on Wednesdays between 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.," said Marilyn Friesen, co-coordinator for the holiday event. The deadline for applications is Saturday, Nov. 11.

Turkey supper planned Nov. 1

The Brewster United Methodist Church will sponsor its annual "Turkey Supper" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the church, 511 Third St. A free-will offering will help the church with mission projects. For questions, call Nadine Kammer at (785) 694-2456.

Employers wanted for fair

The Thomas County Wellness Committee encourages all employers to promote the wellness of their employees by sponsoring part or all of the screening tests provided at the Wellness Fair, said Diane Gerstner, one of the committee members.

"Employers may choose to sponsor a specific test or just contribute a certain amount toward whatever tests the employee chooses," she said.

The employer will only be billed for the actual number of employees that participate in the screenings. Gerstner cited the following example: Thomas County Business has seven employees and only five want to participate in the wellness tests. The committee would then charge \$25 x 5 (employees). For questions, call Pat Erickson, (785) 462-3984, ext. 327.

Deadline for employee sponsorship is Friday, Dec. 8. The 2007 fair is Saturday, Jan. 13. Blood tests will be done Jan. 2, 3, 4 and 6 and tests offered include:

Comprehensive Metabolic Panel/Lipid profile/Complete

blood count - \$20 (10-12 hour fasting required), TSH (Thyroid Stimulating Hormone) - \$15, PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) - \$20 and Hemoglobin A1C (a three month reading of glucose, is specifically for known diabetics but anyone can have it done).

There is also a \$5 fair registration fee.

New Year organizational meeting set

The committee organizing Colby's Rappin' and Rockin' New Year's Eve party will meet 4 p.m. Sunday at the Quality Inn, 1950 S. Range Ave., Colby. The party will feature concerts by Christian rapper and songwriter John Reuben and Three Chord Wonder.

The party will include food, bowling, movies, battle of the bands, dodge ball, basketball and various other games and activities.

Those interested in helping with the organization are invited to Sunday's meeting. For information or tickets to the party, call J&R Marketing, (785) 443-1994.

Prairie Land Food delivery Saturday

Prairie Land Food, formerly Heartland Share, delivery is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Sacred Heart School gymnasium, 1150 W. Sixth St. The October menu is several meats and a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables and grocery items. If interested in a share, call 460-3579 or 460-8640.

Nuts about fall

Brysen Barton, a student at Puddle Duck Preschool, got a lift from teacher Wanda Spresser to collect some acorns from a tree while his class took time out to enjoy the fall weather while at the same time gathering acorns off a tree near the *Colby Free Press* office on Fifth Street. Brysen is the son of Bryce and Amber Barton of Colby.

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Colby man's probation
revoked by district judge

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

A Colby man has been ordered to prison after having his probation revoked a fifth time.

Dale A. Quast learned on Monday he is headed to prison for 32 months.

District Judge Glenn Schiffner granted Quast probation on Sept. 7, 2005, after being convicted of a drug charge, according to court documents.

Schiffner, at that time, told Quast should he violate the terms of his probation he would be required to serve the underlying prison term of 32 months.

Quast not only violated the terms of the probation, but was convicted of later drug charges and multiple times breaking probation guidelines.

Schiffner has revoked Quast's probation, this time because of pos-

session of methamphetamine and alcohol, driving on a suspended license and leaving the county without his probation officer's permission, court records indicated.

Quast will have just over three months jail time credit applied to his prison sentence for having spent time in the Thomas County Jail 11 days during November 2005; two days in April 2006; 44 days from June to August; 16 days from August to September; and another 17 days in September until ordered to prison Monday.



Colby woman charged with battery

By Jan Katz Ackerman
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A Colby woman is charged with battery against two law enforcement officers for an incident at a local doctor's clinic.

Michelle Dehart, 33, has been charged in Thomas County District Court with battery against Colby police officers Bobby Herron and Kevin Diercks. The two officers responded to a 911 call at 5:54 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, from Slavens Family Clinic.

According to court documents, battery is a level nine person felony and Dehart faces five to 17 months in prison and a fine up to \$100,000 for each count. Dehart has also been charged with obstruction of official duty for her alleged intentional obstruction of Herron arresting her. A Class A nonperson misdemeanor, the charge carries a penalty of one year in the county jail and a fine of \$2,500.

Dehart is also charged with two Class B nonperson misdemeanors punishable by six months in the county jail and a fine of \$1,000 for allegedly refusing to leave the clinic when Herron ordered her to leave and then damaging a Colby Police Department car window when she did leave the building. Damage to the car window was less than \$1,000.

Dehart is also charged with disorderly conduct, a Class C misdemeanor punishable by one month in the county jail and a fine of \$500. This charge stems from Dehart allegedly being so noisy at the clinic she aroused alarm, anger or resentment in others present.

On probation for an incident which took place in Colby in April, Dehart is being detained in the Thomas County Jail as a result of the latest incident. In June, Dehart pleaded guilty to one count of criminal damage to property for damaging Michelle Schlegel's 1999 Pon-

tiac Grand Am and her Motorola cell phone. In August, Dehart was sentenced to an underlying prison term of 12 months and placed on probation for 12 months by District Judge Glenn Schiffner. At that time, Schiffner told Dehart if she violated

her probation she would be required to serve the full 12 months in prison, as well as 12 months on probation after that.

Dehart was also ordered to pay court costs and restitution totaling \$1,675.

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Wednesday, Oct. 25 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dr. Kellogg

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