

Weather
Corner

High near 60,
lows about 35

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around 26. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday — Partly cloudy with a high near 60. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 34. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northwest.

Saturday — Partly cloudy with a high near 63. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 36.

Sunday — Partly cloudy with a high near 62.

Sunday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 36.

Monday — Partly cloudy with a high near 58.

Temperatures
Wednesday's high, 47
Low this morning, 20
Records for this date, 85 in 1931, 0 in 1951

Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
November's precipitation, 0.00

A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

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 the towns of Colby and Oakley and Logan and Thomas counties.

Thomas County Sheriff's Office
Sunday, Oct. 10

- **Towed away:** A resident advised the sheriff's department at 9:12 a.m. of an abandoned vehicle on County Road 36 between County Roads P and Q.
- **Service rendered:** A deputy provided assistance at 5:46 p.m. at the intersection of County Road CC and Kansas Highway 25.
- **Traffic complaint:** A 911 call at 10:41 p.m. sent a sheriff's deputy to U.S. Highway 24 and County Road 27 involving a vehicle stuck. A wrecker service went to the scene.

Monday, Oct. 11

- **Animal complaint:** The sheriff's office was called at 7:52 a.m. about a horse running loose near Colby Livestock near some grain bins.

Tuesday, Oct. 12

- **Possession of marijuana:** Edward Sylvester Sherman, 67, of Palm Bay, Fla., and Donald Ray Wynn Jr., 34, of Barbourville, Ken., were arrested at 6:49 p.m. by the Kansas Highway Patrol on Interstate 70 near milemarker 93 east-bound.

Charges pending on both included possession of marijuana with intent to sell; no drug tax stamp; and criminal possession of a firearm.

The two men were held by the Gove County Sheriff's office in the Thomas County jail.

- **Service rendered:** A 911 call at 11:48 a.m. advised authorities of two 18-wheelers colliding at milemarker 157. The sheriff's department advised the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Wednesday, Oct. 13

- **Traffic complaint:** The sheriff's office was notified at 9:31 p.m. of two cars driving recklessly around Gem.
- **Service rendered:** A domestic dispute at midnight sent a deputy to the 1100 block of South Franklin Avenue to assist police.

Thursday, Oct. 14

- **Traffic, stolen vehicle:** The Oakley police at 8:36 a.m. advised other agencies of a pickup parked in the middle of Kansas Highway 25 at milepost marker 178.

Briefly

Clerk's office open late for hunters

The Thomas County Clerk reminds everyone pheasant season opens Saturday. To assist hunters, the clerk's office will be open until 7 p.m. today and Friday. For information, call 460-4500.

Test registration deadline Friday

The registration deadline for the Dec. 9 American College Testing, also known as the ACT test, is Friday, Nov. 3. The late registration date is Nov. 16, and additional \$19 is required for late registration. The egestionation fee is \$29. Registration materials are available at www.actstudent.org.

Grass clipping collection to end

The City of Colby Sanitation Department will stop picking up grass clippings and leaves Friday, Nov. 10. The city is also reminding residents that household trash should be curbside by 8 a.m. on their scheduled pick-up days. For questions call the Public Works Department, 460-4420.

College blood drive Nov. 9

Colby Community College's blood drive is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, in the student union on campus. To make an appointment to donate, call the nursing department at 460-4797.

Square dance lessons Nov. 14

The Golden Buckle Square Dance Club is sponsoring dance lessons starting at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. Fifth St. "Square dancing is an exercise program that is good for your body and mind," said Ron Snyder, teaching the class. For questions, call Frank Vacca, (785) 462-3465 or 460-2958.

Library event today

Pioneer Memorial Library, 375 W. Fourth St., is hosting a forum on the Freedom of Information Act beginning at 7:30 p.m., Thursday. Brochures are available at the library or for questions, call 460-4470.

Christmas decorating contest begins

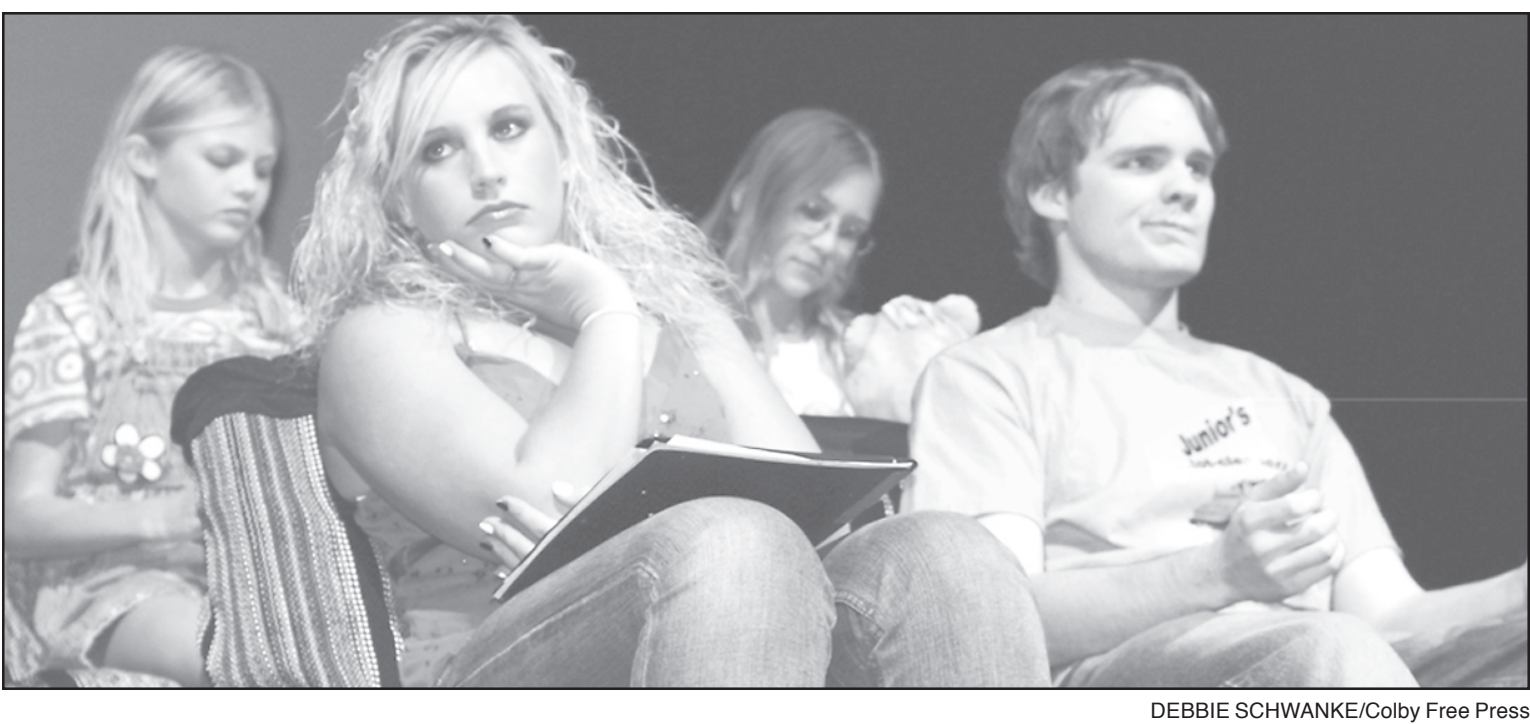
The Colby Promotions committee will again be sponsoring the Christmas decorating contest, which will include business and residential categories. Nominations for each category will be accepted at drop boxes located at Dillon's and Wal-Mart. Residential first place is \$100; second place is \$75. Business first place is \$75 and second place is \$50. Nominations will be judged the evening of Saturday, Dec. 9. Organizers said this is different than in year's past because residents will be casting votes for their favorite locations.

Courthouse, landfill closed Nov. 10

The Thomas County Courthouse and landfill will be closed Friday, Nov. 10 in honor of Veteran's Day. The transit van will also not be running.

Rexford dinner Saturday

Members of the Rexford Lions Club and Royal Neighbors are sponsoring their annual ham and turkey dinner starting at 11 a.m., Saturday, in the Rexford Community Hall.



DEBBIE SCHWANKE/Colby Free Press

Brevyn Fleming, left, and Bridget Bickner, back row, with Marcy McDonald and Casey Buganski in the front seat will all be featured in "Dearly Departed," which begins at 7:30 p.m. tonight, Friday and Saturday.

College performance begins tonight

Colby Community College's drama department is hosting a play "Dearly Departed," at 7:30 p.m., tonight, Friday and Saturday, in the Cultural Arts Center on cmapus.

The play is directed by first-year theater instructor, Terrilyn Fleming with Deb Bickner, technical director.

Bickner talked about the play and offered highlights.

"In the Baptist backwoods of the Bible Belt, the beleaguered Turpin family proves that living and dying in the South are seldom tidy and always hilarious," she said.

When the patriarch of the Turpin family keels over dead in the first scene, the struggle to get him buried involves the whole clan, including the not-so-grieving widow who wants to put "Mean and Surly" on the tombstone.

"Despite their earnest efforts to pull themselves together for their father's funeral, the Turpin's other problems keep overshadowing the solemn occasion."

For example, firstborn Ray-Bud drinks himself silly as the funeral bills mount; Junior, the younger son, is juggling financial ruin, a pack of no-neck monster kids, and a wife who suspects him of infidelity in the family car; their younger sister, Delightful, copes with death as she does life, by devouring junk food; and all the neighbors add more than two cents.

As the situation becomes fraught with mishap, Ray-Bud says to his long-sufferinwife, "When I die, don't tell nobody. Just bury me in the backyard and tell everybody I left you."

"Amidst the chaos, the Turpins turn for comfort to their friends and neighbors, an eccentric community of misfits who just manage to pull together and help each other through their hours of need, and finally, the funeral," Bickner said.

A Cameo performance by Skip Sharp, vice-president of Student Affairs is also featured.

Tickets will be available at the door prior to each performance.

Got News? 462-3963

Military faces obstacles in training Iraqi troops

TOPEKA (AP) — U.S. military advisers are facing serious challenges in bringing the Iraqi army up to standard, including dealing with frequent absences and excessive force from Iraqi soldiers, as well as difficulty recruiting new soldiers, according to recent articles in a military publication.

In an article in Military Review, which is produced by the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Lt. Col. Carl D. Grunow, who completed a yearlong tour training Iraqi units, described how the soldiers frequently used excessive force, including going on rampages after colleagues were killed by insurgents.

"The 'burst reaction' may be attributed to Iraqis experiencing denial, anger and grief all at the same time," Grunow wrote.

Sectarian violence has escalated in recent months in Iraq, resulting in the death of 105 U.S. service members in October, the fourth deadliest month since the war began. Civilian deaths have been on the rise, including frequent attacks on Iraqi police forces and clashes between militias.

Training the Iraqi units to take over the insurgency fight has fallen to Fort Riley, where the 1st Brigade of the 1st Infantry Division is training thousands of U.S. soldiers over the next 18 months to be advisers in Iraq. Army Secretary Francis Harvey plans to review the training at Fort Riley. The latest crop of trainers will graduate earlier in the day. Grunow spent a year with an Iraqi armored brigade north of Baghdad. He noted in his article in Military Review's July-August edition that coalition forces were left with the remnants of an Iraqi army that had little command structure.

Faced with a Drinking Problem?
Perhaps
Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help
Meetings are Open to the Public
City Hall Basement
Mondays & Thursdays - 8:30 p.m.

CCC Theatre Department Presents

DEARLY DEPARTED

A dark comedy by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones.

Nov. 2, 3 & 4 ~ 7:30 p.m.

NW Kansas Cultural Arts Center ~ Frahm Theatre

Tickets available at the door or in advance at the CCC Bookstore ~ 460-4670

Tickets: Adults \$5; Seniors & Non-CCC Students \$4; CCC Students, Faculty & Staff--Free w/ CCC activity card.

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Saturday 4:00 & 7:00 & 9:00
Sunday 4:00 & 7:00
Monday - Thursday 7:00

MAN OF THE YEAR
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Friday 7:00 & 9:10
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Sunday 4:00 & 7:00
Monday - Thursday 7:00

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