

Weather Corner



Temperatures Thursday in 60s

The forecast
Tonight — Mostly cloudy with a low of 18 and winds from the west at 10 to 15 mph. **Thursday** — Mostly sunny then partly cloudy later in the day. Temperatures will warm up to mid 60s with west winds 10 to 15 mph. **Thursday night** — Partly cloudy with lows near 30 and winds from the west. **Friday** — Mostly sunny, with highs in the mid 50s and north winds at 10 to 20 mph. **Friday night** — Partly cloudy, lows in the low 20s.

Temperatures
 Monday's high: 47; low 19
 Tuesday's high: 59; low 27
 Records for this date, Tuesday (Nov. 14) high: 78 in 1894; low -10 in 1940;
 Wednesday (Nov. 15) high: 81 in 1941; low 4 in 1920
 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.

International graduates on rise at KU

LAWRENCE (AP) — After several years of decline, the University of Kansas has reported an increase in international graduate student enrollments this fall. The university mirrors a national trend, where international graduate enrollment is beginning to improve after dropping since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, when the U.S. made it more difficult for students to receive student visas and study in this country. Total foreign graduate student enrollment at U.S. universities increased for the first time since 2001, according to the Council of Graduate Schools. The increase includes a 12 percent increase in students enrolling for the first time. At the University of Kansas, total international student enrollment dropped from 1,677 in 2001 to 1,500 in 2005. This year, total international student enrollment increased about 5 percent to 1,579 students this fall, the first such increase for the university since 2001. And first-time enrollment increased from 166 last year to 178 this fall, a 7 percent increase.

Expert says keep gift-giving in perspective

By NEALE S. GODFREY
 For The Associated Press
 Remember last year's holiday feeding frenzy? You watched your kids wildly rip open gifts, hardly looking at each one before tearing into the next. You thought it couldn't possibly get any worse. Maybe it was a conversation you overheard ("Johnny likes me better, he spent more money on my gift,") or your youngster's tears on the eve of the holiday, when you vowed you wouldn't be out shopping — but your child forgot a gift, so you threw him some money (too much) so he could buy that light-up Santa necktie for Uncle Steve. Whatever it was that made you vow things would be different this year, your opportunity has arrived. It's time for you and your kids to plan your holiday spending.

Once upon a time, giving a gift carried a simple message: "I care about you." If your goal is to help your children see the holidays this way, here are a few simple tips for you. First, make sure everyone in the family has a gift-planning calendar. You already know the dates of

Briefly

Commission held special meeting

The Thomas County Commissioners held a special meeting today to consider hiring an interim grant writer, Lisa Molstad, to assist Juanita Gatz in the health administration office. The commissioners were expected to approve the special item, said Shelly Harms, county clerk.

Kids Wrestling sign-up next week

Sign-up for Colby Kids Wrestling is 7 p.m., Tuesday, at the Comfort Inn, 2225 S. Range Ave. Organizers ask parents bring birth certificate, singlet and used items (if they have them). The wrestling program is open to boys and girls between the ages of 4 through 14. For questions, call Tera Edmundson, 460-6188.

Prairie Land delivery Saturday

Prairie Land Foods (formerly known as Share) will be available at 10:30 a.m., Saturday in the Colby Sacred Heart School gymnasium, 1150 W. Sixth St. There are no extra shares this month. For questions about delivery or the program, call Gene Griffin, 460-3579.

Contest deadline today

The Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization is sponsoring a logo contest open to all residents in Chey-

enne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, and Wallace counties. There is no age restrictions. The entry deadline is today. The winner will be announced in December and receive \$100. "We want an icon describing who we are and we want to be able to use that on everything associated with the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization," said Lynette Koon, coordinating the contest. The best way to send entries is by mail to the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization, P.O. Box 43, Colby, Kan. 67701. For questions, Koon can be reached at 460-6598 or E-mail: koonsters@st-tel.net; messages can also be left at the recycling center, 465-8157.

Soccer bake sale Saturday

Colby's American Youth Soccer Organization is sponsoring a bake sale at Pioneer Memorial Library, 375 W. Fourth St., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 18. All proceeds will help with operating expenses.

Thanksgiving service Sunday

The Thomas County Ministerial Alliance is inviting everyone to give thanks to God in a Community Thanksgiving service at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, at the Colby Berean Church, 1000 S. Franklin Ave. All are welcome to attend. A freewill offering will be taken to support the Thomas County

Traveler's Assistance fund. And, those attending are asked to bring two non-perishable food items per family member for the Genesis food bank.

Girl Scouts sponsor symposium

A "Women in Business Symposium," sponsored by the Colby Girl Scout Troop 162, is scheduled from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, in the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center Frahm Theater on the Colby College campus. Guest speakers include Kris Bishop, Colby College vice-president of Academic Affairs; Tina Harris, owner of Harris Physical Therapy; Cindy Cersovsky, owner of Cersovsky Insurance; and Ardath Beringer, owner of Colby Photo and Corner Cuts Plus of Hoxie. The event is free and open to everyone. For questions, call Terrilyn Fleming, 462-3984, ext. 300.

Flamingo flock invades Colby

Colby Heartland Christian School juniors and seniors are working on a fundraising project for a mission/history trip to Washington, D.C. in March 2007. The project involves pink flamingos, which are placed in a residents yard. Donations are made when the resident wants to have the birds removed for a \$15-\$25 donation. For a larger donation of \$30, residents can protect their yard from getting a visit by the big pink birds. For questions, call Tammy Higerd at 460-6419.

Sheridan County looks at possible ballot recount

By Jan Katz Ackerman
 Colby Free Press

"We had some problems with the tabulator and of the 50 ballots, 15 of them are for Commission District No. 1."

— Sheridan County Clerk Paula Bielser

Six votes split a highly contested commission race in Sheridan County, but all ballots may have to be recounted because of an equipment error.

Sheridan County Clerk Paula Bielser said a ballot counting machine "kicked out" 50 ballots which she does not know whether the ma-

chine counted or not. "We had some problems with the tabulator and of the 50 ballots, 15 of them are for Commission District

No. 1," she said. Incumbent commissioner Ron Schamberger, a Democrat, was facing off against Victor Bielser, a Re-

publican, and the unofficial total stands in Schamberger's favor 220 to 214.

While Victor Bielser is not contesting the tally, Paula Bielser said in the race for commissioner the malfunction needs to reflect the correct totals for all candidates.

Schamberger is a first-term commissioner for District No. 1, which covers the townships of Adell, Bow Creek, Valley, East and West Saline

and one-half of East Kenneth Township, the east half of Hoxie.

"I think we'll have to recount all the ballots," Paula Bielser said.

Bielser said she would be in contact with Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh's office to get direction about how to proceed.

Also wanting the commission seat was Bill Moore, a Republican from Studley, who waged a write-in campaign but took in 4 votes.

Colby woman receives honorary doctorate degree

By Jan Katz Ackerman
 Colby Free Press



Edna Hansen

A Colby woman received an honorary doctorate degree in Christian ministry during a graduation ceremony Sunday in Colby.

When Edna Hansen, 79, started taking Bible studies at the Redeeming Love Ministries Training Center in Colby two years ago, little did she know she would end up being called Dr. Hansen.

"I've been in Redeeming Love Church and teaching at the training center for two years under the auspices of Jubilee School of Ministries," she said. "It was at the encouragement of Apostle Romine that I decided to get the degree."

Hansen said she was able to use former experience as a Sunday School teacher and community volunteer to couple with the education she has received through the Bible college in Iowa to earn her degree.

"I went back to the archives to see what I needed and I had to write a 50-page theses," she said. "I chose — Thy Kingdom Come, for the paper."

Hansen said acknowledging and aligning her life with the Jesus Christ is what the paper focuses on.

"We've had the misconception that the church is the kingdom, but the church is like an outpost," she said. "The official description of the Kingdom of God is the presence of God within a person, occupied as His Holy habitation."

While an honorary degree, Hansen said teaching the women's Bible study called Women's Aglow, helped prepare her for more intense

studies with the Jubilee School of Ministry.

"I needed 219 credits for the degree, but I finished with 235 credits, from teaching, Bible study, and volunteer work I do at Colby Elementary and at the Charter School," she said.

Hansen said the most rewarding part of earning her degree is the spiritual growth she has encountered.

"Any time you go into the word of God a special thing happens," she said. "I feel now that that's in me, I'm more equipped, more prepared and more qualified and anointed to teach the word of God."

Hansen said no one should let their dreams be hampered by age.

"A friend of mine in Colorado is the same age I am and we say, 'We are too young to be this old,' she said with a giggle.

Serving as Hansen's cheerleader throughout the two-year process has been her husband, Norman.

"He's been a wonderful and loving encourager in all this," she said.

Proud of his student, Apostle Romine said Hansen's efforts have made her his star pupil.

"She has excelled in teaching at Redeeming Love Ministries and her accolades with Women's Aglow has been her teaching for many years," he said.

"I've known Edna for four years and I've seen her grow spiritually exponentially."

Romine said Hansen's work throughout the Colby community show she supports it and supports public affairs.

"She has shown love and concern across the generations," he said.

Besides Hansen, others graduating were Terry Wolf of Hill City; Von Poage and Teresa Poage, both of Norton; Paul Glendy of Wa-Keeney; and Shirley Hazlett of Atwood, who was unable to attend the ceremony due to a family illness.

Romine said several other students have attended the nine-month program offered through Redeeming Love Ministries and Jubilee School of Ministry, but have not completed the credits required for graduation.

Church offers Bible training

One does not have to travel great distances or study alone online to earn a degree in ministry. Redeeming Love Ministries, 345 N. Franklin Ave. in Colby is an accredited Bible training center working under the auspices of Jubilee School of Ministry in Fairfield, Iowa.



Romine

Apostle W.G. Romine II serves as chancellor, and his wife, Rev. Orvella Romine, is dean of the school. Offering a nine-month program which runs from Febru-

ary to October, the Romines teach classes at a second training center in Hill City, while Edna Hansen of Colby, teaches in Colby. Romine said the school was "born of prayer," but did not become organized until 2003 when the curriculum was established. Each month, he said, classes rotate between three identities Biblical, spiritual and physical.

He said the Biblical identity helps students understand the Bible, and the spiritual one helps them understand God's direction for their lives.

The physical identity helps students apply what they learn to their daily lives.

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