

Weather Corner



Tuesday forecast warmer, high 57

Tonight — Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear with a low around 31. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday — Mostly sunny with a high near 57. Breezy with a southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday night — A 20 percent chance of snow after midnight. Increasing clouds, with a low around 20. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday — A 40 percent chance of snow.

Mostly cloudy with a high near 18. Blustery with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Wednesday night — A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy and blustery, with a low around 7.

Wind chill values between -1 and -11.

Thursday — Partly cloudy with a high near 22.

Temperatures

Sunday's high, 34

Low this morning, 22

Records for this date, 78 in 1904, -5 in 1952

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.

Briefly

Pancake feed Saturday

The Colby High Plains Lions Club is sponsoring a pancake feed from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. Fifth St. Drop boxes will be available for anyone willing to donate old eyeglasses and hearing aids.

Meth prevention seminar slated

The Regional Prevention Center and Thomas County Coalition is hosting a brown bag lunch Methamphetamine Awareness seminar from noon to 1 p.m., Thursday, at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. Fifth St. "We have a panel of professionals in the areas of treatment, law enforcement and corrections speaking on the dangers of meth within our communities," said Dian Organ, one of the coordinators. Everyone is encouraged to attend and offer input. For questions, call 460-8177 or stop by the center at 505 N. Franklin, Suite E.

Decorating contest entries sought

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 Dillons and Wal-Mart. Prizes will be awarded for each category. 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.

Singles dance Friday

A singles dance will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday at the American Legion, 1850 W. Fourth, Colby. Entertainment is provided by Jim Christensen. Everyone is welcome and door prizes will be awarded, said Carolyn Miller, organizer.

Remote controlled car races set

The RC Club, Racing for Christ, is sponsoring remote control car races from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church of Colby, 615 W. Webster. The races will be held in the basement of the church and all middle and high school-age students are welcome to attend. R/C cars will be provided. Students may bring their own car or race one of the church's. Learning how God's truths in the Bible apply to daily life will

also be part of the experience.

Commodity distribution Wednesday

United States Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center, 165 Fike Park. For eligibility, call 462-6744.

Sign-up for parade continues

The annual Christmas light parade will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sunday in downtown Colby. The theme for this year's parade is "The Magic of Christmas." The parade will run from Second and Franklin to the Scout hut in Fike Park. Registration forms are available at the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce by calling 460-3401. Registration deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1.

Group requests donations

The Northwest Kansas Family Readiness group is asking for donations for soldiers currently deployed to Iraq from northwest Kansas. All items will be mailed by the group and a collection box is available at Wal-Mart. For questions on donations or the organization, call Melanie Fortin, (785) 460-2995 in Colby; or Lisa Varney, (785) 890-6939 in Goodland.

Plans for ethanol plant draw strong opposition

DODGE CITY (AP) — Backers of a proposed \$185 million ethanol plant in southwest Kansas say it will add jobs and boost the economy.

But opponents are circulating a petition seeking to stall the 110-million-gallon-per-year plant, which they claim will increase truck traffic, hurt property values and sap water from an already overused underground aquifer.

"We're not opposed to the ethanol industry, said Rodney Helfrich, a farmer from Wright who is helping circulate petitions.

"We're opposed to the site."

He said as many as 90 percent of people in the area are against build-

ing the plant on farmland near Wright, an unincorporated Ford County town about 10 miles east of Dodge City.

Helfrich says Ford County is already a "water-deficit area" and worries the plant will speed up depletion of the underground aquifer.

The plant would use an estimated 540 million gallons of water each year.

Helfrich and other opponents of the project in Dodge City and surrounding areas plan to show up Monday when the Ford County Zoning Board considers a conditional use permit for the plant.

Student News

Barbara Bickner of Colby received a I+ rating at the State Honors Piano Auditions sponsored by the Kansas Music Teachers Association held Nov. 11 at Kansas University, Lawrence.

Bickner performed "Sonata" by Cimarosa and "Polonaise in

G Minor" by Chopin.

The pianists were judged on the interpretation, technique, memorization, stage presence, and artistic maturity, said Pat Ziegelmeier, piano instructor.

Bickner, a freshman at Colby High School, is the daughter of Marvin and Deb Bickner.



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New sheriff sworn in

Linda Johnson, wife of the late Jim Johnson, pinned the sheriff's badge on Brian Fenner after Magistrate Judge John Cahoj swore Fenner in today as Sheridan County's sheriff. About 40 people attended the swearing in at the courtroom of the courthouse. Hessel Anderson was also sworn in as the county's undersheriff. Fenner replaces Jim Johnson who was killed in the line of duty Oct. 26.

Parents have hard time calling truce in front of children

Dear Dr. Brothers: I am writing about my wife and her behavior in front of the children. Every time I come home from work, she assaults me with complaints about her day, her mother, the boss, the kids and so forth.

She provokes an argument almost nightly at dinner.

Our kids are in elementary school and old enough to hear all the bitterness and arguing and understand that it is not right.

Sometimes they even try to "help," and we have to send them to their rooms.

Question: Since this is "normal" in our home, will it bother them?

— D.D.

Dear D.D.: People like to repeat the mantra that kids are resilient, and that background noise of parents arguing is just that — a little noise that the kids can shut out by closing the door or turning up the music. That makes frequent quarrelers feel better. They think as long as they send the kids out of the room, or the kids anticipate the nightly battles and take cover on their own, no harm done. But this is not an attitude that will help your family stay healthy.

Studies at Auburn University and Brown University, appearing in the journal Child Development, showed that 8- and 9-year-old kids whose parents were involved in even moderate levels of conflict lost approximately a half-hour of sleep a night.

Another study, by the University of Rochester and University of Notre Dame, showed that the 6-year-olds who were tracked did not get used to high levels of parental conflict — they got more sensitized to it.

And when parents instead give each other the silent treatment, hoping the kids won't notice, it absolutely backfires.

Kids do notice. So, a word to the wise: Don't be in denial — fix your marital situation, or change it somehow, for your children's sake.

Dear Dr. Brothers: My two children (4 and 2) are great, but I wish they had been born in opposite order.

The "big sister" is not protective



Dr. Joyce Brothers

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at all, and the "baby brother" actually begs for a little brother or sister — there's no way that's happening! My daughter hits my son, and I always have to discipline her.

I've tried telling her how nice it is to have a little brother, but it doesn't work. Will she be able to accept him at some point, or is it a lost cause?

— B.E.

Dear B.E.: I can see that you are very discouraged by your

daughter's reaction to her little brother. Perhaps before he arrived, she was all excited about having a sibling.

In your fantasies, she'd play the little mother and help you with the baby, all the while showering him with kisses.

Then she'd be his best friend and protector as he grew bigger, and over the years the two of them would become inseparable. How sad that we have to take a reality

check when these fantasies take over!

I know it is very disappointing when you see the older child actually being hostile or mean to the younger one. Try not to let yourself assume that your daughter is mean or not a good big sister. Over the years, her relationship with her brother is likely to change for the better. For now, make sure you strictly enforce rules against hitting or abuse of any kind so that your daughter knows this is not going to happen. Don't threaten her with what her brother will do to her when he gets bigger, either! This might make her determined to get her licks in now, while she is still ahead. Patience, lots of attention to your daughter, some one-on-

one time with her every week and an understanding attitude ("Yeah, I know he's a pain sometimes, but he's usually lovable, like you") should help.

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