

Weather Corner



Warming trend continues

Tonight — Mostly clear with a low around 19. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday — Sunny with a high near 43. West wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday night — Clear with a low around 21. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday — Mostly sunny with a high near 42. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 15.

Saturday — Partly cloudy with a high near 31.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 9.

Sunday — Partly cloudy with a high near 31.

Temperatures
Monday's high and low, 27, 6
Tuesday's high, 36
Low this morning, 17
Records for this date, 75 in 1967, -12 in 1915
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
January's precipitation, 0.63
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

Briefly

Scouts plan pancake feed Saturday

The Colby Boy Scouts are sponsoring a pancake feed from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. Fifth St. The all-you-can-eat feed is free-will donation with proceeds going toward scout projects.

Archeology group to meet

The High Plains Chapter of the Kansas Anthropological Association will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4 at the Prairie Museum of Art and History. The public is invited. The program will feature Bob Blasing on "Prehistoric Use of Astronomy by the Pawnee." Nancy Arendt will also show video highlights of the 2006 KAA excavation near Council Grove. Information about upcoming archeology-related events, in-

cluding the 2007 Kansas Archeology Training Program excavation in nearby Nicodemus, will be presented. A business meeting, including nomination and election of officers, will follow. For information, call Nancy Arendt at 460-6653 or Ann Miner at 462-6399.

Prairie Land Food delivery Saturday

Prairie Land Food delivery, formerly known as Share, starts at 10:30 a.m., Saturday in the Sacred Heart School gymnasium, 1150 W. Sixth St., Colby. For those interested in buying a food package, there are still a few left, said Gene Griffin, co-coordinator. The only other requirement to buying a package is two hours of volunteer service of the person's choice. For questions, call Griffin at 460-3579 or Marguerette

Edmundson, also coordinator, 450-8640.

Coalition meeting set Feb. 27

The Thomas County Coalition, an agency with the goal of assisting children in drug/alcohol prevention issues, will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27 at Pioneer Memorial Library. If interested in attending or questions, call the Regional Prevention Center at 460-8177.

Homestead forms available

The Thomas County Clerk's office reminds residents eligible to submit claims on Homestead property tax refunds and food sales tax refunds, that forms are available. For questions, call 460-4500.

Foundation buys Logan County EMS stair chair

By Jan Katz Ackerman
Colby Free Press

A new piece of equipment at the Logan County Emergency Medical Service will assist with evacuations involving stairways.

Logan County Healthcare Foundation has helped Logan County Emergency Medical Services purchase a Stair-PRO Model 6252 chair which will help evacuate injured or disabled people from basements or buildings with multiple stories

"This stair chair is much safer, more reliable and easier for emergency medical technicians to use than previous equipment," Logan County Emergency Medical Technician Warren Park said.

The Stair-PRO has system that allows operators to control movement down stairs without lifting. "This makes it possible for the emergency medical technicians to easily carry a person up or down stairs," Park said.

"The Stair-PRO also features an extendable head and foot end lift handle design to support a proper ergonomic lifting technique, while improving the operator's line of vision and creating more

personal space between operators and patient."

Calling it one more advancement in technology, Park said other features on the chair include front caster wheels to maximize mobility in tight spaces.

And the chair folds to compact size for storage.

Since created in 1993, Logan County Healthcare Foundation has given more than \$1 million back to the community in health-related equipment, services and scholarships to medical personnel who agree to work in Logan County in the health care profession.

The Logan County Healthcare Foundation is funded entirely through private means, such as tax credits, fundraising activities, donations and planned giving.

Donations to the Logan County Healthcare Foundation can be set up as planned giving through an estate or trust, made as a memorial or in any way of the giver's choice.

For more information about the Logan County Health Foundation, call (785) 672-3663, stop by the office at 216 Center Ave in Oakley or visit /www.lchcf.org.



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Logan County Emergency Medical Service Technicians Warren Park, left, try out the new Stair-Pro chair by simulating the evacuation of Melinda Richardson from a building having stairs. The chair was purchased by a cooperative effort of the Logan County Emergency Medical Service and the Logan County Healthcare Foundation.

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.

Colby Police Department Saturday, Jan. 6

• **Service rendered:** A Kansas Highway Patrol trooper advised police at 10:30 a.m. he was investigating a possible wanted felon at the rest area west of Colby on Interstate 70. Two police officers assisted the trooper taking the suspect to the law enforcement center.

• **Service rendered:** A sheriff's deputy advised police at 9:12 p.m. of a vehicle in a ditch after vehicle's tire had fallen off. Police advised the vehicle swerved in order to avoid an accident.

Sunday, Jan 7

• **Traffic:** Clerk advised police at 1:58 a.m. of intoxicated people leaving the Oasis Travel Center. Two officers located the suspects' vehicle at a residence in Friendly Acres Mobile Home Park.

• **Traffic:** Police were advised at 6:42 a.m. of a pickup blocking the street in the 1000 block of West Sixth.

• **Animal complaint:** A caller advised police at 5:16 p.m. her son had found a dog. The dog was taken to Colby Animal Clinic.

Monday, Jan. 8

• **Service rendered:** Police officer removed debris at 7:14 a.m. in front of Pizza Hut Restaurant in the 900 block of South Range Avenue.

• **Parking complaint:** Police were called at 12:11 p.m. on a pickup parked more than five days in the 500 block of South Mission Ridge. Police left message with owner of the vehicle who said it would be moved later that day.

• **Service rendered:** A911 call at 2:47 p.m. advised police of a man falling on his porch in the 600 block of North School. An officer helped the man into his home.

• **Kidnapping/rape:** An individual went to the law enforcement center at 3:32 p.m. advising of a

possible kidnapping/rape.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

• **Warrant arrest:** Police were advised at 9:16 a.m. of a probation violation for Northwest Kansas Community Corrections and Salina police on Terry Lee Rogers.

• **Suspicious incident:** An individual at 9:55 a.m. advised a man was on his roof in the 200 block of North Franklin Avenue and wanted him removed.

• **Suspicious person:** Someone advised police at 10:49 a.m. of a transient sitting under a tree near Village Inn, 2215 S. Range Ave.

• **Accident:** A resident called police at 4:34 p.m. advising of an automobile accident at Country Club Drive and College Drive.

Thomas County Sheriff Saturday, Jan. 6

• **Immigration violation:** Efrain Vera-Martinez, 38, of San Diego, Calif., was arrested at 11:18 a.m. by Kansas Highway Patrol on Interstate 70 for an immigration violation.

Monday, Jan. 8

• **Probation violation:** Joseph Lee DeLancey, 20, of Colby, was arrested at 5:40 p.m. in the 600 block of North Range Avenue by Colby police for Northwest Kansas Community Corrections on a probation violation.

• **Immigration violation:** Saul Flores-Solis, 38, of Rock Springs, Wyo., was arrested at 12:45 p.m. on I-70 near Goodland. He was released to Logan County officials at 6 p.m. for transport to Norton Correctional Facility. The Immigration and Naturalization Services took over the case.

• **Traffic complaint:** An individual called at 7:51 a.m. advising a semi was stuck and partially blocking traffic at County Road O and Kansas Highway 25.

• **Traffic complaint:** Two semis

were reported stuck at 9:22 a.m. in the 1800 block of County Road O. The deputy said that made a total of four semis stuck. A farmer was to get them out.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

• **Probation violation, more:** Terry Lee Rogers, 32, of Salina, was arrested at 9:19 a.m. by Colby police at the law enforcement center. Charges pending included a probation violation from Salina County;

and three failure to appears on damaging private property, battery, and serving a jail sentence, all with Salina police department.

• **Tow away:** An abandoned vehicle in the 1300 block of East First

Annex was called in at 10:26 a.m. It was then towed to the impound lot by Taylor Motors.

• **Civil process:** Deputies served 13 civil process documents between 8:35 a.m. and 2:50 p.m.

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