

Weather Corner



The forecast

Tonight — Areas of freezing fog. Cloudy, with a low around 20. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Saturday** — Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy with a high near 34. South wind around 10 mph. **Saturday night** — Areas of freezing fog. Cloudy with a low around 22. South wind around 5 mph becoming northeast. **Sunday** — A 20 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 34. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east. **Sunday night** — A 20 percent chance of snow. Cloudy with a low around 20. **Monday** — A 30 percent chance of snow. Cloudy with a high near 31. **Monday night** — A 20 percent chance of snow. Cloudy with a low around 12. **Tuesday** — Mostly cloudy with a high near 25.

Temperatures
Thursday's high, 25
Low this morning, 18
Records for this date, 71 in 1954, -22 in 1933
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
February'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.

Victims describe fire injuries

LAWRENCE (AP) — Some fire victims describe their injuries to jurors Thursday in the trial for the man accused of setting an apartment fire that killed three people.

Jason A. Rose, 21, is charged with three counts of felony murder and one count of aggravated arson for the October 2005 fire killed three residents of a Lawrence apartment complex.

Former Boardwalk Apartments tenant Demarquis Maybell showed jurors his arm where shards of glass sliced tendons and arteries when he jumped from a broken window into a stairwell below.

Maybell told Assistant District Attorney David Melton that he is still suffering pain from the injury.

On the second day of the trial, the prosecution presented jurors with three witnesses to establish that the fire began on the second floor of the apartments. Investigators have previously testified that Rose admitted to starting a fire there.

Fire victims Eli Greenbaum and his girlfriend Dawn Davis both described their jumps from the third-floor window of their apartment.

"I told Dawn: We have to jump or we're going to die," Greenbaum said.

Davis said she broke her back, wrist, pelvis, heels and other bones.

Briefly

Remote control car races Sunday

First Baptist Church of Colby, 615 W. Webster, is holding remote control car races Sunday at the church from 2 to 5 p.m.

Commissioners to meet Monday

The Thomas County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday at the courthouse. Items on the agenda include a discussion with road department supervisor Clair Schrock at 9 a.m. on Kansas Department of Transportation millings, a snow blower and executive session on non-elected staff; Jim McGuire at 9:30 a.m. on office space at the Thomas County Office Complex; Russell Bowers at 9:45 a.m. on vicious animals; a budget request letter from High Plains Mental Health; Donita Applebury at 10:45 a.m. on printer replacement; township appointments; a request from Western Plains RC&D on retain its space at the Thomas County Office Complex; landfill report and a ONEOK update. The meeting is open to the public.

Library to sell books

Pioneer Memorial Library book sale will be held Thursday through Saturday during regular business hours. There has been a complete turnover of books since last book sale.

'Daffodil Days' begins

American Cancer Society Daffodil Days run through this month. The deadline to order is Saturday, Feb. 24. The daffodils will arrive in Colby around March 5-7 and will be available for pick-up at Sompelace Special, 185 W. Fourth St. To order, or for more information, call or e-mail Cathy Harrison, Daffodil Days coordinator, at 460-2501, 462-2331 or harrison@st-tel.net.

Soup supper Friday

The Colby High School Technology Student Association will hold a soup supper before the Colby-Oberlin basketball game Friday at the Colby Community Building. Cost is a free-will donation.

Soup supper, square dance Saturday

The Golden Buckle Square Dance Club is holding a soup supper at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Colby Community Building. A square dance will follow at 8 p.m.

Families wanted

High Plains Mental Health Center is searching for families to help with its new program Homeward Bound. The program will serve children with emotional and behavioral problems and their families in crisis situations. Participating families will provide a home and daily needs for children from overnight to several weeks. Single people are also asked to help with such children. Interested people will take a seven-week training course. Participating people will be reimbursed.

"Colby is a hot spot for this service," said program manager Audrey Harper Schoenberger. She can be reached at (785) 628-2871 or aschoen@hpmhc.com. Also, Becky Kirchoff, a program social worker, can help interested people. Kirchoff can be reached at (785) 346-2184.

Choices, choices...



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Karen Larmer of Colby looked over books for sale at Pioneer Memorial Library Thursday. The book sale runs through Saturday at the library.

Items help soldiers cope

FORT RILEY (AP) — Pfc. Sheila Fulton did what nearly 100 other soldiers did Thursday morning in Craig Gym. She weighed in, checked her paperwork and grabbed a snack before waiting to board a bus.

But the 20-year-old 1st Infantry Division soldier also grabbed a book. She faced a 14-hour flight to Kuwait, and she needed something to read, in this case "Unheralded Victory: The Defeat of the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese Army, 1961-1973."

"I was curious about it. I thought we lost Vietnam," Fulton said. "I want to see what they have to say."

Fulton and the other soldiers will be in Kuwait by the weekend, their first stop on the way to Baghdad. They are part of the 21,500-soldier increase sought by President Bush to turn the tide in Iraq. It's a decision that has rekindled debate comparing the nation's plight in Iraq, now approaching four years, to Vietnam. Soldiers from 1st Infantry's 4th Brigade have been repeating the loading process. Eventually, 3,400 soldiers and officers will be deployed for a year.

Staff Sgt. Christian Curtright, 28, packed a laptop, an iPod and a portable game system to use during down time in Iraq.

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