

**Weather Corner**



**Sunny, warmer**

**The forecast**  
**Tonight** — Patchy fog after midnight. Otherwise, partly cloudy with a low around 29. East wind around 5 mph. **Tuesday** — Patchy fog before 9 a.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 59. East wind around 5 mph becoming calm. **Tuesday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 27. North wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Wednesday** — Partly cloudy with a high around 57. North wind around 10 mph becoming east.  
**Temperatures**  
 Sunday's high, 49  
 Low this morning, 25  
 Records for this date, 83 in 1910, -9 in 1960  
 Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.00  
 March'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**

**FFA Chapter plans fundraising event**

Colby High School's FFA Chapter is sponsoring a Mountain Oyster Fry at 6 p.m., followed by a labor auction at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 15, at the Thomas County 4-H Building. For tickets, call Shawna Howell, 460-5320.

**Help sought for caravan**

Participants are sought for the June Antique Tractor Caravan scheduled for June 2. The caravan will start in Bogue, going through Nicodemis to Webster Lake and back to Bogue.

If interested, call Foyd and Liz Vanloenen, (785) 421-2604, or write: P.O. Box 10, Bogue, Kan. 67625.

**First aid, CPR class scheduled**

The Thomas County Red Cross is sponsoring a community first aid course and adult CPR class from 6 to 10 p.m., Tuesday, March 13, in the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave.

The first aid course is open to everyone and the deadline to register is Thursday. For questions or to register, call 462-7161.

**Pep rally Tuesday for Golden Plains**

Golden Plains High School is sponsoring a send-off/pep rally for the girl's basketball team at 10 a.m., Tuesday, in the gymnasium. The event recognizes the team on its way to state. The Golden Plains girls play in Hays Wednesday at 4:45 p.m., in Gross Memorial Stadium.

**Square dance Saturday**

The Golden Buckle Square Dance group has scheduled a dance at 8 p.m., Saturday, in the Colby Community Building. Anyone interested in square dancing.

**City Council to meet Tuesday**

The Colby City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall. Items on the agenda include a discussion of proposals on the design and building of a new fire station; committee report on a sanitation truck and approval of a resolu-

tion providing emergency fire call pager and dispatch services.

**Judging team plans fundraiser**

The Colby Community College Livestock Judging Team is taking orders for homemade cinnamon rolls to raise money to attend the annual "Cow Palace" judging contest in San Francisco, Calif. The cost \$10 and anyone interesting in placing orders should call McKenzie Chambers at (303) 775-9506.

**4-H County Club Days coming up**

All Thomas County youth aged 7 to 19 are encouraged to participate in County Club Days at 5 p.m. Friday, March 16 at Sacred Heart School in Colby.

Youth have the opportunity to showcase their talents in public speaking and presentations, dances, skits, piano, vocal, reading and more. To register, or for more information, call the Thomas County Extension Office at 460-4582. Registration deadline is Friday, March 9.

**Barbershop chorus performing at Fort Hays university**

**HAYS** — The Hays High Plains Barbershop Chorus will present its 39th annual show, "There's No Business Like Show Business," at the Beach-Schmidt Performing Arts Center on the campus of Fort Hays State University on Saturday, April 14 with performances at 2 and 7 p.m.

In addition to the chorus and chapter quartets, Max Q and Chordial Celebration, two award-winning barbershop quartets, will be featured throughout the show.

Show Co-Chairman Jerry Krug said, "We have put together a wonderful show this year. Our primary goal is always to foster the growth of community singing, and I know we will advance that cause with this show."

The campaign for advanced ticket sales and advertising in the show program is already underway with information being available from any Chorus member. Many barbershop patrons choose to purchase an advertisement in the show program in lieu of purchasing individual tickets because advertisements costing \$30 includes \$40 worth of tickets. Equivalent discounts apply regardless of ad size.

As a result of last year's show, the chapter was able to provide \$6,000 to various schools, singing groups,

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, and Heartspring, a wonderful organization that helps kids with special needs.

"Nearly 2,000 people will attend the show this year," said Show Co-Chairman Lester Seuser, "so advertisers will have their message in front of a large audience and also have the benefit of also enjoying the performance." He also said, "Our songs this year will please traditional barbershop fans, lovers of rock and roll music, or those who enjoy our religious music."

About The Hays High Plains Barbershop Chorus

The chapter is comprised of 39 members. Thirty-seven live in 10 central and western Kansas counties, and two reside in Missouri. The Kansas counties represented include: Barton (1), Ellis (10), Graham (1), Lane (1), Ness (6), Pawnee (1), Rooks (2), Rush (7), Russell (2), Thomas (1) and Trego (5). In addition to more than 20 annual Chorus performances, chapter quartets also routinely sing throughout the region.

Formed in 1968, the chapter regularly sings for community and religious organizations. They also participate in the annual singout at the Kansas State Fair. In 2005, they performed with other Kansas

barbershoppers and Garrison Keillor on the Prairie Home Companion show.

About Max Q

Max Q has only been together a short time, but the quartet recently earned the title of Silver Medalist by finishing second in the Barbershop Harmony Society's International Quartet Competition.

Tenor Greg Clancy is the associate-director of the Vocal Majority and recently won his 10th gold medal with the chorus. He also sang tenor with Dallas quartets Class of the '80's, Gatsby and Dealer's Choice. Greg sings and produces jingles in the Dallas advertising community. He also owns Healthy Living Hit Music, a fitness music company.

Lead Tony DeRosa grew-up singing barbershop harmony, as his dad Papa Joe was an accomplished musician, choral ensemble director and barbershop society member. Tony sang baritone in the 1992 International Champion Quartet, Keepsake and the 2001 Champs, Platinum. He also directed the nationally acclaimed Tampa Heralds of Harmony Chorus for several years. Tony lives in Orlando, Florida and is a studio vocalist and coach of many quartets and choruses around the country. Tony makes his lead debut in Max Q.

Baritone Gary Lewis also has a barbershop quartet gold medal, as he sang tenor with Tony in Platinum.

Gary lived in Florida for a short time and sang with Disney's Liberty Voices during his stay. Gary's amazing vocal range allows him to sing all four parts with ease. He is currently a choral music educator in Ohio.

Bass Jeff Oxley is bass section leader and frequent soloist with the Vocal Majority. Jeff has the most "hardware" in the quartet. He owns two barbershop quartet gold medals, winning with the Rapsallions in 1984 and Acoustix in 1990, six gold medals with the VM, and one gold medal as musical director of

California's Masters of Harmony Chorus. Jeff is actively employed as a studio vocalist in Dallas' jingle community.

About Chordial Celebration

The Chordial Celebration, a quartet with a unique brand of singing and craziness, has been entertaining audiences since 1976! Of one thing they are certain; they are always having more fun than anyone in the house.

They are just common guys. A doctor who only makes house calls on barbershoppers; a school teacher who specializes in computers who still can't get the quartet moves down pat; a sales manager for an international beet seed company that offers discounts to growers who sing; and an advertising consultant who regularly has to confer with his partners on what note to sing.

They all got together with the objective of simply ringing some chords together and having some fun. So, even if it is only for a short period of time, these guys will really help the audience let the cares of the world go by. That is a promise!

From Dr. Dan Clark of Gering, Nebraska, to Rod Businga of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, to Steve Libsack of Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Gary Drown of Kearney, Nebraska, rest assured these guys will bring a whole bunch of sunshine into your life, and provide you with memories to last a lifetime.

About The Chapter Quartets  
 Good Vibes was organized just more than four years ago, Ron

Hanhardt, Otis, sings the bass part, with Jay Wilson, Great Bend, on tenor. Jimmy Rothe, Bison, sings baritone and Galen Pfannenstiel, Ness City, sings the lead. They frequently entertain audiences throughout the region. Contact Ron Hanhardt at (620) 923-4379.

Prairie Timbre is the newest quartet of the High Plains Chorus. Organized in 2005, the Prairie Timbre features Norman "Doc" Giebler, Hays, singing tenor, with James Michaelis, Bazine, singing the lead part. Ross Jamison, WaKeeney, sings baritone and Gayle Garrelts, Hays, sings the bass part. Contact Gayle Garrelts at (785) 628-0818.

About The Barbershop Harmony Society

The Society is comprised of more than 31,000 members in more than 820 chapters in the United States and Canada. It is the world's largest all-male singing society. Affiliated barbershoppers sing in 19 countries throughout the world.

What is barbershop harmony? Four-part, unaccompanied, close-harmony singing, with melody in the second voice, called the "lead."

Tenor (counter-tenor voice) harmonizes above the lead singer; bass sings the lowest harmonizing notes, and the baritone provides in-between notes, to form consonant, pleasing chords.

**Forum to be held on immigration**

**WICHITA (AP)** — A local Hispanic organization has plans to hold a community forum with a group that promotes reporting illegal immigrants.

Bob Hernandez, co-chairman of The People's Alliance for Latino Advancement, said his group wants to arrange the forum with the Kansas Minuteman Civil Defense Corp., so the two groups can explain their missions, discuss problems and identify immigration solutions. The date of the forum has not been announced.

The Minuteman organization encourages people to identify illegal immigrants' addresses. The group will report check-cashing facilities and landlords who do business with or rent to illegal immigrants.

"If you're here legally standing in line to become a citizen, I'm cheering you on," said Ed Hayes, founder of the Kansas Minuteman chapter. "But people who come here from countries all over the world, illegally, from the northern and southern borders, we want them to go home."

Hernandez said he agrees with the Minuteman group's mission to speak out against illegal immigration.

"If white people stand up and do it, they're called racists," he said. "If Mexicanos like myself do it, people will say, 'You have a point.'"

Hernandez, a National Guardsman, said he's against open borders and people who profit from smuggling immigrants. There is no oversight for Mexico's government, which keeps wages low and caters to the rich, he said. So people flee north and send billions of dollars back home.

"We want the U.S. government to quit pandering to Mexico," Hernandez said. "We want Mexico to take care of (its) people."

The Rev. Rene Tario, of the Wichita Hispanic Ministerial Alliance, said he's against the two groups combining efforts to put on the forum.

"PALA is not speaking on behalf of the Hispanic/Latino community," he said. "Regardless of their claims, they (Minuteman) basically want to harass, discriminate and create a hostile environment in the state of Kansas."

Between 40,000 to 70,000 unauthorized migrants live in Kansas, according to a 2006 report from the Pew Hispanic Center. The figures include some people who have temporary permission to live in the United States and those whose immigration status is unresolved, which is why the report uses the term "unauthorized migrants."

The Kansas Minuteman group started in September 2006.

**Daylight Savings Time begins earlier this year**

Starting three weeks earlier, Daylight Saving Time has been changed from its traditional calendar dates to a start three weeks earlier — Sunday, March 11 — and a finish one week later-Sunday, Nov. 4. Daylight Saving Time is practiced in order to gain an extra hour of daylight during the early evening, resulting in the conservation of energy by substituting natural sunlight for electrical lighting.

According to The Old Farmer's Almanac, Daylight Saving Time first began in 1918 during World War I to allow for more evening light and save fuel for the war effort. Since then, Daylight Saving Time has been used on and off, with different start and end dates.

Benjamin Franklin first suggested the idea in 1784. It was later revived in 1907, when William Willett proposed a similar system in

the pamphlet The Waste of Daylight. The Germans were the first to officially adopt the light-extending system in 1915, followed by the British, and in 1918 the United States, when Congress passed the Standard Time Act, establishing our time zones.

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