

Weather
Corner



Windy and
cloudy

The forecast

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around 37. Windy with a south wind 25 to 30 mph becoming northwest 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday — Mostly sunny with a high near 57. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 32. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday — Partly cloudy with a high near 56. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 31.

Saturday — Mostly sunny with a high near 65.

Saturday night — Mostly clear with a low around 33.

Sunday — Mostly sunny with a high near 72.

Temperatures

Monday’s high, 74

Tuesday’s high, 58

Low this morning, 45

Records for this date, 88 in 1988, 0 in 1899

Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.00

March’s precipitation, 0.89

A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

NOW SHOWING

Mar. 23rd - Mar. 29th

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Friday 7:00 & 9:15

Saturday 7:00 & 9:15

Sunday 4:00 & 7:00

Monday - Thursday 7:00

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Briefly

Aviation seminar Saturday

“Aviation Safety Super Saturday,” sponsored by the Federal Aviation Administration, will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Colby Airport terminal. The event will include speakers on flight restrictions, non-habit forming behavior, accidents and incidents and teaching and learning advanced aircraft systems. For information, or to register, call (316) 941-1208 or (785) 460-4438.

“Jeremiah People” performing

Jeremiah People will perform at 8 p.m. Friday at the Colby

Berean Church, 1000 S. Franklin. The group presents Christian drama and music for the entire family. For information, call 462-1968.

Tumbleweed Chorus to perform

The Tumbleweed Chorus will perform its 26th annual show at 2:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Frahm Theatre at the Colby Community College Cultural Arts Center. The theme is “When the Circus Comes to Town.” Guest performers are the Salina Crossroads Barbershop Chorus. Tickets are available by calling 462-2474 or at the door.

Kindergarten pre-enrollment

Kindergarten pre-enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 4 at the Colby Grade School conference room. Call the grade school office at (785) 460-5100 for information.

Ribbon-cutting Thursday

The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce is planning a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Plum Creek, Ltd., 475 N. Franklin (formerly the His Shop) at 2 p.m., Thursday, not Wednesday.

Candidate hopes voters turn out in support of wellness center

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“I hope the voters come in support of it. The new center is a vital part of keeping Colby college competitive. It will complement the education field and make all of Thomas County competitive as a place for people to live and work.”

Winger is senior vice president of administration at Farm Credit of Western Kansas. Before serving on the board, Winger had spent eight years on the college’s endowment board including time as president.

What will be included in the center, if approved, will match what people are looking for when considering a town to move to Winger said.

“People are looking for a community to live in that has certain amenities and things to do. The wellness center will be a vital piece. This makes it more attractive.”

Winger said he is still learning the mechanics of how the college and the board operates which relates to the college and the community it is in.

“If you are not learning and growing, you are not doing something right.”

Arlen Leiker

Parents can help their children prepare for college.

A Colby parent wants to help the college before his children reach college age. Arlen Leiker, a candidate for the Colby Community College Board of Trustees, has two children. Should he get elected, one child will be college-age by the time his first term expires.

“We have to start to get more aggressive,” Leiker said. “We have to

look at new programs.”

Leiker, 52, said expanding the college’s academic programs is one way to bring more attention and enrollment to the school. During a recent trip to Denver, he realized the importance of a Colby college program. Leiker said he met a health care provider employee. That person was waiting to get into one of metro-Denver’s nursing schools.

“In Denver, there’s a waiting list, first-come, first-serve,” Leiker said about the person’s situation. “Good students want to get in. It would be great to say we can get you in.”

Colby Community College’s nursing program is just one of several programs Leiker said the college needs to advertise.

“We have a lot of good things going. We need to get that out,” he said.

To complement the programs, Leiker said he is interested in utilizing more technology in the academics. “We need to keep up,” he said. He said Fort Hays State University has podcast some class material. That is when students receive class instructions via their computer rather than the teacher. Getting the students to come to Colby Community College is one thing, making sure they enjoy their time here is another.

Leiker said he is in favor of creating some programs based on student interest. Considering Colby’s proximity to the Rocky Mountains, Leiker said the college could start a

ski club for students and have occasional trips to ski resorts.

“The town needs to cater more toward the students,” he said.

The college’s proposal to build a \$15 million gymnasium and wellness center is another idea to improve the students’ time at college, Leiker said. College athletic programs will benefit from the center and college officials have said if approved, the proposal should attract more students to Colby.

“I’m in favor of it,” he said. “We’re doing something to help ourselves. We’re not waiting for the next miracle. It’s not going to happen and we’re not going to get anywhere.”

Leiker has lived in Colby since 1967. He is a route driver for UPS.

His father, Cyril, taught math at Colby Community College 40 years ago. He remembers his father commenting about the limitation of the student living centers then. Leiker said his father was concerned about the college’s vision for future growth then.

Part of the college’s proposal is to build a new 260-bed dormitory estimated at \$5 million. Leiker appreciates the current board’s plans.

“Give credit to the group for this center. They took a big step,” he said.

Bill Biel

A former Colby businessman wants to take his experience to college board, because he sees similarities between a business and

Colby Community College.

“A lot of good skills are needed to be a good member of the board,” said candidate Bill Biel. “I want to bring my business management experience and I have always wanted to the college forward and be aggressive all in a positive mind.”

Biel, 62, has been in Colby since 1984 when he was involved with Colby Implement, the John Deere farm implement dealer. He retired in 2004 and has been involved in Colby in various ways to improve the town.

“Too many people say, ‘I’ll just take what’s good for me.’ That’s not me,” Biel said. “I want to give back.”

Biel said he supports the proposal for the new gymnasium and center.

“We need the building. It is very important to the college. Students have a choice. We need to offer more than the other junior colleges.”

Biel related the college’s proposal to the fundamentals of business and said the center has multiple benefits. “It will relieve the pressure off Colby Community Building,” he said. Currently, Colby basketball and volleyball teams play in the community building. That limits the amount of other events that could be held in the facility. Should the center be approved and built, the teams will play games on campus and add another venue for events in Colby.

“I am for anything that is going to move this town forward,” he said. “We need the customers and the college is a business.”

Biel said the college needs to reach beyond its traditional customer base of students just out of high school.

He emphasized the need for the college to offer courses catered toward adults, called non-traditional students, who are either polishing their skills for the job they currently have or are preparing for a new career.

“We have a need for adults to further their education,” he said.



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