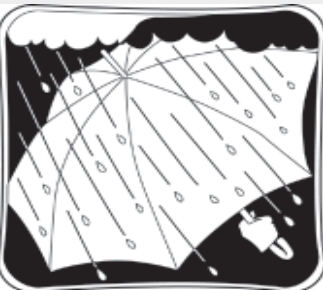


Weather  
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Cloudy and breezy

The forecast

Tonight — Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday — Partly cloudy with a low around 35. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday night — A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a low around 34. North wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Saturday — A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy with a high near 61. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 36.

Sunday — Mostly sunny with a high near 70.

Temperatures

Wednesday's high, 74

Low this morning, 45

Records for this date, 90 in 1943, 4 in 1987

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.

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.

Passover presentation Friday

Jews for Jesus, will present “Christ in the Passover” 7 p.m. Friday at Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine. Using a visual display of traditional Passover accouterments, the “Christ in the Passover” presentation enhances the Christian’s understanding and appreciation of the Jewish background of the Christian Communion. Ancient and modern Jewish customs are discussed and described with an emphasis on the aspect of redemption which Christ accomplished at Calvary.

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. Parents or guardians need to bring the child’s birth certificate, immunization records and Social Security card. Call the grade school office at (785) 460-5100 for information.

Puddle Duck enrollment April 4

Enrollment-open house for the 2007-08 school year for Puddle Duck Preschool is from 4 to 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 4. The preschool is for 3- to 5-year-old children and welcomes all denominations, said Amy Jennings, school administrator. For questions, call 460-2603.

Easter Egg hunts planned

The Kiwanis Club Easter Egg Hunt will be at 10 a.m. March 31 at Fike Park. The hunt for children 3 and younger will be at 10 a.m.; 4-6 years old, 10:10 a.m. and 7-9 years old, 10:20 a.m. In case of bad weather, listen to KXXX or KQLS for more information. Colby’s Assembly of God Church is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt from 1 to 2:15 p.m., Saturday, April 7, at its facility, 245 W. College Dr. The hunt is open to children ages infant to 10 years old. Children under 6, should be accompanied by a parent. For questions, call 462-8234.

Residents give their approval for proposed wellness center

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“Sometimes you got to give back, like tithing at church,” Pope said.

Changes needed

Saddler attended Colby Community College from 1969 to 1971 and was on the track team. Then, and now, Colony’s track team use Colby High School’s facility for meets and practices.

Although the proposal caters more toward the Trojans basketball, volleyball and wrestling programs, Saddler said the center will improve the college’s reputation.

One of Saddler’s sons played baseball at Colby before transferring to the University of Kansas. Saddler said, while at Kansas his son met a student who transferred from Hutchinson Community College, which plays Colby in the Jayhawk Conference.

Saddler remembers what the person from Hutchinson told his son. “I was amazed at how horrendous your facilities were. How were you able to recruit,” Saddler said.

Saddler said that kind of attitude is what may have kept Colby Community College’s enrollment stagnant.

“Kids want recreational facilities, places to work out and have physical activities. Other colleges have them. That is part of the choice and options to know where to go.”

The college’s current facilities “don’t stack up,” Saddler said.

Pope agrees with Saddler.

Considering Colby’s location in northwest Kansas, Pope said Colby is competing with Fort Hays State University in Hays for regional students. Hays is about 100 miles east of Colby.

Pope said he knows Fort Hays is a four-year school in a larger town compared to the two-year school in Colby.

Pope said Fort Hays’ enrollment has increased over the years. Colby’s has been stable.

“We are not keeping pace,” Pope said.

Saddler appreciates the efforts of the college’s current administration.

“I remember when the college started. It grew with the first two presidents and was stagnant with the last one. The object was not to spend money and neglected facilities. We have a lot of catching up to do.”

Send the bill

Thomas County farmer and landowner Gary Cooper said the economic changes in Thomas County and northwest Kansas are like the rest of the country. Not every dollar generated in Thomas County will stay with a Thomas County resident.

“A lot of our businesses are owned by non-residents,” he said. “It’s the sign of the times.”

Cooper said his family has been farming and in the grain business since the 1940s. Over the decades agriculture businesses have changed and some have lost their local connection. Cooper said Cornerstone Ag in Colby is partially owned by Cargill, an international agriculture product company based in Minneapolis, Minn.

Cooper, 71, said he has no direct relationship with Colby Community College. His children chose other colleges to attend, but that has not bothered Cooper from backing the college.

“I support the college. This is a major asset to the community and it has to get better,” he said. “I know there are supporters out there and I know people who just don’t care.”

Pope said the people critical of the college’s proposal and the tax increase are not forced to live here. He said he has recently met some of those people.

“One person said, ‘My kids don’t live here and I don’t want to pay the taxes.’

With that attitude why don’t you just move now,” he said. “We have to all be in this together.”

Heroes of Hope

Knowing what’s important

Editor’s note: The following article is the second in a monthly series of ‘Heroes of Hope’ articles written by area cancer survivors. The purpose of these articles is to raise awareness about cancer while encouraging others to participate in this year’s Thomas County Relay for Life event, scheduled Friday, Aug. 17, at Fike Park. For those interested in forming a team or buying a luminary to remember a loved one can call Carla Sharp, event chair, at (785) 460-4881.

By Rebecca Rhea

Cancer Survivor

“2005” was not a very good year for me.

In February I had back surgery for a herniated disc. Then in May I had abdominal surgery to remove adhesions and ovaries.

I finally got through all that and began feeling like myself again.

Sept. 29 I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I’ve been a nurse for 18 years now and I have taken care of many cancer patients — of course I never thought I’d be one of them.

The day I found out I had cancer I had so many thoughts and emotions going through my head. It was hard to focus.

I think I was numb.

I worked that night and one of my patients was dying of breast cancer metastasized to the bone. (May she rest in peace)

It was so hard to see her and her family and wonder if I would also die. My supervisor Linda, could tell that I was having a tough time so she sent me home. “Thank you, Linda.”

On Oct. 11, I had a mastectomy and started chemo in November. I went to Hays every two weeks for

the chemo.

Thanks to my family, friends and co-workers who took me to Hays.



I’m so grateful to everyone who played a part in my road to recovery. I couldn’t have gotten through it all without the love, support and encouragement from family, friends and co-workers.

Chemo was yucky — nauseated, super tired and losing my hair was awful.

I tried to keep my sense of humor through it all. I finished my chemo in February 2006.

Little by little I started to feel better. It was a big hill to climb but I made it. It’s been one year and five months now and all my check ups have been good.

Being diagnosed with cancer has helped me to have a different perspective on life, what is important to me, who is important to me and who I am important to.

I believe that it doesn’t really matter what you have financially, physically or material-wise.

What really matters is what kind of person you are inside. Last year was the first time I walked in Relay for Life.

It was awesome.

I couldn’t believe how many people have been affected by cancer. The support from the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life has been amazing.

I lost a very good friend to cancer on May 5, 2006 (I miss you Diane). So I walked for Diane and I walked for me.

It is so very important that we all support the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life, so we can find a cure for this horrible disease.

Please come to the Relay for Life this year. I guarantee you will be very moved and have an amazing time.

God Bless everyone who helped me get through a difficult time in my life.



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By Mary Lou Peter-Biecha  
Kansas State University

HAYS — Phillip Stahlman, a Kansas State University professor and K-State Research and Extension specialist in weed science, was recognized as Fellow of the Western Society of Weed Science at its annual meeting March 13-15 in Portland, Ore.

Stahlman, who is based at K-State’s Agricultural Research Center at Hays, has been a researcher at the university since 1975.

Much of his research has focused on herbicide testing and development research involving crops grown in Kansas, including winter wheat, grain sorghum, sunflower, fallow, corn and soybean.

“This award is especially significant because it recognizes Phil’s sustained contribution to weed science over a long time period and it



Stahlman

shows the respect that he has earned among his peers,” said Bob Gillen, head of K-State’s Western Kansas Agricultural Research Centers.

Stahlman’s current research includes work in integrated weed management systems, risks and benefits of herbicide-resistant crops, and weed spectrum shifts associated with herbicide-resistant cropping systems.

The goal of the research is to im-

prove current weed management strategies in dryland cropping systems and to develop methods of reducing the risks of soil erosion and crop failure using plant residue and soil water management.

In addition to his research, he has given presentations to growers in Kansas and in other states and helped develop a satellite weed science program in Colby for northwest Kansas producers.

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