

Weather Corner



Partly cloudy

The forecast
Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around 52. Breezy with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Friday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 83. Breezy with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Friday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 53. South wind around 15 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 84. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. **Saturday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 56. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 85. **Sunday night** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 65. **Monday** — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a high near 80.
Temperatures
 Wednesday's high, 75
 Low this morning, 45
 Records for this date, 96 in 1893, 30 in 1942
 Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.05
 May's precipitation, 0.28
 A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

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.

Thomas County Sheriff Tuesday, April 10

- Furnishing to a minor:** Bryan Leonard Percival, 21, of Colby, was arrested at 9:24 a.m. in the 1100 block of Zelfer by Colby police. The charge pending was furnishing to a minor.
- Contributing:** Shawn Joseph Beagley, 22, of Oakley, was arrested at 9:24 a.m. in the 1100 block of Zelfer by Colby police. The charge pending was contributing to a child's misconduct.

Colby Police Department Tuesday, April 10

- Traffic:** Police were advised at 7:50 a.m. of vehicle speeding in school zone, southbound at Fourth Street and Range Avenue.
- Theft:** Police were called at 10:41 a.m. about two cell phones stolen from the 1100 block of South Franklin. The reporting party also said a threatening text message was on one of the phones.
- Suspicious person:** A call at 1:57 p.m. alerted police that a man knocked on a door, then left walking northbound in the 700 block of South School.
- Phone harassment:** Police were called at 3 p.m. from an individual saying they received harassing text messages while at work.
- Service rendered:** Police were called at 8:30 p.m. advising help was needed by going to two trailers in Friendly Acres Mobile Home Park. She said she had received threatening text messages.

Wednesday, April 11

- Parking complaint:** A police officer advised another officer of a car parked illegally in the area of Third Street and Mission.
- Traffic:** Police were advised at 3:04 p.m. of a stop sign down at Highway 83 and County Road 35.

Briefly

Colby High graduation Sunday

Colby High School baccalaureate and commencement ceremonies are Sunday at the Colby Community Building. The baccalaureate is at 1:30, followed by commencement at 3 p.m.

Gaither video Sunday

Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine, is sponsoring a Gaither Homecoming video concert at 6 p.m., Sunday. The concert is free and open to the public. "Enjoy this great concert on the big screen," organizers said.

Commissioners to meet Monday

The Thomas County commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday at the courthouse. Items on the agenda include meeting with custodian Jim McGuire to discuss air conditioning units for the courthouse and Thomas County Office Complex; Becky Bond of Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Abuse Services; Lacey adn Smith Township boards with road supervisor Clair Schrock on roads; Sheriff Mike Baughn on a security door for the Law Enforcement Center; assistant weed director Jon Selley on a trailer to haul four-wheelers. The meeting is open to the public.

Colby School Board to meet Monday

The Colby School Board will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Administration Building, 600 W. Third St. Items on the agenda include reports on the band and vocal trip, principal, curriculum and superintendent; scenario building committee recommendations; intermediate and future technology needs and options; approval to let bids on a 2007 sport utility vehicle and a 41-passenger school bus; Child Nutrition Services Program renewal; Northwest Kansas Technical College participation agreement;

Amusement group meets Monday

The Thomas County Amusement Association, a volunteer group responsible for buying, maintaining and setup of carnival rides during the fair, will hold its regular meeting at 8 p.m., Monday, at the 4-H Building on the fairgrounds. Anyone interested in helping the group is encouraged to attend.

Colbyite recovering from surgery

Colby-area residents are encouraged to send well wishes to Donna Jennings who recently underwent surgery and now recovering with family in Denver. Cards can reach her at:

2010 46th Ave., Unit F1, Greeley, Colo., 80634. Jennings said she would appreciate hearing from friends in the area.

National group to perform

The Buddy and Tina Wright group is performing at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, at Bourquins Old Depot Restaurant. Combining oldtime gospel with bluegrass, the group is one of the top 100 Texas Touring Artists appointed by the Texas Commission of the Arts for 2007, said Shirley Bourquin, co-owner of the depot. "We are so excited to have the Buddy and Tina Wright Group coming to Colby," she said. "They are an amazing group you will no doubt want to hear." For seating reservations, call (785) 462-3300.

Vacation Bible School planned

Colby's Trinity Lutheran Church, located at Fifth Street and Country Club is having vacation Bible school for children ages of 3 through sixth grade. Three-year olds must be toilet trained. The school will be 9:15 a.m. to noon Tuesday, May 29 through Friday, June 1. For more information or to register for VBS, call 462-3497.

Landlords talk about tipper trash cans, trash service

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Bieber reminded landlords and others the reason behind the tipper cans initially was in saving costs to the taxpayers for trash service.

The issue had already been decided at a previous meeting, he said. The change to the 95-gallon tipper can would be required for all addresses on the city's trash route. The

can would be placed curbside with one tipper can for yard waste and grass and the other for household trash.

Anyone who previously purchased a tipper can would not be eligible for an additional can; however, addresses without a tipper can would be given a free one.

Bieber said the reason for the free can was to insure everyone was in

compliance when the one-man trash truck begins operation. The council in its April meeting figured most people who didn't have a tipper can probably couldn't afford to buy one — hence the free offer.

After a lengthy discussion, the council told landlords if a can is stolen or taken from the area, the ultimate responsibility to stay in compliance was theirs.

The council said it would be acceptable for landlords to stencil the address of their property on city-owned tipper cans to hinder renters from removing the cans from the area. Anyone who still is without a tipper can is encouraged to call City Hall, 460-4400 to order one.

The council reiterated that "free" tipper cans are only available to household that have never had one.

"One tipper can will be provided for any property owner that does not currently have a can; these cans will be the property of the city of Colby," Armstrong said.

"Additional tipper cans are available from the city at a cost of \$66; if you desire, the city will allow the payment of the tipper can in three payments of \$22 each with no interest charge."

Heartland graduates talk about influences during school

From "HEARTLAND," Page 1

Roberts, he influenced me to make me understand why I was here and the purpose of the school," she said.

Roberts left after last year for a similar position at Elyria Christian School near McPherson. Roberts will be the featured speaker during Heartland's graduation ceremony.

Knowing his own child was one of the first high school students at a time when Heartland was creating high school classes, Lynn said he never felt like the quality of Shawna's education would be at stake.

Shawna said Heartland's courses will not be forgotten. She said he has talked with former Heartland students, who quit for various reasons, and enrolled in public schools.

"It was easier to go to the public school," she said about those comments.

Lynn echoed his daughter. "These kids' education will prove they weren't guinea pigs."

Shawna is planning attending Colby Community College.

Not only has Shawna learned why she is at Heartland, but she has also learned some of the benefits of being one of the 85 students currently enrolled.

With smaller classes compared to the public school, Shawna said the relationships with peers and teachers are more in-depth.

"Here, you are friends with everybody. You learn to appreciate everyone and they learn to appreciate you," she said. "And the teachers care about you and are willing to help you — even if you don't want the help."

Through her interests, Shawna has friends who attend public schools.

She said those friends don't treat her any different because she goes to Heartland. She said that may be because of the environment at Heartland.

"Here, you learn to make friends with people that may not be your personality type."

Choices

Those kind of relationships are also what influenced Chet and Jody Beckley to enroll Jake at Heartland, beginning with his third-grade year. Previously, he was taught at Rawlins County School District, then homeschooled.

After trying homeschool, Jody said she was not comfortable with it, but she was also not comfortable with public schools. The Beckleys live north of Colby near the Thomas and Rawlins county line.

"Heartland was in Mingo at the time," Jody said. "That was a long ways for a drive, but I would have loved to have a Christian education."

Jody said Heartland's small student-to-teacher ratio then was appealing, let alone the rest of the

school.

"I loved it right away," she said. Jody said how those teachers interacted with Jake during those early years changed him.

"The teachers would say, 'Jake is such a hard worker.' That's not the Jake I know," she laughed.

Jody knew the school was not prepared for high school. She said she was thrilled, and relieved, the school board approved to forge ahead with high school classes.

"I don't know what we would do if it didn't go on," she said. "It was nerve-racking. We were pushing for it."

Jake said there is more to Heartland than the student-teacher relationships and teachers getting the best out of the students.

"I don't know many public school kids, but I do know they may be more open to things like drugs and stuff. I know Christ, there's probably many public school students that don't," he said.

Jody agrees with Jake's perspective.

"There's no peer pressures to deal with. God is an integral part of his life, and at Heartland Christian, it's around everybody and everything," she said.

Jake, 19, credits that attitude to the Bible Worldview class he took. Students are taught how to apply Biblical principles to aspects of society.

Heartland teacher Tammy Higerd has known Jake and Shawna since seventh grade. She watched them grow up.

"I have seen so much growth in the both of them. Most people do not have an opportunity to see children move from the obnoxious junior high stage to the more mature high school stage unless they have them or see them every year of

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school. I have been very blessed to have had them every year in at least one class," she said.

Higerd said she has seen Shawna and Jake grow in specific ways.

"Shawna was a cautious young lady when I first had her in class. She didn't seem to want to take any chances unless she was with her friends and cousins, boy, has that changed. She can take the ribbing as well as dish it out. Shawna, too, has learned to step out of her comfort zone and take more chances as well."

Higerd likes how Jake contributes to class.

"He has become quite the cut up, at appropriate times, and has learned to step outside his comfort zone on many occasions over the last six years. I was concerned for a while about his going out into the world, but he has matured to the point that it will not be a problem for him any longer. He will hold his own and do very well."

Jake said he is undecided about attending college. Probably beginning Saturday, he will join the family business of custom wheat harvest. He will be among the trucks, combines and late nights cutting wheat from Oklahoma to North Dakota through early fall.

Jake said he has thought about college classes, but headers and

bushels are coming first.

"I want to wait until God shuts some doors," he said.

Validity

Heartland Administrator Jesse Vincent could tell this school year was different than the ones past. He could feel it when he was interviewed and the first days on the job. Vincent replaced Roberts this school year.

"There was a sense of excitement," he said. "They were looking at this as a new beginning for Heartland. When I started, I could tell having seniors gave the school some validity."

That new beginning really started in the fall of 2003 when Heartland implemented high school courses.

Those classes were another reason for Heartland to feel complete Vincent said.

"Some people thought we were only a grade school up to fifth or sixth grade. But when we expanded to high school it has been great for marketing this school."

Shawna and Jake were not the only students to pioneer Heartland through high school classes. In the fall of 2004, when the school had what will be the graduating class of 2008, those students took the same courses.

Heartland currently has 25 high school students.

"Our juniors do the same work," Vincent said.

He said school officials and teachers have been challenged by creating and scheduling additional high school classes. Vincent has Goossen and Beckley in Bible class.

Vincent said the two seniors know what this year means to them and the school — and are handling it well.

"Both of them are looked up to," Vincent said. "They are both wise, mature and respected. They are both humble and don't want the recognition."

After Shawna and Jake receive their diplomas and leave Heartland, Vincent will go back this summer and prepare for Heartland's class of 2008 — which currently has five students.

"The education here is more than adequate," he said. "We are on the right track."

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Soapbox Derby Saturday, May 19th Atwood Rod Run

SAFETY INSPECTION Friday, May 18 @ 7:00 High School Ag Shop or 1:00pm Saturday, May 19

Race Starts Saturday 2:00 P.M.

For Rules Contact Matt at 785-626-0315

Wamego real estate | auction

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