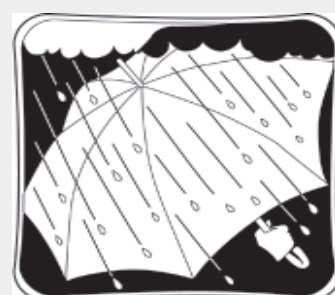


**Weather Corner**



**The forecast Tonight** — A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy with a low around 57. Breezy with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. **Tuesday** — Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 78. Breezy, with a northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. **Tuesday night** — Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a low around 47. Breezy with a north wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. **Wednesday** — A chance of showers before 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 64. North wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

**Temperatures**  
Sunday's high, 85  
Low this morning, 58  
Records for this date,  
Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.00  
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.

**Briefly**

**High school concert location moved**  
The Colby High School Band Concert set for Tuesday in Fike Park at 6:30 pm, has been moved to the HS Auditorium due to the rainy and windy forecast. The concert will feature the Jazz Band and Concert Band as well as an awards presentation. Everyone is invited 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.

**Children's watercolor workshop**  
As part of High Plains Art Club's "June Art Jubilee," Colby's Prairie Museum of Art and History is sponsoring a watercolor workshop on June 9 for children age 10 through 14. It will be from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Supplies will be furnished. There will be space for only 20 students. Those who

wish to attend should call the museum at 460-4590 and get their name on the list.

**Vacation Bible School planned**  
Colby's Trinity Lutheran Church, located at Fifth Street and Country Club is having vacation Bible school 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.

**Vacation Bible School scheduled**  
Colby Berean Church and Mingo Bible Church are combining efforts in offering this year's Vacation Bible School with the theme, "Rescue Heroes." The four-day event begins at 9 a.m. until noon from Tuesday, May 29 through Friday, June 1. The first two days, Tuesday and Wednesday, of the school will meet at Mingo Bible Church, nine miles east of Colby on Interstate 70. The remaining two days, Thursday and Friday, will be held at the Berean Church, 1000 S.

Franklin Ave. For questions, call (785) 462-2930.

**Wesleyan Vacation Bible School**

"Take the Plunge — Make a Splash with Jesus!" Vacation Bible School will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. June 3-8 at Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine, for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Children will be challenged to plunge into God's Word and soak it up. Special this year will be "Captive Free," a group of five young adults from Youth Encounters. "Captive Free" travels throughout the United States sharing their music, drama and personal testimony. To register, or for additional information, contact the church office at 462-8391.

**Parking lot not for personal gain**

An individual wanting to use the Thomas County Office Complex parking lot for charitable functions is being asked to call the Thomas County Clerk's office prior to the event at 460-4500 for approval. The parking lot is not to be used for personal gain.

**Rural Sheridan County getting high-tech services**

By Jan Katz Ackerman  
Colby Free Press

Residents in rural areas of Sheridan County are on the verge of having hi-tech video capabilities. Scott Sproul, community development representative with Lenora-based Rural Telephone Service, met with Sheridan County Commissioners Keith Kennedy, Doyle Kauk and Ron Schamberger last week. Sproul said rural Sheridan County residents will soon receive cable television and high speed internet. "This is a real positive thing," Sproul said. "Rural customers will

now have an option for rural cable service and it will make us competitive with other cable service providers." Nex-Tech in late May or early June will start offering the new services to customers in rural areas of Sheridan County, close to the towns of Rexford, Selden, Jennings, Lenora, Hill City and Grainfield. Work in these areas is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Based off telephone prefixes, customers with prefixes of 687 - Rexford, 386 - Selden, 678 - Jennings, 567 - Lenora, and 421 - Hill City can purchase cable television and high speed internet services

through Nex-Tech. Hoxie prefixes of 675, if providing services through Nex-Tech, will remain the same. Sproul gave the commissioners a proposed agreement which Nex-Tech, Inc. hopes they will sign. The agreement asks Sheridan County to waive a franchise fee the state allows the county to collect through Nex-Tech customers. "This is basically a pass through," Sproul said. State law allows counties to request a fee from cable providers based on a percentage of gross revenues. Nex-Tech is asking Sheridan County officials not require it to collect the franchise fee

which would in turn be passed along to the county. Should the commissioners decide they want Nex-Tech to collect the fee, Sproul said it could delay the new services being offered. He said besides Sheridan County, Nex-Tech plans to take the new technology to rural parts of Thomas, Gove, Decatur, Smith, Phillips, Rooks, Osborne, Trego and Barton Counties and a decision to collect the fee could push Sheridan County to the "back of the line." In addition, Nex-Tech, as part of the proposed agreement, acknowledges and agrees to comply with Sheridan County local right of way

ordinances to the extent they are applicable to the company. The initial term of the agreement would be for 10 years, with successive terms of five years unless written notice is given by either the county or Nex-Tech one year prior to the expiration of the initial or successive term. The commissioners told Sproul they intend to have Sheridan County Attorney Mike Haas review the agreement before signing it. Should the commissioners decide to move forward with the agreement with Nex-Tech, County Clerk Paula Bielser, said she could get a signed copy of the agreement to Sproul by the end of May.

**Economic development discussed at Sheridan meeting**

By Jan Katz Ackerman  
Colby Free Press

Changes within the Sheridan County Economic Development

Corporation were talked about at the county commission meeting last week.

Michelle Foote, Wanda Sealock and Jessica Spresser talked with Commissioners Keith Kennedy, Doyle Kauk and Ron Schamberger about having the county's economic development corporation become a clearinghouse for businesses' and individuals' special projects. "I think if we were a hot spot for northwest Kansas, we need to think big," Foote said. Foote is a member of the economic development board of directors and offered her opinion about the direction of the corporation in a written proposal. The proposal suggests having Sheridan County towns, businesses and civic groups use the development corporation as a "combined voice" for community projects.

"This would help to reduce or eliminate duplicating services and would help to ensure that building projects fit with or enhance what is already in place," Foote said.

Besides Foote, current development corporation board members are Leanna Sloan, Rick Leiker, Jacques Boultinghouse, Schamberger and Spresser. One major change for the corporation has involved its leadership.

After just over a year working part-time in Sheridan County, Glenn Fondable stepped down as executive director of the corporation. Spresser, who is serving as interim executive director, said no major decisions about replacing Fondable are being made at this time.

Spresser told the commissioners the development corporation's board is considering hiring Terry Woodbury to help develop strategies for the future through town hall type meetings. Woodbury is founder of Kansas Communities, a corporation that capitalizes on his skills in inspiring people to lead and manage their communities. He also helps new organizations get started and is available as a keynote speaker. Spresser said the board would like Woodbury to visit Sheridan County and meet with leaders from business, government, education and health and human services. She said Woodbury creates what he calls "squares," or groups of people working toward specific community improvement goals. Spresser said Woodbury is currently working with communities in Decatur, Sherman, Wallace and Greeley Counties, as well as six cities across Kansas. "Basically, I was just wanting to know if we have your support and if one of you would want to be in one of the squares," Spresser said. "(Woodbury) is from Leoti and

he has a passion of these little towns so they don't fade away." Spresser said hiring Woodbury would take about \$15,000, much of which would need to be raised by donation.

Kauk said he believed what has been done so far by the development corporation "had not worked," and he supported the re-organization. "We either need to change what we are doing or quit doing it," Kauk said. Spresser asked the commis-

sioners whether they would agree to meet with Woodbury and talk about goals for the county, saying he would be available June 11. They agreed.

**Lottery must deal with expanded gambling**

WICHITA (AP) — Bringing the Kansas Lottery back from problems that forced out its previous executive director — and threatened its continued existence — was Ed Van Petten's first challenge. Now, he must get his agency ready for another: owning and operating racetrack slot operations and destination casinos. "I'm not aware of anybody in Kansas government right now that's real well-versed on casino management, so we're running on a pretty steep learning curve," said Van Petten, 53. When Van Petten took over as acting director in 2001, the lottery faced a long list of problems — ranging from the theft of \$63,000 by the agency's information resource manager to complaints about inappropriate office behavior and offensive posting on the lottery's internal Web site. Auditing and security problems had led to the ouster of the previous director, Greg Ziemak. The lottery was up for re-authorization in the Legislature. But that process that had to be delayed while lawmakers questioned Van Petten. He was confirmed 37-1, with only Sen. Anthony Hensley, D-Topeka, voting against him. "I lacked confidence in Ed's ability to bring things back in order," Hensley said. "Since then I've been convinced Ed is up to the task and certainly

has a great deal of integrity." Lawmakers have shown their faith in Van Petten, Hensley said, by extending the lottery's sunset provision for 15 years in the new gambling bill. There have been a few problems, though. In 2002, a store clerk in Topeka was caught trying to dupe the holder of a winning ticket. He was later convicted. "I tend to think people see they are not going to get by with it," he said. "But after a year or two, that memory fades, or there's different clerks and the new guys think they can figure it out." The new law permits casinos in four zones in Kansas — and creates more security issues for Van Petten's agency, which he said will likely hire 10 to 12 new employees to deal with auditing and security. The lottery has overall responsibility for the new operations, but daily control rests with the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission. "I would put all the gaming regulations under Mr. Van Petten and let him control them because he's done an exceptional job," said Arlen Siegfried R-Olathe, chairman of the House Federal and State Affairs Committee. Van Petten knows, though, that opponents of the expanded state-run gambling — who say it creates opportunities for corruption — will be watching to see if their predictions come true.

**Help Wanted**

**CUSTODIAN**

Colby Public Schools has an opening for a custodian. Vacation, sick leave, state retirement package, and health insurance benefits. Applications may be picked up from the Administration Office, 600 West Third, Colby, KS. *EOE*

**MOVIE PASSES**

Watch for your name in the Wednesday movie listings for 2 free passes. (Passes must be used within 7 days.) Pick up your passes at your: COLBY FREE PRESS

**Faced with a Drinking Problem?** Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help Meetings are Open to the Public City Hall Basement Mondays & Thursdays - 8:30 p.m.

— 70th Annual —  
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Dodge Series Rodeo  
Kansas Lottery Championship Series Rodeo

**Colby JUNIOR GOLF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING & FIRST PRACTICE**

Date: Thursday, May 24, 2007  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Place: Meadow Lake Golf Course

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:  
MILES LADENBURGER 462-7687 OR 443-1362

**IRS Public Auction**

Pursuant to an Order of Sale entered in *United States vs. Donald W. Dawes; Phyllis C. Dawes; and David Larry Smith and Derek Dane Dawes as Trustees of the Plainsman Property Trust also known as Plainsman Property Company* defendants, Civil Action No. 03-1132-JTM, United States District Court for the District of Kansas, the United States will offer to sell at public auction, to advertise and sell, without appraisal and subject to any unpaid real property taxes or special assessments, to the highest bidder, according to law and pursuant to the terms and conditions set in herein, the real properties in which Donald W. and Phyllis C Dawes have an interest.

Included in the sale is a house with 2,689 sq ft of total living area on the south edge of Goodland KS, grain bins and a machine shed in Brewster KS, and approximately 1,600 acres of agricultural lands located in Sherman, Thomas and Wallace Counties.

Sales will be held at the respective county Court Houses on June 20, 2007  
Thomas County 9:00 A.M. Central Time  
Wallace County 11:30 A.M. Mountain Time  
Sherman County 2:30 P.M. Mountain Time

For more information and a complete description of the property being offered go to [www.irsauctions.gov](http://www.irsauctions.gov) Or call Steve Hopkins at 651-308-5260

**Horse Racing at Eureka Downs**  
Running every Saturday from now through the month of June. Plus Monday, May 28th, Memorial Day Sundays, June 24 and July 1 And Wednesday, July 4th, Independence Day *Pari-mutuel Live and Simulcast Wagering Quarter Horse, Thoroughbred and Mixed Racing*

Doors Open 12:30 p.m. — Live Racing Post Time 1:30 p.m.

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Two Winners Will Be Announced After The Third Live Race

**Plus More Special Give-A-Ways — No Age Restrictions**  
Eureka Days Parade - 11 a.m. (Featuring Midian Shrine Units)  
Racing in the Afternoon -- Mountain Oyster Feed - 2 p.m.  
For Reservations **620-583-5528** Or Information

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**Older Americans are the No. 1 targets of INVESTMENT FRAUD. The files of state securities agencies are filled with tragic examples of seniors who have been convinced to give their savings, windfall insurance payments and even equity in their homes to con artists for fraudulent investments. BEFORE giving money, or if you believe you have been the victim of a scam, contact the Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner: 1-888-40-SCAMS**

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