

**Weather Corner**



**Storms possible**

**The forecast**

**Tonight** — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy with a low around 49. Breezy with a southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Saturday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 73. North wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Saturday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 50. East wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Sunday** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 77. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Sunday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 52.

**Memorial Day** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 83.

**Monday night** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 56.

**Tuesday** — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a high near 80.

**Wednesday** — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a high near 70.

**Temperatures**  
Thursday's high, 70  
Low this morning, 45  
Records for this date, 98 in 1967, 36 in 1946

Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.00  
May's precipitation, 0.51  
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119.

Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

**Briefly**

**Monument School reunion Sunday**

The Monument alumni school reunion will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 27, with a potluck dinner at the school. All graduates, teachers and those who attended school are encouraged to come and renew old friendships.

**Commissioners to meet Tuesday**

The Thomas County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the courthouse. Items on the agenda include approval of payroll and bills; a presentation from Sheriff Mike Baughn on security at the Law Enforcement Center; appointment of Jim Engel to the incident management team; sign and approve pipeline agreement; safety meeting for the road and bridge department; estimate from Roofmasters Roofing to replace the courthouse roof. The meeting is open to the public.

**Ladies golf Tuesday**

Ladies golf is at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Meadow Lake Golf

Course. Registration is at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 for the green fees and \$5 for the game.

**Courthouse, landfill closed Monday**

The Thomas County landfill will close at noon Saturday and reopen for normal hours Tuesday, in observance of Memorial Day on Monday. The courthouse will be closed on Monday, and reopen Tuesday.

**No Monday trash pickup**

The City of Colby will not be running sanitation routes on Monday in observance of the Memorial Day weekend. Residents who normally have garbage collected on Monday are asked to leave it curbside on Tuesday, May 29. The sanitation department will pick up Monday and Tuesday routes on Tuesday. For questions, call 460-4420.

**Babysitting clinic planned in June**

The Thomas County Health Department and the Thomas

County Extension Office will be holding a two-day babysitting clinic Wednesday and Thursday, June 27-28 in the Activity Room #2 (upstairs) at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. Fifth St. The class is for anyone who has completed the fifth grade or older. Registration packets may be picked up at Thomas County Health Department, 350 S. Range Ave., or the packet can be downloaded from www.oznet.ksu.edu/thomas under publications. The registration deadline is Friday, June 22. For information call Gerstner at 460-4582 or email: diann@oznet.ksu.edu.

**Conservation project applications**

The Thomas County Conservation District is accepting applications through June 8 for cost-share projects to be completed by Jan. 1, 2008. Projects include terraces, watering facilities and water wells for livestock, critical area and range plantings, cesspool closure and septic system installation, and new for this year, the district will cost-share on rebuilding terraces. For information, please contact Danielle Freeman at (785) 462-7482 Ext. 303.

**Perfect attendance runs in one Hays family**

HAYS (AP) — Ron and Denise Rounkles don't have to figure out which parent stays home from school if one of their four sons get sick.

It just doesn't happen — anyway, not in 10 years it hasn't.

Their youngest sons, twin brothers Kenny and Kevin, completed a perfect attendance record Friday at O'Loughlin Elementary School, closing out their fifth-grade year, their final one at the school, with perfect attendance since kindergarten.

Older brothers Ryan and Josh did

the same before them, also at O'Loughlin.

And it gets even better.

Josh, who is finishing his seventh-grade year at Felten Middle School, has yet to miss a day of school there, either.

But, Ron says, it all starts with Ryan, who went through all three years of Felten without missing a day. And during this past year at Hays High, during his freshman year, Ryan missed just three hours one morning because of sickness.

"Ryan set the bar pretty high for staying active and getting school

work done," the boys dad said. "If one of the other three doesn't, Ryan gets on them. He's a good example for them."

So what's the secret to such good health?

"No secrets, no tricks," Ron said. "Just feed the boys," Denise said with a laugh. "I don't think they've missed a breakfast in all their years of school."

Though the Rounkles couple said they don't think they do anything special, Judy Engel, nurse at O'Loughlin since it opened in 1989, says that the combination the

Rounkles family practices does have something to do with staying healthy.

**General Public Transportation Van**  
Hours: 8 am to 4 pm  
Days: Monday - Friday  
Phone:  
460-2901 (8 am-12:30 pm)  
443-9208 (12:30 pm - 4 pm)  
If possible call for Reservations by 11 am the previous business day. Provided to Colby, Brewster, Gem, Menlo, Rexford and a Portion of Oakley as needed.  
"This Project Funded in Part by the KDOT Public Transit Program"

**Retiring teachers talk about experiences**

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She stopped teaching full-time to raise her two children, and later subbed before returning to teaching full time.

"I missed it and I was offered a job," Dumler said. "I enjoyed it a lot."

She moved to Colby in 1969.

"I don't feel I could have taught anywhere else and had such an experience," she said. "It's just been wonderful."

Dumler has taught sixth through seventh grade, either math or language arts.

She currently was teaching sixth grade math.

And those ages were just right.

"To me that's the perfect age to teach school," Dumler said.

The students are what she will miss most, along with the school atmosphere.

She and her husband will be moving to Arizona, where they will winter, but will return to Colby during the summers to farm.

They have two children and two grandchildren, who all live in Kansas City. Part of the reason she is

retiring is so they can spend more time with them.

Mary Kay Bowen is retiring after 27 years. She and husband Tom are moving to Wichita to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

Bowen taught one year in Ellis, but has spent the rest of her teaching career here in Colby, where she taught fourth and fifth grade.

She has taught some parents and now their children, and many cases of all the children in different families. Bowen enjoyed seeing all of the different personalities.

The biggest change she has seen over the years is how curriculums

have had to change for the state assessments.

Technology is another big change since she started teaching.

Bowen has had many positive experiences during her time teaching.

"Every year brings new memories," she said. "It would be hard to pick just one."

Bowen has worked with a "wonderful" staff, kids and parents.

Being a teacher was something she always wanted to do.

"It's been a wonderful experience and I wouldn't trade it for anything," Bowen said.

**MTV'S Annie B. Tuesday, May 29th 9:30 PM at TWISTERS Bar & Grill 735 E. College Dr Across from the Big Blue Water Tower**

*We would like your local news.*  
**The Colby Free Press**  
785-462-3963

**AUCTION**  
Saturday, June 2nd • 10:00 a.m. CDT  
LOCATION: From Palisade, NE - 3 1/2 mi. E. on Hwy 6, 1/4 mi. Northeast on Road 724. From Trenton, NE - 8 mi. N. on Hwy 25, turn W. at 6 & 25 Junction, go 2.7 miles to Road 724, 1/4 mi. Northeast  
Lunch served! Roads will be marked. Storm Date: Sun. June 3, 1 p.m.CST

**TRACTORS:** Ford 8N, 3 pt., 12 volt, PTO • JD A, SN 505329, stuck motor  
**TRAILER:** 16' Car trailer  
**CAR-ANTIQUE CAR & PICKUP-GOLF CART-MOTORCYCLE:** 1991 Pontiac Sunbird LE Convertible, 2.0 L OHC, white, 71,541 miles • 1956 Pontiac, 4 door, V8, VIN#756H9939, one owner, straight, needs wiring and tune-up • 1934-38 Ford Model A Pickup • Melex electric golf card, new battery • Honda 300 street bike  
**SHOP ITEMS:** Coleman Powermate Air Compressor, 5 HP, 15 gal. • Lincoln 225 Amp welder • Test Rite grinder • Toro 2000 Snowblower w/ gas engine • Yard mulcher w/ 5 hp Briggs & Stratton • JD Self-propelled mower, 5 Hp, 5 sp. • VZFMA 20,000 BTU heater • Johnson & Motorola 2-way radios • Scotts lawn spreader • Master cut 1:5 edger • Clark 5 gal. air compressor • Pump jack • Tap & die set • Hammers • Tackle box • Extension ladder • Air bomb • Wheel barrow • 1/2" impact wrench • Millwakee drill • Powermate spray gun • Craftsman rechargeable drill • Century battery charger • (5) steel lawn chairs • Metal shelves • Picnic table w/ benches  
**ANTIQUES:** Wagon w/ wood wheels • JD horse drawn sickle mower • Ringer phone • Oak library table • Oak leaves • Wooden rocker • Wood folding chairs • Oak rocking chairs • Oak chairs • Chime clock • Oak dresser • Bottom kitchen cabinet • Glass front wood china cabinet • Rot iron beds • Church pew • Oak office desk • National Geographic to 1915 • Quilts • Cream cans • Maytag washer motor  
**FARM EQUIPMENT:** 500 Gal. diesel tank w/ pump • Chrysler 4 cyl. irrigation motor • Fimco 3 pt. sprayer • Gas engine sprayer w/ 55 gal. tank • JD 506-5' 3 pt. mower  
**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:** Singer sewing machine w/ cabinet • Quasar small video camera • Piano • Grandfather clock • wood shelf • Coffee table • (2) wood cupboards • (2) Metal cupboards • Dining room table w/ 4 chairs & leaf cabinet • (5) Dressers • Coronado chest freezer - white • Whirlpool refrigerator freezer - almond • GE Chest freezer • Small freezer • Corning ware • Pyrex dishes • water pitcher & bowl • Gold crown china set  
**Owner: Gerald Bodeman Trust**  
**MANY OTHER ITEMS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION!**  
**VRBAS AUCTION SERVICE**  
For more information on this auction or the auction you are planning, call: Bryan Vrbas: (308)285-3240 Visit our website at www.vrbasauction.com

**Bridal Registry**  
**Jessica Stephenson & Aaron Dempewolf**  
Shower: April 28th  
We'd like to extend warm wishes to Jessica and Aaron. We invite you up to view their gift registry!  
**THE LOFT**  
Located Upstairs at the Oasis Travel Center  
Please Recycle

**Smoky Hills PUBLIC TELEVISION** presents  
**PUBLIC TOWN HALL MEETING**  
discussion of water related issues facing central and western Kansas with  
PANELIST Lon Frahm, Colby, Randy Gustafson, Hays, Ralph Ostmeier, Grinnell, and Don Paxson, Penokee  
**WATER in Kansas**  
BROADCAST "live on tape"--the public discussion held in Colby on water issues facing central and western Kansas.  
Wednesday, May 30 7:00 p.m. Colby High School  
Thursday, May 31, 7:00 p.m. Only on Smoky Hills Public Television  
Encore Broadcasts: Thursday, June 14, 7:00 p.m. Sunday, June 17, 5:00 p.m.  
Paid for by Smoky Hills Public Television

**Thank You!**  
Colby Rotary Club would like to thank all the businesses that donated money to the Boy Scouts for the highway clean up project.  
• JIM TUBBS  
• KEN BIEBER  
• BOB ANDERSON  
• MIKE TUBBS  
• MIKE WOOFER  
• BERT STRAMEL  
• WAL-MART  
Kris Cameron presents Alan Sager, troop leader of the boy scouts, with donated money from the highway clean up.