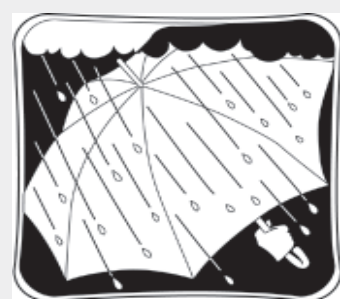


Weather Corner



Cloudy weekend

The forecast

Tonight — Patchy fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy with a low around 61. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday — Patchy fog before 1 a.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy with a high near 84. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday night — Mostly clear with a low around 63. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday — Mostly sunny with a high near 90. Breezy with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Sunday night — Partly cloudy and breezy with a low around 61.

Monday — A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 86.

Monday night — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 57.

Tuesday — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a high near 85.

Temperatures
Thursday's high, 75
Low this morning, 56
Records for this date, 109 in 1946, 35 in 1989
Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.00
June's precipitation, 1.38

Water Use Report June 14
• 1,629,000 gallons
3.5 million = Water Watch.
4 million = Water Warning
4.5 million = Water Emergency

A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119.

Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

Briefly

Commissioners to meet Monday

The Thomas County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday. Items on the agenda include meeting with custodian Jim McGuire to review the current job description; meeting at 9:30 a.m. with the health plan committee; approval of June 11 minutes. The meeting is open to the public.

School Board special meeting

The Colby School Board will hold a special board meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Administration Building. They will be discussing a technology lease-purchase agreement. The meeting is open to the public.

College board meets Monday

The Colby Community College Board of Trustees will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, in the board room of Thomas Hall. Agenda items include approval of agreements and employment contracts; discussion about campus roofs; executive sessions for personnel and negotiations; reports from Lynn Kreider, president; and comments from other trustees. The meeting is open to the public.

Traveling Lantern Company

As part of the Pioneer Memorial Library Summer Program, the Traveling Lantern Company will be performing,

"Sherlock Holmes Takes the Case," Monday, June 18, at 1:30 p.m. The audience will follow Holmes and Dr. Watson (a volunteer from the audience) as they follow clues to solve the mystery. Following the program, children can get their ID cards updated at Ident-A-Kid, set up by Kenya Baalman. The program and ID cards are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the library at (785) 460-4470.

Square dance Saturday

The Golden Buckle Square Dancers will meet at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Colby Community Building, 285 E. Fifth St. Anyone interested in square dancing is invited to attend.

National junior college conference rescheduled

By John Van Nostrand

Free Press Publisher

The plan is still to have the meeting but the timing of it will have to change. Late last year, Colby Community College administration began organizing a meeting of all rural community colleges to be held

this week at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. The intent of the meeting was to network and share ideas for attending colleges to grow.

But because of schedule conflicts, Colby college staff did not get the reservations it needed to make the meeting worthwhile — but that

does not mean the meeting can't be held at another time. Tentative plans are to have the meeting in June 2008.

"We focus on rural community colleges," said Barry Kaaz, the college's director of economic development. "We need to get more economic development in rural

community colleges, like Colby, not the ones with 18,000 enrollment or 30 miles from a metropolitan area."

The conference idea is related to one of Colby college president Dr. Lynn Kreider's goals and part of Kreider's initiative to increase the school's exposure and enrollment.

Kreider began work last year.

Kaaz said he knows of no other conference like this — specifically for small community colleges. The conference will be for community colleges with enrollment no more than 2,000. Kaaz said there are less than 200 of such schools across the country.

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From "JERICHO," Page 1

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"Questions like, 'What happens

after a nuclear bomb goes off in your area,'" Bell said.

"How do you meet the needs of a community if you don't have anything?"

Kahl was not available for comment about the upcoming convention.

Bell plans to have experts in the field of nuclear energy address scientific and social issues raised in the show at the Jericho Convention Sept. 14-16 in downtown Oakley. Bell said a blog on the Internet has allowed fans and CBS executives to offer input about the upcoming convention and prepare to attend it.

As part of planning the convention, Bell established an official

convention web site and various links about the show at www.jerichoconvention.blogspot.com.

"I'm expecting between 2,000 and 3,000 people," Bell said. "This will not only be good for Oakley, but there won't be an open motel room for 100 miles." Bell, along with other fans throughout the United States, has organized committees to prepare for the convention.

He said the committees are setting up host families who will welcome CBS executives and actors into their homes during the convention. Other committee members will help with registration, local and corporate sponsorship and prepar-

ing for such things as vendors and guest speakers.

While the show Jericho dwells on the aftermath of a nuclear attack, Bell said the convention will help educate people about how to deal with any major catastrophe.

"This could be Greensburg, Kansas," he said. "This could be a tornado or it could be anything."

In addition to the informative topics on which the convention will focus, Bell said a car show, outdoor dance and tours to such areas as Monument Rocks and area towns are being planned. Episodes of the television show will run throughout the weekend at various locations in Oakley and autograph sessions with

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Wreck victims in varying conditions

From "ACCIDENT," Page 1

Ruben Hernandez, 18; Jose Angel, 27; and Fiscal Cortes-Reyes, 19.

A spokesman for Logan County Hospital said today, Victorino Chimbamba, 19, was admitted and was in stable condition.

Three people were initially taken to Logan County Hospital and later airlifted to Via Christi St. Francis in Wichita.

Today, a spokesman for Via Christi said Claudia M. Lucas, 29, and Rosalba Quino, 23, are in serious condition; Reyes Chimbamba, 27, is listed in criti-

cal condition.

Those taken to Gove County Medical Center in Quinter and treated and released were Enrique Gonzalez, 30; Rosalino Lara, 28; Gustavo Parra, 20; and Pedro Reyes, 22.

A spokesman for Gove County Medical Center this morning said Amelda Rojas, 18, was in fair con-

dition and Ruffino Zirin, 30, was in good condition.

Two people were initially taken to Gove County Medical Center and later airlifted to Via Christi St. Francis in Wichita. A spokesman for Via Christi said Manual Rodriguez, age unknown, was in fair condition, and Juan Diego, 28, is listed in serious condition.



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2003 Jeep Liberty Limited \$12,995
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