

**Weather Corner**



**Hot and mostly sunny**

**The forecast**  
**Tonight** — A chance of thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy with a low around 62. Breezy with an east wind 15 to 20 mph becoming east 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

**Saturday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 94. Calm wind becoming southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

**Saturday night** — Partly cloudy, then gradually becoming clear with a low around 64. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Sunday** — Sunny with a high near 96. Breezy, with a south wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph.

**Sunday night** — Clear with a low around 65.

**Monday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 94.

**Monday night** — Mostly clear with a low around 67.

**Tuesday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 94.

**Temperatures**  
 Thursday's high, 96  
 Low this morning, 65  
 Records for this date, 106 in 1988, 43 in 1985

Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.00

June's precipitation, 1.61

**Water Use Report**  
**June 21**

• 2,648,000 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**

**Red Cross training planned**

The Thomas County Red Cross office rescheduled training sessions, which were originally planned the week of the Greensburg tornado, said Sherry White, manager. The new dates include shelter operations from 6 to 9 p.m., Aug. 9-10 and disaster response for client casework from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Aug. 11. All training will be held at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave., Colby. "It is important to pre-register by calling (888) 765-9058 and ask for Melinda Brown," White said. For other information on Red Cross, call (785) 462-7161.

**Street project begins Tuesday**

The City of Colby will begin a street sealing project next Tuesday and Wednesday on Thielen Avenue, Terrace Drive, Walker Avenue, Harvey Court, Harvey Avenue and Austin Avenue from Fifth to Sixth Streets. The process, said City Manager Carolyn Armstrong, involves putting a layer of oil on the streets and then covering

the oil with sand and gravel. The city is asking that no vehicles be parked on those streets Tuesday or Wednesday. Vehicles parked at those locations will delay the project. For questions, call 460-4410.

**Hunting permit applications**

The Thomas County Clerk's office has received from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks the 2007 elk permit applications, available to residents only. Applications must be received or postmarked by July 13. That is the same deadline for 2007 Kansas resident any-deer permits. Also, Thomas County has a Web site now, the address is thomascountyks.com.

**Rodeo pageant deadline July 20**

The Thomas County Rodeo Queen and Princess Pageant is looking for contestants for this year's event, said Marie Skolout, coordinator. The contest is open to girls ages 8-11 for the junior princess category; girls 12-15 for the princess event; and 16-23 for the queen contest. All

contestants are judged on horsemanship, interview, speech and modeling. "A trophy saddle will be awarded to the queen, along with other great prizes for the princess and junior princess winners," she said. The contest begins Monday, July 23, and entries are due no later than Friday, July 20. For questions or to receive an entry form, call Skolout at (785) 586-2228.

**Ham radio operators plan event**

The public is invited to view the Colby Trojan and Goodland Sunflower Amateur Radio Clubs in action at their annual field day starting at 1 p.m., Saturday, and ending at 1 p.m., Sunday, at the Colby Municipal Airport (Shalz Field). For questions, call (785) 462-7388.

**Garage sale today and Saturday**

Heartland Rural Counseling, an organization helping families with mental health issues, is holding its third annual garage sale from 4-7 p.m., today, and 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, at 445 N. Franklin Ave. For questions, call 462-7588.

**County attorney scholarships awarded**

This year the Thomas County Attorney's office awarded three \$500 scholarships to local graduating seniors.

The intent of these scholarships is to help fund the education of students who are planning on pursuing a career in the field of criminal justice including but not limited to law, social work, psychology, juvenile justice or law enforcement. These scholarships are awarded from the Thomas County Attorney Diversion Fund to students who show exemplary achievements in academics, extracurricular activities and service to the community.

Applications for these scholarships are sent to each of the Thomas County high schools with the idea that each school will have a qualifying recipient. The application deadline for next year's scholarship will be May 1, 2008. This year's Thomas County Attorney Diversion Fund Scholarship recipients are:

Jennifer McMahon: A graduate of Brewster High School, Jennifer plans to finish her criminal justice degree at Colby Community Col-

lege. Kyle Spresser: A graduate of Golden Plains High School, Kyle plans on pursuing a degree in criminal justice at Colby Community College, eventually becoming a police officer. He was involved in football, basketball, band, school play, Fellowship of Christian Ath-

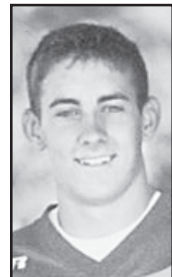
letes and on the Principal's Honor Roll during high school. Andrew Starns: A graduate of Brewster High School, Andrew plans on attending college and obtaining a degree in Criminal Justice. He wants to eventually attend the State Trooper Academy and work as a trooper for the highway patrol. In high school Andrew was involved in football, basketball, track, school play, band, Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club, Colby Sacred Heart Youth Organization and other service activities.



J. McMahon



K. Spresser



A. Starns

*"Elementary, my dear Watson. . ."*



MICHELLE MYERS/Colby Free Press

Audrey Puckett, right, played Dr. Watson in the play, "Sherlock Holmes Takes the Case," presented by The Traveling Lantern Company at the library Monday. Ninety-six people were in attendance, according to Judy Kleinsorge.

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**Historical society won't allow school demolition**

TOPEKA (AP) — The Kansas State Historical Society says it won't allow city officials to demolish the former all-white school that was at the center of the Brown v. Board of Education case.

The Topeka City Council on Tuesday gave preliminary approval to begin the destruction, but the historical society contends that a 2002 agreement requires the city to preserve the structure until 2012.

To change the building's architectural appearance and structural integrity, the city needs the historical society's permission, said Patrick Zollner, the state agency's director of historic preservation.

*"I was going to the cardiologist in Wichita and was not too happy..."*

John Strobel, Retired Professor of Music

A couple of episodes of afibrillation two years ago sent John Strobel to seek specialized cardiology services in Wichita. A heart catheterization and angiogram showed a major blockage on the right-hand side of his heart. Fortunately, the left-hand side of his heart had channeled over the right and was covering the problem. While the diagnosis was encouraging, the overall cardiology experience in Wichita was not.

"I was going to the cardiologist in Wichita and was not too happy with a number of things...the distance to get down there, one thing, and just the whole procedure was not up to my expectations," he said.

When it was time for him to go back for another treadmill, instead of returning to Wichita, Strobel requested a referral to Hays and the DeBakey Heart Institute. In addition to the treadmill, the DeBakey cardiologists also performed a carotid artery Doppler to make sure he wasn't in danger of a stroke.

"When we did the tests in Wichita, it took two weeks before we had the results and when we had it at DeBakey Institute in Hays, we had the results within the hour," he said.

"At the DeBakey Institute in Hays, the people were more interested in me and in seeing to it that I was happy with what was going on and that I was comfortable."

"And then, of course, too, the drive to Wichita is kind of a hectic drive," he said. "The drive itself becomes a trauma...Two hours down there and then have to fight the traffic after you get there...and then worry about trying to find a place to park...It's an easy hour to Hays and you don't fight city traffic."

"It was just a much more pleasant experience," he said. "I can drive an hour and have absolutely state-of-the-art cardiology."

"I just go on and live a normal life now."



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**"It was just a more pleasant experience."**

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