

Weather Corner



Warmer and cloudy

The forecast

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around 59.

East wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south.

Thursday — Partly cloudy with a high near 87.

Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 61. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday — Mostly sunny with a high near 91.

Breezy with a south wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday night — Mostly clear and breezy with a low around 61.

Saturday — Mostly sunny with a high near 95.

Saturday night — Mostly clear with a low around 64.

Sunday — Sunny and hot with a high near 98.

Temperatures

Monday's high, 94
Tuesday's high, 88

Low this morning, 62

Records for this date, 106 in 1971, 39 in 1904

Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.00

June's precipitation, 1.61

Water Use Report

June 25

• 3,027,000 gallons per day, average

June 26

• 2,939,000

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

Senior trip deadline Friday

Colby Community College and the Thomas County Council on Aging are sponsoring a one-day trip for Thomas County senior citizens, Sunday, July 15. Colby College instructor Larry Koon will accompany the group to Golden, Colo., where they will attend a performance of "Too Old To Be Loud" at the Music Hall located at Heritage Square. "Too Old To Be Loud" is another episode in the extremely popular "Loud" series.

The show includes rock and roll, oldies, fun and fantastic sing-along, toe-tapping good times, Koon said. There is a fee which includes meal, transportation, snacks and tickets to the dinner theatre. Availability is limited to 35. For costs or to sign up for this one-day trip, call Deb Koon at 462-6617 by Friday.

Street project delayed until July 9

The City of Colby's street sealing project scheduled to begin this week on Thielen Avenue, Terrace Drive, Walker Avenue, Harvey Court, Harvey Avenue and Austin Avenue from Fifth to Sixth Streets has been delayed. Chris Bieker, public utilities director, said the contractor, Sporor Land Development, Inc. in Oakley, could not start until Monday, July 9.

When the process begins, it will include putting a layer of oil on the streets and then covering the oil with sand and

gravel. The city will ask that no vehicles be parked on those streets July 9-10 or it could delay the project. For questions, call 460-4410.

Brewster School Board meets Friday

The Brewster School Board will meet at 7 a.m. Friday. Items on the agenda include approval of the consent agenda; revised 2007-2008 class schedule; otu of district transportation request; roof bids; and executive sessions on personnel and student concerns. The meeting is open to the public.

Colby School Board to meet Friday

The Colby School Board will meet at 7 a.m. Friday at the Administration Building, 600 W. Third St. Items on the agenda include approval of the agenda; approval of year-end transfers; 2007-2008 handbooks; out-of-district attendance and transportation requests; appointment of board attorney; and if necessary, personnel. The meeting is open to the public.

Gaither video Sunday

The Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine, will sponsor another Gaither video at 6 p.m., Sunday. The event is open and free to the public with refreshments served.

Commissioners to meet Monday

The Thomas County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Friday at the courthouse. Items on the agenda include sealed bids for mowing; custodian job applications; approval of June 18 meeting minutes; signing of Blue Cross/Blue Shield contract; approve abatements; approval of child safety seat inspection July 21; approval of Sacred Heart School to use Thomas County office complex parking lot Aug. 29-Sept. 1. The meeting is open to the public.

Lunch 'N Learn planned July 5

The Thomas County Master Gardener July Lunch N Learn will be held at noon, Thursday, July 5, at the Thomas County 4-H Building. The group will be sharing how to "Prepare your Horticulture Exhibits for the Fair" Organizers ask that participants bring a lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided. For those who would like to put together an exhibit, they are asked to bring it with them and have it critiqued.

Horticultural tour planned in Colby

The Thomas County Extension Master Gardeners and Kansas State University Research and Extension are participating in a horticultural tour Thursday, Aug. 23, in Colby. Anyone interested is urged to mark their calendars and the time and location will be announced at a later date.

Agency secretary talks about ways to make life better

As I sit here in a lift chair pondering this article, surrounded by family and friends following my successful hip replacement surgery at Citizen's Medical Center by Dr. Mekki Saba, I cannot help but wonder how those that do not have family and friends survive.

My one thought is be an advocate: Be a friend to those in need. Offer to help out in any way you can. It may be a phone call; a trip to the doctor or you could pick up some groceries.

Just anything could make their day a little brighter. Yes, I know there are several agencies to help out and assist and they are so appreciated, but being a friendly neighbor and advocate is good for everyone.

Hot isn't it? I have not had a chance to check this out, but fans may be available for those in need. Call the Red Cross, Salvation Army or the public health department to see if a fan is available. As everyone probably know, close your house up before the sun gets too warm and your house will stay



Rosalie Seemann
Secretary, NW Kansas Area Agency on Aging

• Chat with Rosalie

cooler. Eat at the Senior Progress Center each noon, and you will not be using your oven or stove that does heat up your kitchen and home. And TV dinners are wonderful if you have a microwave.

The officers of the Silver Haired Legislature will meet the end of July to consider what to put before the State Legislators in 2009.

The officers of the Silver Haired Legislature are: Jim Snyder of Topeka, speaker of the house; Maryann Flunder of Kansas City, speaker pro-tem; Carlton McNair of Overland Park, floor leader; Irv Hoffman of Lenexa, president; myself, serving as vice chairman; Ted Hetchcraft of Highland, secretary; Bill Dean of Overland Park, treasurer. The Silver Haired Legislature also has a president of each Planning Service Area, of which I hold that position for the Northwest Kansas Planning Service Area. Also, the bills for the 2008 session have been filed. The bill numbers will be assigned before the beginning of the 2008 session of the Silver Haired Legislature in October.

Next month I will feel a little more like sitting at my computer and I promise a good long article. Until then, stay healthy, and cool.

As a way to inform older readers about ongoing and changing topics, Rosalie Seemann, secretary of the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging, will answer questions or provide information about the agency on a monthly basis.

Readers may submit questions by writing Seemann at: Chat with Rosalie c/o Rosalie Seemann, 426 Hale, Levant, Kan. 67743, or by emailing: rseemann@st-tel.net.

The Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging is part of a national network of agencies created in 1973 by the Older Americans Act. It is a private, nonprofit organization with the responsibility of administering Older American Act programs in the 18 counties of northwest Kansas.

Brewster school facing cuts in enrollment

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"We just don't have as many kids as we had siblings," she said. "For instance, I have four siblings, but only two kids."

Edmundson said the community does not have the type of business that employs a large number of families and society is more mobile, making it easier to transport students to nearby schools.

Edmundson said she knows seven Brewster students will transfer to Heartland Christian

school in Colby. She said while she has no problem with parents wanting their children educated in the private school, the decrease in numbers hurts Brewster's public school financially.

Edmundson said there are approximately 34 students, and six preschool students, who live in the Brewster school district that do not attend school in Brewster. She said the district would be between \$258,926 to \$342,020 better off financially if they all attended within the district.

Another nine students, and one preschool student, are children of staff and coaches who do not attend school in Brewster, creating a potential loss of revenue of between \$62,982 and \$90,540.

There are 21 students who do not live in the district but attend Brewster. Edmundson said should they decide not to attend in the future that would cost the district between \$146,958 and \$211,260 each year.

Brewster's school employs

about 40 people, 21 are full time. Edmundson said if the school closes, \$1.2 million dollars would not be part of the community's overall financial picture.

"That will have a tremendous impact on this town," she said.

Edmundson said the first step board members will take is to develop a strategy for keeping the school open.

"We are going to have a planning meeting in July and set some goals and see where to go for the future," she said.

"Then, after that meeting, we'll have a community meeting. Hopefully we can hang on as long as we can," she said.

Help Wanted

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for accounting firm. Quickbooks knowledge preferred, will train if necessary. Word and Excel proficiency required. Ability to meet the public a must. Compensation and benefits package commensurate with experience. Send resume to Arensdorf and Company, P.A., P.O. Box 426, Colby, KS 67701.

No violations of Kansas law found at clinic

OVERLAND PARK (AP) — An investigation by Attorney General Paul Morrison of a Planned Parenthood clinic here that performs abortions found no violations of Kansas law.

"Our investigation is now complete, and we have found no evidence of any criminal wrongdoing by your client," Morrison wrote Tuesday in a one-page letter to the group's attorney. "As a result, we will not be filing any charges against your client."

Planned Parenthood officials released the letter during a news conference.

Peter Brownlie, its chief executive officer, said the letter confirmed what he has said repeatedly, that Planned Parenthood provides high-quality medical care and complies with Kansas law.

The investigation began under Morrison's predecessor, Phil Kline. Morrison, an abortion rights Democrat, defeated Kline, an anti-abortion Republican, in the November election and replaced Kline on Jan. 8.

"From the beginning, we've also said that Mr. Kline's investigation of Planned Parenthood was nothing more and nothing less than a fishing expedition conducted for a political agenda," Brownlie said.

Kline had waged a successful legal fight for more than two years to obtain information from the records of 90 patients at the Planned Parent-

hood clinic and another operated in Wichita by Dr. George Tiller, one of the few U.S. physicians performing late-term abortions.

A Shawnee County judge subpoenaed the patient records at Kline's request in September 2004, concluding there was probable cause to believe they could contain evidence of potential crimes. The clinics argued that turning over the records would violate patient privacy and appealed to the Supreme Court.

The court criticized Kline in its February 2006 decision, but it sent the case back to Shawnee County with guidelines on how the records were to be handled. In October, the judge turned over edited copies of the records to Kline — after Morrison made Kline's pursuit of them a major issue.

Kline didn't take action against Planned Parenthood, but in December, he filed 30 misdemeanor charges against Tiller, alleging that Tiller had performed illegal late-term abortions in 2003. A judge in Sedgewick County dismissed that case for jurisdictional reasons.

When Morrison took office, he began his own investigation of both Tiller and Planned Parenthood. He

plans to announce Thursday or Friday whether he will charge Tiller.

Spokeswoman Ashley Anstaett said Morrison sent a letter to Planned Parenthood because he thought its officials should know that the investigation was done. Also, she said, a judge in Shawnee County still has the patients' records.

"We are going to attempt to get those back to them," Anstaett said.

Kline said repeatedly last year that he was investigating sex crimes against children, not just whether abortion doctors had violated abortion laws or failed to report suspected instances. Anstaett said Morrison's "thorough, objective and unbiased" review found no wrongdoing by Planned Parent-

hood. Kline said he wasn't surprised by the announcement, saying, "Paul's actions were predicted months ago and fully anticipated."

When he left the attorney general's office, Kline became district attorney in Johnson County, where Planned Parenthood's clinic is located. After Kline got the county job, abortion rights supporters suggested he would continue investigating.

Kline declined to comment on whether he is investigating.

However, Morrison ended his letter by noting that Kline, three days before he left the attorney general's office, forwarded copies of edited patient records to the district attorney's office.

Outstanding Opportunity!!

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For more information please contact TFI Family Services at (800) 279-9914 or visit us online at www.the-farm.org.

Correction

In the headline for the obituary of Bettie M. White in the Thursday, June 21 edition of the Colby Free Press, White was incorrectly identified as Bettie M. West. This was a production error.

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