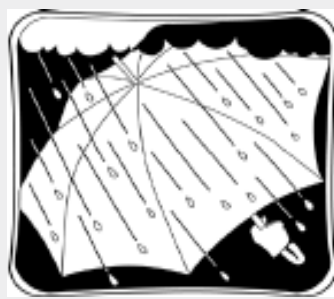


Weather Corner



**Tonight...**Partly cloudy in the evening...Then mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of light rain showers after midnight. Lows in the upper 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the west after midnight.

**Thursday...**Much cooler. Breezy. Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of light rain showers. Highs in the upper 50s. Northwest winds 20 to 25 mph with gusts to around 40 mph. Thursday night...Colder... Breezy. Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light rain showers. Lows in the mid 30s. Northwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Gusts up to 35 mph in the evening.

**Friday...**Windy. Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light rain showers. Highs around 50. Northwest winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts to around 45 mph. Friday night...Mostly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the lower 30s.

**Saturday and Saturday night...**Mostly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the lower 60s. Lows in the mid 30s.

**Sunday...**Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Sunday night through Tuesday... Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the upper 60s.

Tuesday's low, high: 31, 73.  
Monday's low, high: 31, 71

# Commitments force Titans coach to step down

From "SHEETS," Page 1

Brewster superintendent Sherri Edmundson said Tuesday she was unaware of Sheets' intentions not to return.

When contacted by phone Wednesday, Brewster athletic director Laura Rush also said she had heard nothing from Sheets about a decision either way.

It was the uncertainty surrounding Sheets and his staff's future, along with the inability to contact them, which prompted both the Brewster and Winona school boards to begin the search for a new football coaching staff at the high school and middle school levels. Both boards voted to do so April 14.

"We weren't sure that Beau wanted it," said Edmundson. "He told our athletic director he wasn't sure. Other than that, there hadn't been any communication. Mr. (Dave) Porter (Winona's superintendent) tried calling, and he didn't return his calls. To save time, we opened it back up. If he didn't want it, we would already have applications instead of wait-

ing another month. We weren't trying to push anyone out. We just wanted to get things done in a timely manner."

Edmundson said there has also been "no communication" with Sheets' assistant, Jesse Vincent, in months.

Porter said he tried calling Sheets twice this semester at Colby High School, where he teaches math, but neither phone call was returned.

"I left two voice mails at the school, and he never got back to me," said Porter. "I did not know exactly what that indicated."

Sheets admitted Monday to "leaving the situation up in the air" and that was the reason why the board opened up the search.

Uncertainty aside, though, Edmundson hinted that not everyone would have been satisfied if Sheets did return.

"Overall, there were some concerns," said Edmundson.

When asked whether Sheets would get his job back if were he to change his mind, Edmundson said, "I can't guarantee he would or wouldn't be a possibility."

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Superintendent, Winona

Edmundson wouldn't elaborate further on what the extent of those concerns were. Neither would Porter, who refused comment on the matter.

Porter, however, did admit to their being some difficulties with Sheets working for two different schools.

"Any time you're in a cooperative agreement with someone, there's always challenges you have to face," said Porter. "But if our coach lived in Winona or Brewster, that would also present a challenge."

but I think it was definitely successful."

Sheets' younger brother, Tad, will be a junior for the Titans next year. Sheets said he still plans on going to Triplains-Brewster games to watch him play.

Only this year, Sheets will be watching his brother from the stands.

With the Sheets era at Triplains-Brewster now complete, the Brewster and Winona school boards are in the process of looking for his replacement. Edmundson said they've had a "couple of applications" to this point.

"We hope to have someone hired by the May board meetings," said Edmundson. "Hopefully, we can get someone to fill a teaching position too, but that doesn't always happen."

Brewster's May board meeting is the 12th, while Winona's is scheduled for May 19.

Edmundson said each board will work in conjunction to replace Sheets, his two assistant coaches and the middle school football coaches in Winona and Brewster.

# Colby High singers, musicians compete at contests

From "RESULTS," Page 1

"I am excited about the possibilities each of these students have for scholarships, grants, and more for being a part of our music department. Colby has a fine group of students and look forward to what it has in store in the future."

State Large Group Music Festival was held April 17 at Colby High School.

Concert Choir received a I for outstanding performance. Women's Choir received a III for an average performance. Concert Band received a III for an average per-

formance.

Regional Solo/Ensemble was held in Oberlin and Decatur Community High School on April 5th. Here are the results of that day:

I Ratings: (State Qualifiers)

Josh Weed (Vocal Solo); Bryan Brewer (Vocal Solo); Flute Trio #1 (Pagie Pfeifer, Chelle Shoemaker, Anna Taylor); Cory Sager (Trombone Solo); Heather Griggs (Vocal Solo); Percussion Ensemble (Taylor McClure, Lauren Shoaff, Aaron Mead, Jared Bixenman, Brock Wagoner); Lucas Baumfalk (Tenor Sax Solo); Caitlin Wright (Vocal Solo); Leah Cox (Vocal Solo); Barbara Bick-

ner (Flute Solo); Brock Wagoner (Vocal Solo); Eli Robert (Vocal Solo)

Singers (Kaitlyn Albers, Ebony Creighton, Megan Higerd, Tiffany Wilson, Josh Weed, Bryan Brewer, Eli Robert, Brock Wagoner, Jenny Dickman, Brittany Fisher, Paige Pfeifer, Tasha Wagoner)

II Ratings:

Sinatra Brown (Vocal Solo); Clarinet Trio (Seth Bredemeier, Courtney Ress, Latrisha Viegra); Courtney Ress (Clarinet Solo); Flute Trio #2 (Barbara Bickner, Heather Elling, Heather Griggs); Kaitlyn Albers (Vocal Solo); Tiffany Wilson (Vocal Solo); Aman-

da Barnum (Vocal Solo); Allison Giersch (Vocal Solo); Sinatra Brown (Vocal Solo); Heather Elling (Vocal Solo); Jenny Dickman (Trumpet Solo); Brass Choir (Jenny Dickman, Dalton Garcia, Sinatra Brown, Ashley Klippert, Jeremy Harter, Porscha Selley, Brock Roemer, Bryan Brewer, Abi Rohr, Amanda Barnum, Cory Sager, Sara Martin, Matt Lindburg, Kahle Phillips, Sean Skiles); Emily Terrell (Vocal Solo); Porscha Selley (French Horn Solo); Anna Juenemann (Vocal Solo); Dreams Trio (Tera Raymond, Bailey Koerperich, Abby Miller); Jake Rose (Vocal Solo); Senior

Girl's Trio (Jenny Dickman, Paige Pfeifer, Tasha Wagoner)

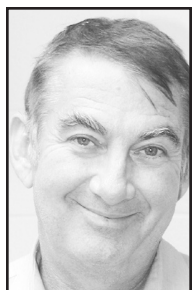
III Ratings:

Latrisha Viegra (Bass Clarinet Solo) Ladies Quartet (Lauren Bethell, Katherine Kaus, Katrina Kaus, Shelby Terrell)

# New college dorm to open by August

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Colby Community College will open a new dormitory for next school year that will fill on a first-come, first-serve basis.



Kaaz

"Right now our dormitories hold between 230 and 235 students," said Skip Sharp vice president of student affairs and marketing. "With the new one, we'll have 160 more rooms, based on double occupancy."

Sharp said with the push to attract more students to the college campus, building new housing became a priority.

Overseeing construction of the new dormitory located on the northeast corner of the campus along College Drive Avenue is Barry Kaaz, director of economic development for Colby College.

"Maxam Construction of Bucyrus, Kansas, is the general contractor for the dormitory,"

Kaaz said. "They've worked real well with the community to get materials. For instance, all the lumber came from Colby Lumber, the trusses came from Straight Line north of town and the shingles came from Roofmasters, Inc."

The three-story, elevator equipped dormitory is completely accessible to disabled persons and will include an on-site resident assistant suite.

"We'll open it August 13," Kaaz said.

A significant amount of dirt work and freezing temperatures during winter delayed construction of the new \$4.5 million dollar dormitory.

The college issued \$5.2 million dollars in revenue bonds, which according to Sharp, will be retired through what students pay for living in the building. The budgeted cost for living in the new building will be \$4,600 per student, based on double occupancy, of which \$2,600 will go toward payment on the bonds.

Using neutral color schemes, besides student rooms, the new facility will include a management office and a small, computer area on its first floor.

"We are pretty much on schedule now," Kaaz said.

# Storm cancels school

From "STORM," Page 1

She said they headed to the basement, and then the hail started.

At first, she said, it sounded like someone was hitting a tennis or racquet ball against the house time after time.

There wasn't a lot of wind, said Mrs. Noone, or there could have been more damage. There were holes in the siding on the north side of the house, but they didn't lose any windows. Vehicles that were left outside have dents, said Mrs. Noone, and there is a perfect circle in her windshield.

Hail went through the family's picnic table, too, she said. Her son dug out a baseball and a golf ball, and the ball of hail fit between the two sizes.

Jacque Boultinghouse, mayor of Selden and emergency management coordinator for Sheridan

County, said she did see a tornado trying to form west of town, which prompted her to blow the sirens there. Although she didn't see any twisters touch down, others in town said they saw some in the distance.

The town had hail, some as large as softballs, said Ms. Boultinghouse, although most of it was golf-ball size.

Every building in Selden, she said, had some sort of damage. During the part of the storm when the biggest amount of hail fell, she said, there wasn't a lot of wind. About an hour later, the wind came with sheets of rain and pea size hail.

Ms. Boultinghouse said she hasn't heard of any serious injuries because of the storm. The grade school in Selden was closed because of damage.

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