

Weather Corner



Wind advisory in effect until 7 p.m. CDT this evening...

Tonight...Windy. Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may be severe in the evening. Lows in the upper 50s. Southeast winds 20 to 30 mph decreasing to 15 to 20 mph after midnight.

Friday...Windy. Partly sunny with a slight chance of thunderstorms in the morning...Then mostly sunny with a chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 20 to 30 mph. Chance of thunderstorms 30 percent. Friday night...Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Breezy. A 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. Southeast winds 15 to 25 mph.

Saturday...Windy. Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 15 to 25 mph increasing to southeast 25 to 35 mph in the afternoon. Saturday night...Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Sunday and Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Lows in the mid 50s.

Memorial Day...Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

Tuesday and Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Lows in the mid 50s.

Wednesday's low, high: 61, 83.

School dedication to be held Sunday

Marker to be placed near former Brownville school

Alumni of the former Brownville school will dedicate a marker at 1:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Sunday at Brownville, 12 miles south of Brewster on Kansas 184 or 11 miles north of Winona.

Mike Baughn, Thomas County sheriff and mayor of Brewster, will speak.

The limestone marker, set on the steps of the brick school building, will have a granite inset with a picture of the first and last buildings on it, said Nadine Kammer of Brewster. It was erected Thursday.

The idea was voted on two years ago at the Brownville Reunion, she said. It was planned for October, but the cleaning and disposal of the old building had not been finished.

The first school at Brownville

was a sod house in 1887, she said, and then in 1901, three one-room country school houses were brought in and joined to make a bigger building.

In a consolidation in 1921, students were brought in from Nubbin Ridge, Kuka, Pinhook, Patterson, Lava, Saline, Morning Star and Evening Star schools.

The first high school class in 1924 had five members, Sara Schwerdt, Flossie Brewer, Cecil Elliott and May and Sally Lowe, all now deceased. Lucille Kammer Smith, 96, who lives at the Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby, is the oldest surviving graduate.

In 1933, the frame building burned to the ground, Kammer said. By September 1934, a new brick building was completed at a cost \$20,000 with the entire

Brownville community helping to build the new building.

"It was the finest country school building in the western part of the state, with an excellent gymnasium," she said.

The school competed in the South-40 League with Wallace, Winona, Russell Springs, Monument and Page City and had many excellent boys and girls teams in volleyball, tennis and softball. Students also produced one-act plays.

Brownville had a high school from 1924 to 1943, when the students were bussed to Brewster. A grade school continued to operate until 1951, when it consolidated with Brewster. At the school's peak there were 100 to 125 students, said Kammer.

Some of the families that sent

children to that school were Helin, Hamill, Boyer, Patterson, Burk, Nichols, Jacobs, Smith, McVean, Musil, Kitscher, Medford, Wulf, Wright, Watson, Nowak, Kear and Hook, said Kammer.

The school was also used for community activities including box suppers, meetings of the Brownville Jayhawkers 4-H Club, dances (mostly square dancing), Old Settlers' Day, Sunday school, church services and holiday events. After it was closed the building had occasional use for activities, Kammer said.

She said the buildings have had several owners and have been partially torn down for quite a few years and the present owner wanted to clean the area up.

Sherman County looks for input

By Tom Betz
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Sherman County will not be voting on the at-large election of county commissioners in November, but citizens will be able to voice their opinion on the issue at a series of public forums planned for next month.

Commissioners agreed at their meeting last Tuesday that if a majority of people attending the forums are in favor of the at-large voting issue, they would support asking Rep. Jim Morrison (R-Colby) and Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer (R-Grinnell) to take the issue back to Topeka to try again in the next session.

Sherman County Government Alliance told him the group would be willing to hold some meetings.

The commissioners suggested Wednesday, June 4; Tuesday, June 10; and Thursday, June 19.

Oberlin eyes new theater

By Oberlin Herald

An application for the state tax credit program, with \$234,600 in pledges to help build a new senior center and theater, was sent in for approval May 2.

April 29, more than 50 people met at the crumbling Golden Age Center to learn about different ways to help get the money for the \$900,000 project, which includes a senior center, theater and bowling alley on the current site.

Connie Grafel, marketing director with the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp., said from the public meeting to the noon application deadline Friday, people pledged \$234,600 for the tax credit program.

Others who want to pledge donations should call the Chamber of Commerce, she said.

Police Notes

The following arrests or incidents have been provided by either the Thomas County Sheriff's office or the Colby Police Department. All suspects were booked into the county jail and are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The Thomas County Jail is used by the towns of Colby and Oakley and Logan and Thomas counties.

Colby Police Department Friday, May 2, 2008

• Break-in: A 911 call at 3:46 p.m. sent police to the 800 block of South Lincoln where a possible burglary might have taken place. It was later determined wind damage had been the cause.

• Animal care: An individual went to the Law Enforcement Center at 5:26 p.m. to report puppies outside in the cold.

Saturday, May 3, 2008

• Parking complaint: Police were advised at 8:03 a.m. of a car parked illegally in an assigned handicapped parking stall at the

600 block of South Franklin Avenue. The car was moved.

• Service rendered: Police were called at 12:33 p.m. to Sears, 1937 S. Range Ave., after a motorist locked their keys in a car with an 18-month old still in the vehicle. A locksmith was called.

• Domestic disturbance: A 911 call at 1:44 p.m. advised police of a woman being struck by her mother in the 1100 block of Summer Sun. Two officers assisted in the dispute.

• Phone harassment: A call to the sheriff's office at 2:01 p.m. involved a harassing text message from someone in Colby.

• Service rendered: An individual requested an officer at 2:55 p.m. wanting his help in getting his final paycheck from a busi-

ness. The officer said it needed to be handled as a civil matter.

• Suspicious incident: A parent called police at 4:57 p.m. advising of daughter being chased by boyfriend across from the 100 block of South Franklin Avenue.

• Domestic battery: A 911 call at 5:17 p.m. advised police of three people fighting in the street. The officer also investigated a possible drunk driver.

• Suspicious incident: An officer went to the 200 block of South School at 6:49 p.m. after receiving a call of five boys shooting BB guns at rabbits.

• Child in need of care: An individual called police at 6:50 p.m. regarding two children left in a car in the West Willow neighborhood.

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