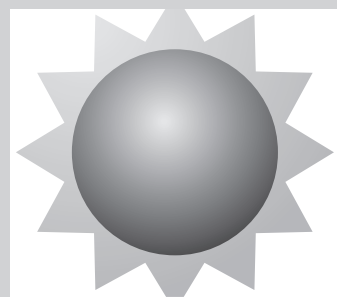


Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of snow before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 16. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 43. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 50. Breezy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Sunday Night: A chance of rain showers before 10 p.m., then a chance of rain and snow showers between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m., then a chance of snow after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy and blustery, with a low around 27. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Monday: A chance of snow before 1 p.m., then a chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 45. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 51.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 55.

Wednesday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Thursday: A slight chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Thursday: High, 42; Low 19
Precip: Thursday 0.07 inches
Month: 0.10 inches
Year: 0.74 inches
Normal: 2.15 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Three after two city seats in Rexford election

From "REXFORD," Page 1

receive a ballot.

Election-day voting will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Community Building.

The Colby Free Press asked the candidates what they feel are the most important issues confronting the town:

Penny Vogler, a 39-year-old mother with an associate's degree from Colby Community College, said she wants to become more involved in the community.

"A lot of the same people have dedicated many years of service to the community of Rexford, and I

think some of the younger generation needs to step up and do their part to help our small community survive," she said.

Vogler said one of the challenges she would face on the job is dealing with the city's budget.

"There is a limited amount of money available in a small community to improve infrastructure and maintain equipment," said Vogler. "It's also extremely tough to try and keep existing businesses and draw new businesses to town in order to maintain or increase our population and keep our school open."

Vogler said the first thing she would do if she were elected would be to visit with the citizens of Rexford and see what they think are the priorities.

"I also would like to look at grants that would be available to the town of Rexford for improvements and clean up the town a little by planting some trees, taking care of abandoned houses, vacant lots, abandoned vehicles, etc.," she said.

Vogler said she thinks she can bring fresh ideas that would lead to future changes and improvements to the council.

She said she basically is happy with the job the city is doing but feels there is always room for improvement. She said would be happy to hear any comments or concerns citizens have.

Volger has three children: Cole Christiansen, 15; Jordan Christiansen, 12; and Landon Vogler, 3. She works for Chance Management in Colby.

To contact her, call (785) 687-8123 or e-mail pennyjo8@hotmail.com.

Gary Delzeit is the grocery manager of the Dillon's store in Colby. He has two step-children: Ethan, 15, and Aisha, 17.

Saving taxpayers money is the most important thing he wants to

do if he's elected, Delzeit said, adding that he'd like to see the city operate more efficiently. He said cleaning up the town would be one of the biggest challenges he will face if he's elected.

"It would be a privilege to serve the community," said Delzeit.

To contact him, call (785) 687-8233

Betty J. Nickols is running for re-election after serving two years on the council. She said if she's re-elected, she wants to clean up the city and keep it that way.

Nichols, 78, has a son Tom, 54. She attended Fort Hays State University and is the director of Second Chance at Life in Rexford.

To contact her, call (785) 687-

Flood crest near Dakota dikes

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — The rising Red River broke a 112-year record early today and breached one of the dikes fortifying the city, but the mayor pledged to "go

down swinging" as he called for more evacuations and additional National Guard troops to prevent a devastating flood.

The river swelled to 40.32 feet

— more than 22 feet above flood stage and inches more than the previous high water mark of 40.1 feet set in 1897. The National Weather Service said it could crest as high as 43 feet on Saturday. Fargo's main dike protects the city at the 43-foot level.

Fargo Mayor Dennis Walaker says the city has no plans to build the dike any higher. He says officials believe the Red River will crest at between 41.5 and 42 feet, and there wasn't time to raise the dike again.

"We're not going to proceed to take it to 44. Is that a gamble? We don't think so," Walaker said.

Storm brushes our area

From "STORM," Page 1

trace of snow, while Goodland reported 4 to 5 inches.

Few if any problems were reported around Colby from the storm. Chris Hrabe, a dispatcher for the Kansas Highway Patrol, said no wrecks had been reported in Thomas County. Streets in town were snowpacked and slick. Outside the city, highways were mostly clear. State crews were plowing small drifts and sanding slick spots.

The snow spread across southwest Kansas cities, including Garden City, Ulysses and Dodge City and southeastern Colorado, said McGuire. The storm was expected to wind down as the snow moved eastward tonight.

The main part of the storm system was moving through eastern New Mexico and the Texas Panhandle, McGuire said, and should head toward St. Louis.

Most area schools called off classes in advance of the storm, including Colby, Brewster, Golden Plains, Oakley, Heartland Christian and Sacred Heart Catholic. Colby Community College cancelled classes for the day as well.

Colby Superintendent Terril Harrison said it was only the second snow day the district had used

all year.

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Fair board OK's contest

From "FAIR BOARD," Page 1

In committee reports:

- The board decided that moving the solar building to repair the foundation was too expensive and Clair Schrock, with the building and grounds committee, said he would look into having it moved by a different contractor.

- The parade and entertainment committee reported Old Settlers Day would no longer be held.

- For the rodeo committee Schrock reported that Orscheln's would be hosting the mutton bustin' event each night of the rodeo.

- Ron Kogler reported that he hired Scott Rohge to judge the demolition derby for \$700 and that he would find two other sponsors.

- For the fair book committee report, Cynthia Bieberle moved that the 2009 fair theme be "Thrills, Squeals & Ferris Wheels at the

Thomas County Free Fair 2009."

This theme was approved. Next Darrel Dible made a motion to have a maximum weight on hogs of 300 pounds. This motion also carried. Finally, the committee decided to set the 4-H livestock sale at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30, and decided the all exhibits will be released at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1.

Other business discussed in the meeting included:

- April 9 is the deadline for all changes and updates to the fair book.

- The board donated \$750 to the Emergency Medical Service to help with the Thomas County Free Barbecue.

- The contract with the blue grass festival was discussed and it was decided that 25 full-service camping spots would be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis.



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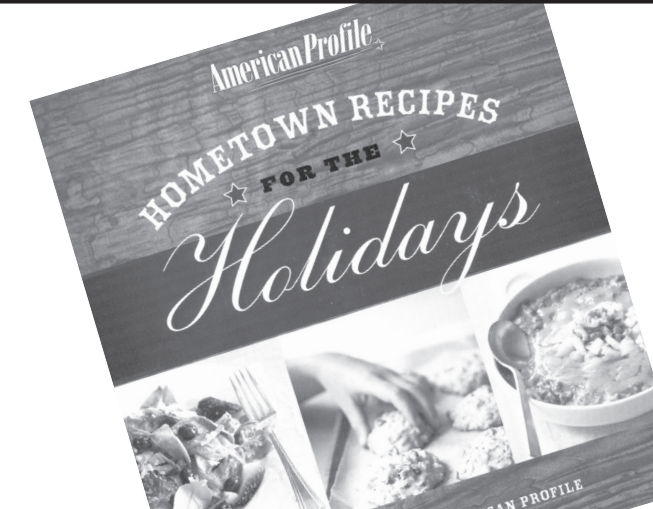
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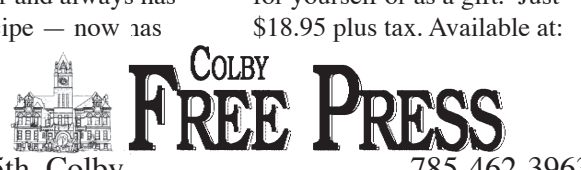
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