

## Weather Corner



National Weather Service

**Tonight:** Scattered sprinkles after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. Breezy, with a north wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of showers before 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. North wind 10 to 15 mph becoming east.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 43. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 78. Windy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear and breezy, with a low around 49.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 88.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 55.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.

**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 56.

Thursday: High, 72; Low 47  
Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches  
Month: 1.41 inches  
Year: 6.03 inches  
Normal: 7.24 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise Saturday 6:29 a.m.  
Sunset Saturday 8:52 p.m.  
Sunrise Sunday 6:28 a.m.  
Sunset Sunday 8:53 p.m.  
Sunrise Monday 6:28 a.m.  
Sunset Monday 8:54 p.m.  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

## Foundation awards 186 scholarships

The Pete Henry Foundation of Colby is awarding 186 scholarships to 2009 high school graduates. This is the fifth year for the foundation to grant renewable scholarships. This year's renewable scholarship is \$1,500 per semester for eight semesters. The foundation also awarded one-time scholarships in various amounts.

This year's renewable scholarship goes to Jeremy Harter of Colby.

\$2,000 scholarships: Chance Cranston and Ethan Kammer, Brewster; Whitney Ritter, Colby; and Terry Roehl, Golden Plains.

\$1,500 scholarships: Jordan Krzycki, Kayla Sloan, Taylor Young and Garrett Zwegardt, all of Colby.

\$1,000 scholarships: Melissa Crumrine, Brewster; Jared Bixenman, Kiri Kendrick, Tyson Miller and Cory Sager, Colby High School; Leanna Larmer, Heartland Christian; Leah Sharp, Atwood; Jordan Albers and Hannah Moorhous, Oakley; and Tate Bruggeman, Randa Lewis and Ivonn Vargas, Golden Plains.

\$750 scholarships: Brittany Kammer, Terry Preston and Case Rundel, Brewster; Stephen Dinkel, Jessica Leiker and Kyle Molstad, Colby; Jason Ackerman, Oriana Beltran, Kelton Jones, Tanner Moss, Damien Plank, Nick Rall and Angel Lobato, Golden Plains; Derek Glassman, Shaane Park and Bradley Habbleib, Oakley; and Abbie Reed, Heartland Christian.

The scholarship foundation was created by Pete Henry, a farmer who lived in the Brewster area. His dream was to help local students further their education.

The foundation awards academic and technical training scholarships to students from the nine counties in northwest Kansas.

## Fun in the sun



VERA SLOAN/Colby Free Press

A day at the beach with a group of 3 and 4 year olds is almost more fun than you can bargain for! Amy Jennings' end-of-school parties had a great day for their "day at the beach" on Wednesday. The rule seemed to be that who ever could get the wettest, had the most fun!

## Board discusses derby

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a banner at last year's fair but they still have not paid the \$600 they owe the board.

Received a bid from Stephens Construction of \$14,491.92 to redo the 5 doors in the construction building. They tabled the bid for now. Hines said they received a bid from Woofter Construction a month ago that was about the same price.

Approved the Golden Plains Cheerleaders having a pop stand at 4H events.

Heard Carmen Cornell was interested in joining the fair board.

Discussed how the windows at the barns on the fairgrounds were not shutting.

Approved inviting Thomas County Sheriff Rod Taylor to attend the board's next meeting on Thursday, June 11.

## 2nd Annual Waldo McBurney 5K Race

Saturday, June 13 ~ 8 a.m.

Quinter City Park

8 a.m. ~ 5K run/walk

9 a.m. ~ 1 mile run/walk

200m ~ kid's run/walk to follow

\$15 fee before 6/1/09

\$10 flat fee for 12 & under

\$18 fee after 6/1/09

\$21 fee race day

Benefits future Health and Fitness Center

\$100 to the first male and female 5K finishers.

Medals to first place winners in each division & children 12 & under

T-Shirts for all participants

Men's & Women's age groups for all three races:

10 & under, 11-15, 16-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70, 71 & over

T-Shirts/packet pick-up on Friday, June 12, 7 to 8 p.m. & Saturday,

June 13, 6:45 - 7:50 a.m. at the park shelter.

Registration forms available at local businesses or go online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)

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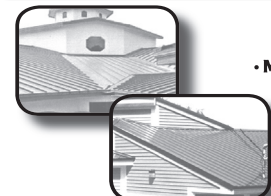
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## Future bright for local economy

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wants it to be," Steffen said.

Patrick said the primary focus of the meeting was to determine the goals of the community. Steffen and Foster conducted an exercise in which the group identified the strengths, weaknesses, economic threats, previous economic development projects and ideas for the future. Strengths included proximity to I-70 and other highways, the hospital, Colby Community College, low crime rate, central location and railroad access.

Weaknesses included a lack of workforce housing, labor shortage, lack of recreation options, distance to major population centers, limited airport and low median income.

Potential economic threats included the budget cuts facing public education, continuing or worsening drought conditions and departure of graduating students.

Previous economic projects included the visitor's center, wastewater treatment plant, fire station, John Deere facility, Wal-Mart, the Convention and Visitor's Bureau message board at the museum and several new Brewster facilities. Convention bureau Director Lei-

lani Thomas said that every project on the previous strategic plan has been completed. Current projects include a wind farm, which may begin construction as early as September, the hospital's additions, the new Farm Credit Bureau building and the new hotel.

The group identified several key ideas for improving the economy locally: a convention center with indoor arenas, a large mall with tourist attractions, more affordable housing, better equipment and technology for schools and health-care, new programs at the college and physician recruitment.

Patrick said the strategic plan will be completed and submitted by June 30. It will include a supplemental report about the ideas that came from the meeting.

After it is submitted, the alliance will put together task forces to implement the suggestions, and a steering committee to help organize the overall effort. Committee members could also report back to the various local government and business entities on its progress.

Patrick said he will be looking for volunteers to step up and join the task forces or the steering committee.

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