

Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday: Chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 1 p.m. Cloudy, with a high near 60. Breezy, southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Tuesday Night: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Cloudy, with a low around 50. Breezy, with a southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.

Wednesday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, high near 61. Southeast wind around 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51.

Thursday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 73.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Friday: High, 67; Low 44
Saturday: High, 59; Low 46
Sunday: High, 64; Low 45
Precip: Friday Trace
Saturday 0.23 inches
Sunday Trace
Month: 0.47 inches
Year: 6.12 inches
Normal: 7.24 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 6:28 a.m. 8:54 p.m.
Wednesday 6:27 a.m. 8:55 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

College recognizes longtime professor

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many other rewards.

"I have spent 61 years in education, 36 in Colby," he said, "and I am a Colby cheerleader."

The student speaker was Jessica Swanek, who won the Dr. Richard Mosier Award as the year's outstanding student. Swanek, from Doniphan, Neb., graduated with a degree in business with emphasis in marketing and retail. She has been a presidential scholar, a tutor and played clarinet for the college band among her many activities. She said she plans to continue her education at the University of Nebraska.

Glenn "Skip" Sharp, vice president of student affairs and marketing introduced Swanek, saying she is not only a great student, but a great leader. Sharp said winners of the Mosier award get a \$500 honorarium from the college.

Swanek talked about her time at the college, comparing it to the tree she was sitting under at Fike Park while trying to come up with her speech.

"There's more to that tree than meets the eye," she said. "Choosing to attend Colby Community College was a great decision, and I have blossomed here just like a tree in spring."

She encouraged students to get involved on campus the way she did.

"I had no intention of playing in the band," she said. "Not only did I get to spend time with a great

and unique director, but I made some wonderful friendships." Swanek said she would miss Colby.

"It's not every day you get to see your instructor wrestle a pig, or see your classmate have an egg joust into their forehead," she said, "but here at CCC, that's common."

The Dr. Jim Tangeman Award for excellence in teaching was given to veterinary technology instructor Jennifer Martin. Martin has been teaching at the college since 2005. Dr. Paula Davis, who presented the award, said Martin has just completed a large grant application to expand the vet tech program to Manhattan and Eldorado.

The Tangeman Award is given to outstanding teachers. Davis said students and past winners get together to decide on the winner each year.

President Lynn Kreider presented honorary degrees to Bruce and Cleona Flipse. Both served on the college board for many years. Bruce from 1985 to 1993 and Cleona from 1993 to 2009.

Kreider said honorary degrees are given to people who render service beyond self to the college.

"I think that has been demonstrated many times," he added. The Flipses each gave a short speech. Bruce said there were a lot of people who deserve honorary degrees.

"It's all about you students," he said.

New Jersey graduate proposes during speech

HACKETTSTOWN, N.J. (AP) - A New Jersey college valedictorian had a special graduation gift for her boyfriend - a wedding proposal, which he accepted.

Moments after finishing her speech Saturday at the Centenary College commencement, Emily Hawley called fellow graduate Josh Walker to the stage. She then popped the question, drawing loud

roars from fellow graduates. Hawley didn't have a ring to give Walker and didn't get down on one knee. She tells the Daily Record newspaper of Parsippany her proposal was "nontraditional enough."

Walker admits being caught off guard but says he didn't mind.

Hawley and Walker haven't set a wedding date yet.

Eagle grads recall journey; old teacher says to stay on track

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left of the money they had raised all year to the Red Cross disaster relief fund.

Gray Henry said the students had learned to cope with the bad times as well as the good.

"No matter what I can say to you, class of 2010, the Beatles can say it better," he said. "I have to admit it's getting better, getting better all the time."

Kalen Rasmussen spoke about the mentors, teachers, parents and coaches who had helped guide the class. Their advice will continue to help them in the future, he said.

"There will be bumps and crashes along the way," he added, "but as our mentors taught us, we will pop back up, brush the dust off our shoulders and persevere."

Colin Rous said the students had grown up through their years in high school.

"Let us never forget the friendships of our teenage years," he said.

Jake Rose encouraged the class to remember what they were leaving behind. He said he would particularly remember the time spent at school after hours, whether at sports or band practice or rehearsing for the school musical.

"Lastly, in the words of Spock, 'live long and prosper,'" he said.

Salutarians Jacob Hutfles and Keesa Wright also spoke. Hutfles thanked everyone on behalf of the class, singling out Krebs.

"You're one of the best principals I've had. Well, one of the three," he joked.

Wright donned a floppy top hat and gave several Dr. Seuss quotes that she felt summed up the class's experience. She ended by saying simply, "Don't cry because it's over; smile because

it happened." Rose and Juenemann, class co-presidents, introduced guest speaker Arnold Schrag, a retired sixth-grade science teacher who had taught many in the class.

Schrag said being asked to speak was humbling experience, and he had wondered what words of wisdom he could impart to the students, finally coming up with, "be true to yourself."

"You have to be aware of your strengths, weaknesses, likes and dislikes," he said. "In talking with some of you, you're right on target."

Schrag encouraged self-reflection, originality and taking pride in yourself.

"Find out what is the best version of you," he said, "and strive to be that version. My best wishes to each and every one of you as you impact the world around you."

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