

Student News

Colby Public Schools

Activities: National School Breakfast Week. **Monday:** 8 a.m. basketball all league selection meeting, Scott City; 4 p.m. grade school site council, cafeteria; 7:30 p.m. middle school/high school spring vocal concert, high school auditorium. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. second grade musical, grade school auditorium; 4 p.m. softball seventh and eight Great West Activities Conference Tournament, Scott City; 7:30 p.m. track rules meeting, Oakley. **Wednesday:** 5 p.m. music boosters, high school workroom; boys basketball state competition, Salina; girls basketball state competition, Salina. **Thursday:** end of third quarter; boys varsity basketball state competition, Salina; girls varsity basketball state competition, Salina. **Friday:** no school, staff work day; boys basketball state competition, Salina; girls basketball state competition, Salina. **Saturday:** SAT Test; boys basketball state, Salina; girls basketball state, Salina.

Menus: Monday: breakfast: cinnamon tasteries, apple juice; lunch: crispy taco, rice, corn, hot roll, pear half. **Tuesday:** breakfast: cereal choice, grape juice; lunch: corn dogs, French fries, green beans, baby carrots, peach slices. **Wednesday:** breakfast: biscuit and sausage, orange wedge; lunch: tuna sandwich or chicken strips, potatoes with gravy, hot rolls, peas, applesauce. **Thursday:** breakfast: waffle, apple juice; lunch: sloppy joe, tater tots, broccoli, pineapple chunks.

Sacred Heart

Activities: Wednesday: Ash Wednesday. **Friday:** no country buses; end of third quarter. **Menus: Monday:** barbecue beef sandwich, broccoli, pear slices, French fries. **Tuesday:** chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, peach half, roll. **Wednesday:** breakfast at lunch, eggs, hash browns, French toast, orange slices. **Thursday:** taco pie, lettuce, tomato, cheese, peas, tropical fruit, corn bread. **Friday:** cheese pizza, salad, green beans, apple slices, bread sticks.

Heartland

Activities: Thursday: end of third quarter; noon dismissal. **Friday:** no school, staff work day. **Golden Plains**
Activities: Monday: Red Cross blood drive. **Wednesday:** state basketball, Hays, through Saturday March 12. **Menus: Rexford: Monday:** breakfast: hash browns; lunch: ham steak. **Tuesday:** breakfast: pizza bobs; lunch: bierocks. **Wednesday:** breakfast: breakfast combo; lunch: soup and sandwich. **Thursday:** breakfast: breakfast burrito; lunch: chicken tender. **Friday:** breakfast: monkey bread; lunch: tuna mac. **Selden: Monday:** breakfast: breakfast burrito; lunch: popcorn

chicken. **Tuesday:** breakfast: pancake; lunch: taco. **Wednesday:** breakfast: biscuit and gravy; lunch: fish. **Thursday:** breakfast: donut; lunch: ham and cheese pockets. **Friday:** breakfast: scrambled eggs; lunch: grilled cheese.

Brewster

Activities: Monday: Spring pictures; 7 p.m. Western Kansas Liberty League all-league selection at North West Kansas Educational Service Unit, Oakley. **Wednesday:** high school state basketball, Hays, Wednesday through Saturday. **Friday:** no school. **Menus: Monday:** breakfast: French toast sticks, bacon; lunch: goulash, green beans, pears, orange. **Tuesday:** breakfast: sausage gravy biscuit; lunch: chicken patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, cooked carrots, peaches, banana. **Wednesday:** breakfast: grilled cheese sandwich; lunch: cheese pizza, corn, baby carrots, seven-layer salad, Jell-O with mixed fruit, apple. **Thursday:** breakfast: pancakes, sausage; lunch: taco, corn, baby carrots, pears, pineapple.

Colby Community College

Activities: Sunday: 1 p.m. baseball vs. Brown Mackie, Salina; softball, Cloud County, Concordia. **Monday:** 6:30 p.m. storm spotter session, Community Building; 7:30 p.m. Western Plains Art Association "Music Man," Oakley High School; 6 p.m. prom dress sale, First Presbyterian Church. **Tuesday:** 9:30 a.m. International Women's Day, Fireside Lounge; 6 p.m. prom dress sale, First Presbyterian Church; 2 p.m. softball vs. Butler County Community College, El Dorado; 3 p.m. baseball, McCook, Neb. **Wednesday:** 6 p.m. prom dress sale First Presbyterian Church; 1 p.m. baseball vs. Western Nebraska, baseball field; 2 p.m. softball vs. Garden City, softball field; 6 p.m. lifeguard class, college pool. **Thursday:** 6 p.m. prom dress sale First Presbyterian Church; 6 p.m. lifeguard class, college pool; 7 p.m. Zumba class, Cultural Arts Center. **Friday:** 3 p.m. mid-term grades due; 5 p.m. Office Professional Organization scholarship applications due, Student Support Services; 6 p.m. prom dress sale First Presbyterian Church; 6 p.m. lifeguard class, college pool; rodeo competition, Garden City. **Saturday:** 9 a.m. lifeguard class, college pool; 11 a.m. softball vs. Western Nebraska, college softball field; rodeo, Garden City; Walk Kansas begins. **Monday:** Spring Break March 14 to 18. *Send us your calendar and menus. E-mail colby.society@nwkanas.com or mail Colby Free Press, 155 W. Fifth, Colby, Kan., 67701.*

Rexford man wins 20-year weather award

The National Weather Service in Goodland presented Gary Hibbs of Rexford with a 20-year Length of Service Award on Feb. 17.

Hibbs has been observing precipitation one mile southwest of Rexford since 1991, which amounts to over 7,300 weather observations. The award was presented by Michael Lammers, observing program leader. Precipitation data gathered by Hibbs and other



Gary Hibbs

weather observers throughout the region can be found monthly in "Climatological Data," which is published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

There are about 11,000 observers in the United States, and each year, the service presents Length of Service awards to selected observers. These service awards are presented after 10 years of service and then every five years.

Senior Progress Center

The "Young at Heart" singers will be at the Senior Progress Center Friday.

Activities for the week: Monday: 10:30 a.m. Skip Bo. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 dominos. **Wednesday:** popcorn day. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 Rummikub. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 11:30 "Young at Heart" singers.

Menus for the week: Monday: tater tot casserole, seasoned carrots, bread, mixed fruit. **Tuesday:** meat balls, creamed potatoes, corn, bread, mandarin oranges.

Wednesday: tuna and noodles, peas, stewed tomatoes, bread, peaches. **Thursday:** oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, bread, apricots. **Friday:** cook's choice entree, spinach cheese salad, applesauce, bread, bar cookie.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch. Home delivery is available. A contribution of \$3 per meal is suggested for seniors, \$5.25 for others. Make reservations at (784) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Tuesday
1:42 a.m. - Report of a loud explosion north of Zelfer Apartments. Unable to locate.
1:52 a.m. - Deputy requested officer's assistance at the Law Enforcement Center.
7:03 a.m. - Took prisoner to Ellis County for sheriff's office.
7:13 a.m. - Assisted sheriff's office with prisoner.
7:45 a.m. - Report of vehicle all over the road southbound on K-25 from airport. Located, driver OK.
10:05 a.m. - Caller reported trailer parked since November. Owner will get it moved.
10:28 a.m. - Funeral block from Kersensbrock's to Beulah Cemetery.
2:38 p.m. - Semi parked in the 900 block of S. Range. Not found when officer arrived.
6:50 p.m. - Narcotics violation report filed.
10:33 p.m. - Dog at large returned to owner.

Wednesday
2:58 a.m. - Security check at the college dorms.
7:26 a.m. - Accident in Walmart parking lot.
2:20 p.m. - Assisted Highway Patrol with looking for vehicle in Colby.

2:32 p.m. - Report of missing juvenile. Subject was located.
2:34 p.m. - Caller advised of subject in vehicle in reference to earlier traffic complaint. Made contact, subject was OK.
8:01 p.m. - Welfare check.
9:07 p.m. - Accident at Montana Mike's. No report.
9:38 p.m. - Report filed for domestic call.
10:23 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious vehicle in the parking lot. Everything OK.
11:51 p.m. - Security check at Twister's.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Tuesday
12:37 a.m. - Booked Raymond M. Sandoval.
6:55 a.m. - Released Felipe Fonseca.
7:45 a.m. - Caller reported vehicle all over the road boundbound on K-25 from the airport.
8:12 a.m. - Released David Leroy Mayer.
12:11 p.m. - Arrested Tami Downing on warrant.
12:11 p.m. - Arrested Travis Downing on warrant.
12:11 p.m. - Arrested Joseph Harper on warrant.
12:30 p.m. - Social and Rehabilitation Services requested

Freezing rain brings variety of problems

This winter's storms, combined with see-saw temperatures, have been nothing new for the central United States. But, even long-time Plains dwellers were a bit nervous some weeks ago when forecasters called for a gigantic front to deposit freezing rain ... and then snow.

"Freezing rain is always interesting. You're on a skating rink everywhere you go. Unfortunately, the weather pattern can also cause tremendous amounts of tension, disruption and damage. Just ask Kansas Citians about the ice storm of 2002. Or, Wichita residents about 2005. They were at the epicenter of ice storms that permanently changed their regions' landscape of trees," said Mary Knapp, State of Kansas climatologist, based with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

Knapp explained that freezing rain occurs when warm, moist air overrides cold air already in place at ground level. The upper air mass is the precipitation source. So, the moisture is liquid when it first falls. The rain starts to freeze, however, when it drops into the cold-air zone.

"With that kind of recipe, you've got quite a bit of room for variation," she said. "Des Moines, Iowa, established a record for be-

ing different on Dec. 21, 1990. The temperature was 2 degrees below zero. But, the moisture falling then was freezing drizzle - in other words, still-liquid precipitation."

Another odd outcome can occur when the cold, lower air mass is sitting on ground that's warm.

"That's when you get icing on trees, fences and elevated surfaces - while little ice collects on roads," Knapp said. "Even then, however, the ice buildup can deposit tons of weight on tree branches. Ice on utility lines can result in power outages that take days to repair. Fires can soon be a problem, too."

Yet, the most treacherous combo for travelers can be ice, hidden under snow - in part because it starts out looking fairly harmless, she said. Once deposited, the mix also can be difficult to remove. And, as it melts, the snow can keep adding to the ice layer whenever nighttime temperatures fall below 32 F.

According to the National Weather Service, about 70 percent of Americans' winter storm-related injuries result from vehicle accidents. About 25 percent result from their being caught out in the storm. Information is available online at www.ksre.ksu.edu/wdl.

deputy. Subject brought to station, High Plains Mental Health called.
1:47 p.m. - Released Sandoval to the State of Colorado.
2:25 p.m. - Suspicious person walking around in Brewster.
2:28 p.m. - Booked Larry Hill.
10:17 p.m. - Narcotics violation report filed for traffic stop on Country Club Drive.
11:33 p.m. - Booked Eric M. Blanton.
11:58 p.m. - Released Blanton.

Wednesday

12:10 a.m. - Booked Alexa B. Garcia.
12:21 a.m. - Released Garcia.
12:29 a.m. - Booked Taylor J. McClure.
12:11 p.m. - Keith Reed reported lost tag.
2:01 p.m. - Vehicle identification number inspection for Colby Dodge.
2:20 p.m. - Assisted Highway Patrol on I-70 at mile 52 eastbound.
2:31 p.m. - Booked Juan Ramon Rivera.
3:04 p.m. - Booked Coynesha Picken.
3:14 p.m. - Arrested Larry Hille on warrant.
3:18 p.m. - Released Picken.
4:04 p.m. - Released Andrew Wright.
4:25 p.m. - Released Joseph Harper.
4:41 p.m. - Released Tami Downing.
4:56 p.m. - Released Travis Downing.
11:51 p.m. - Security check at Twister's.

Square dance coming in Hays

The Shooting Stars Square Dance club will have a square dance from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at the Roosevelt Elementary School, 2000 MacArthur in Hays.

Caller will be Steve Bailey. Singles, couples and all ages are invited. There will be refreshments and Pot O' Gold. For information call Opal Flynn at (785) 726-4432.

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