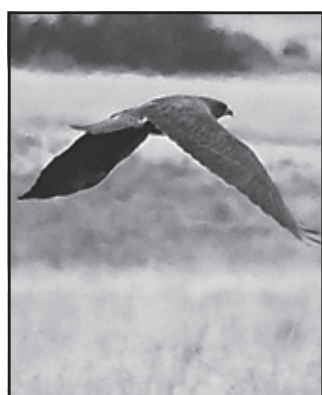


Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north-east.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. Breezy, with a north wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 88. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 86.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 83.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85.

Wednesday: High, 91; Low 59
Precip: Wed. 0.02 inches
Month: 0.17 inches
Year: 5.34 inches
Normal: 9.84 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 6:17 a.m. 9:13 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
Wednesday 2,589,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)

Four new faces join newspaper

From "STAFF," Page 1

Full time sports reporter Kayla Cornett joined the *Free Press* staff on June 1. Kayla moved to Colby from Boulder, Colo., where she had been studying journalism with an emphasis on news and editing at the University of Colorado. Cornett said she has just one class left – which she will take online this summer – to graduate.

Cornett is originally from Pueblo, Colo., and graduated from high school there in 2007.

A fan of many different kinds of sports, Cornett said she particularly enjoys watching baseball after having played softball in school. In her spare time she enjoys reading, watching television and spending time with friends and family.

Cornett's duties include covering local sports events as well as opinion and general writing.

Christina Beringer also joined the staff on June 1 as a second part-time society reporter.

"I'm super excited to be here," she said.

Beringer is a native of Colby. She graduated from Colby High School in 2005 and Colby Community College in 2007 with an Associate of Arts degree.

She worked as an administrative assistant for the Thomas County Community Foundation and later attended Fort Hays State University. She graduated in 2010 with a degree in communications studies.

Beringer also works part time at The Loft, a home interior gift shop in the Oasis Travel Center. She recently married Curt Beringer and together the two own C&C Communication, a Viera Wireless provider.

Beringer is a fan of the Denver Broncos – she and her husband have season tickets – and is an aspiring golfer and scrapbooker.

Her duties at the *Free Press* include writing up society news, general news writing and event coverage.

Several projects planned for U.S. 36

From "PROJECTS," Page 1

lion and rail \$40 million. Cities and counties will get \$1.6 billion.

On U.S. 36, the largest project this year will be from the K-383 junction east to the Norton-Phillips County line. A contractor will mill off three inches of old pavement and replace it with a three-inch overlay of new asphalt.

In Oberlin, crews will mill off an inch and a half of old pavement and replace it with an inch and a half new asphalt. State crews will do much of the work, hauling asphalt and guiding traffic around the work area, from Penn Avenue east to the elevator entrance. Work could begin in July or August, Stewart said. The contractor, Venture Corp., has two paving jobs south of town on U.S. 83 and one on K-9 around Allison.

Another project, in Smith County, will include a half-inch mill and an overlay of 1 1/2 inches of new pavement. In Smith Center, in another cooperative project, state crews will help, with the contractor milling the pavement from Main Street to the east city limits, then laying down an overlay of new asphalt.

Stewart said three bridges east of Oberlin in Decatur County are scheduled for bids in 2013, with work to start in spring 2014. The three now are posted against heavy trucks. All will be replaced while one-lane traffic is carried on either the old or new bridge.

In District 2 in central Kansas, he said, the only project on U.S. 36 this year is a conventional asphalt seal on the four-lane segment at the east end of Washington County. Rebuilding the U.S. 36-U.S. 81 interchange did not make the state's list of 27 improvement projects, he noted, but

some work has been done on the existing pavement.

Work in District 1, in Brown County, includes replacing two bridges east of the U.S. 75 interchange at Fairview. In Doniphan County, concrete pavement on 14.6 miles of road west of Troy is being patched in a \$700,000 job.

Mike Moriarty from the department's Bureau of Transportation Planning talked about two projects on U.S. 36 that didn't make the T-Works plan last year. One was the U.S. 81 interchange in Belleville, which was built with diamond ramps rather than a cloverleaf to avoid having to demolish a motel and buy other surrounding property.

More than 400 projects were submitted for the improvement phase of the highway program, he noted. The U.S. 36 projects scored high, but not high enough to make the final list.

Expansion to four lanes of the Wathena-Troy segment of U.S. 36, at the top of the association's wish list, was one of those.

"That does not mean these are not good projects," Moriarty said. "They did score very well. Hard decisions had to be made."

He noted that "every inch" of U.S. 36 will receive some maintenance work during the 10-year plan. The state will select more projects for the plan as money becomes available.

"I do encourage you all to stay tuned, keep in touch and keep talking with us," he said. "The projects that have the best momentum are the ones that move forward."

About 35 people from the Phillipsburg area and across the state came for the meeting and luncheon, held at the Huck Boyd Community Center.

Officers and directors of the as-

Citizen asks county to join opportunity zone

From "ZONE," Page 1

Debbie Potter, Ben Hoeting, Ed Geihlsler and Jon Starns were present to speak on behalf of the conservation district, which is partially funded by the Kansas Department of Agriculture and Thomas County. They asked the commissioners to consider allocating \$30,000, the same amount as last year.

Speaking for the Regional Recycling Center was coordinator Lynett Koon. She said she is waiting to get population statistics from the City of Colby before she can calculate membership dues. In the past, dues have been \$4 per capita, half received in January from the county, then a reevaluation is done in July to determine if the other half is needed. Koon said that the 2010 Census reported a population drop for Thomas County totaling a decrease of about \$11,000 for the center.

Koon also told the commissioners that a replacement is needed to fill a board vacancy left by Beverly Eicher, a former Colby City Council member. No candidates were suggested.

• Discussed hay permits and right-of-way laws with noxious

weed supervisor Clair Schrock. Schrock said it is illegal to spray ditches and they are having issues with area landowners who are not abiding by the rules. In the past, warning letters have been issued by his office and now County Attorney Kevin Berens has agreed to help enforce them.

The commissioners told Schrock that they will support Berens in his decision to prosecute and take action if necessary. Schrock also said that his office will not be giving out any more hay permits and that they will begin mowing ditches.

Commissioner Paul Steele asked Schrock for a musk thistle update on the Urban property, old business from last week. He said that it is all taken care of thanks to cooperation from the family.

• Were presented with information about Computer Solutions, Inc., a company based in Smith Center. Representatives wanted to inform the commissioners about services they offer, which include database development, e-mail hosting, network security and mobile computing.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Saturday Evening											June 18, 2011	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	The Bachelorette				Extreme Makeover		Local					
KBSL/CBS	CHAOS		NCIS		48 Hours Mystery		Local					
KSNK/NBC	Minute to Win It		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: LA		Local	Saturday Night Live				
KSAS/FOX	Cops	Cops	Amer. Most Wanted		Local		Fringe		Fame	Local		
Cable Channels												
A & E	Revolutionary Road	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking
AMC	Revolutionary Road						A Few Good Men					
ANIM	My Cat From Hell		Cats 101		Dogs 101		My Cat From Hell		Cats 101			
BRAVO	House		House		House		House		House			
CMT	Tombstone						Hidalgo					
CNN	CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight		CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	Harold & Kumar		Kevin Hart		Daniel Tosh: Happy		Tommy Boy					
DISC	River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters			
DISN	Phineas and Ferb		Phineas	Phineas	Kickin' I	Phineas	Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck		
E!	Ice-Coco	Kardash	True Hollywood Story				The Soup	Chelsea	After Lat	Fashion		
ESPN	College Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight			
ESPN2	NHRA Drag Racing		Year/Quarterback		Year/Quarterback		SportsCenter		NFL's Greatest Game			
FAM	The Incredibles				Willly Wonka							
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America		Diners	Diners		
FX	Taken		Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Sons of Anarchy		Sons of Anarchy			
HGTV	HGTV'd	Block	Color	Antonio	House	House	Hunters	Hunters	Color	Antonio		

American Profile

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HIST	101 Gadgets		President's Book		101 Gadgets							
LIFE	Obsessed		Carnal Innocence		Carnal Innocence							
MTV	True Life	True Life	True Life		True Life		I Was 17		Teen Wolf			
NICK	Big Time	Victorou	Ninjas	iCarly	My Wife	My Wife	70s Show	70s Show	The Nanny	The Nanny		
SCI	Mega Python		Moby Dick				Snakehead Terror					
SPIKE	Star Wars IV						Star Wars V					
TBS	Meet the Fockers				The Bucket List						RV	
TCM	Bringing Up Baby				Twentieth Century				Nothing Sacred			
TLC	Extreme C	Extreme C	Extreme C	Extreme C	Extreme C	Extreme C	Extreme C	Extreme C	Extreme C	Extreme C	Extreme C	Extreme C
TNT	Lord of the Rings											
TOON	Daddy Day Camp	Venture	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Boondocks	Boondocks	Bleach	Kekkaishi			
TRAV	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures							
TV LAND	AllFamily	AllFam.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Divorced	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond		
USA	Casino R	Quantum of Solace					In Plain Sight		Law & Order: SVU			
VH1	Behind the Music	Behind the Music	Behind the Music				The Wackness					
WGN	MLB Baseball						News/Nine	How I Met	South Pk	South Pk		
Premium Channels												
HBO	Inception				Boxing				Thrones			
MAX	Losers	Ghosts of Girlfriends Past		Date Night			Femme		Sin City Diaries			
SHOW	Nurse	Tara	Bruce Bruce		Overeem vs. Werdum				NASCAR			

Sunday Evening											June 19, 2011	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Extreme Makeover		Castle		Body of Proof		Local					
KBSL/CBS	Daytime Emmy Awards				The Good Wife		Local					
KSNK/NBC	America's Got Talent		2011 Miss USA				Local		Dateline NBC			
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Cleveland	Fam. Guy	Amer. Dad	Local							
Cable Channels												
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		The Glades		The Glades		Criminal Minds			
AMC	Shawshank R.				The Killing		The Killing		Breaking Bad			
ANIM	Whale Wars		Swamp Wars		Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot		Whale Wars			
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Happens	Housewives/NJ	Happens			
CMT	Hidalgo						Truck		NJ		Wedding	
CNN	CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight		CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Tosh.0	Jon	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk		
DISC	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch			
DISN	Good Luck	Random	Shake It	ANT Farm	Wizards	Good Luck	Random	Shake It	Wizards	Wizards		
E!	Khloe	Khloe	Ice-Coco	Kardas	Ice-Coco		Fashion	Chelsea	Kardash	Ice-Coco		
ESPN	MLB Baseball						SportsCenter		SportsCtr			
ESPN2	College Baseball				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		U.S. Open Golf			
FAM	Cars		Cars						J. Osteen	Ed Young		
FOOD	Challenge		Food Network Star		Diners		Iron Chef America		Food Network Star			
FX	Hancock		Hancock				Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men		
HGTV	Holmes	Holmes	Holmes Inspection		House	Hunters	HGTV'd	Income	Holmes Inspection			
HIST	Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Swamp People		MonsterQuest		Ice Road Truckers			
LIFE	Carnal Innocence		Drop Dead Diva		The Protector		The Protector		Drop Dead Diva			
MTV	16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant		Teen Wolf		Teen Wolf		Teen Wolf		Real...	
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	70s Show	70s Show	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny		
SCI	Troy						Name of King					
SPIKE	Coal		Star Wars VI: Return								Star Wars	
TBS	Meet the Fockers		Miss Congeniality				My Big Fat					
TCM	Stagecoach				The Wings of Eagles				The Phantom Carriage			
TLC	Cake Boss		William & Kate: Baby		Freaky Ea	Freaky Ea	William & Kate: Baby		Freaky Ea	Freaky Ea	Freaky Ea	
TNT	Transformers		Falling Skies				Falling Skies					
TOON	Gumball	Looney	Delocated	Childrens	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Robot Chicken				
TRAV	Man v Fd	Man v Fd	Sand M.	Sand M.	Man v. Food		Steak Paradise		Sand M.	Sand M.		
TV LAND	Raymond	Raymond	The AFI Life Achievement Award		TV Land		Cleveland	Divorced	AFI Life			
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		In Plain Sight		White Collar		Law Order: CI			
VH1	Mob Wives		Saddle	Mob Wives			Saddle	Saddle	Audrina			
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News/Nine	Replay	Monk		Monk			
Premium Channels												
HBO	Inception		Game of Thrones		True	Treme		Game of Thrones	Treme			
MAX	Avatar	Date Night		Sherlock Holmes					Co-Ed Confidential 2			
SHOW	A Single Man	Nurse	Tara		The Real L Word		Shameless		The Real L Word			

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