

Weather



National Weather Service Today: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms...

Thursday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy...

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy...

Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy...

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

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny...

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny...

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 79.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 82.

Monday: High, 83; Low 44 Tuesday: High, 76; Low 47 Precip: Monday None Tuesday None...

College discusses sale of vehicles

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meeting. Some board members also expressed concern about purchasing new vehicles before January.

Treasurer Nick Wells made a motion to table the sale of the vehicles until Kaaz could investigate the best avenue to pursue in disposing of the vehicles and report back to the trustees.

In other business, the board: • Heard a program report on the college volleyball team from Athletic Director Ryan Sturdy...

• Heard a program report on the college volleyball team from Athletic Director Ryan Sturdy due to the absence of coaches Carey Jones and Kelsey Monahan.

• Approved the resignations of the trustees and administrators: Abby Mrazek, Megan Witzel, Lorena Rosario, Jessica Piper, Emily Torson, Sarah Eisenbarth, Taryn Lee, Andjela Reljic, Bailey Pfortmiller, Maisy Munson, Haley Dever, Christina Ehr and Abby Gifford.

• Accepted the resignations of...

Janie Manning, nursing instructor, and Kelly and James Gates, cheerleading coaches.

• Approved a lease agreement between the college and the Board of County Commissioners of Norton County for the Norton nursing facility. Dr. Stephen Vacik, college president, said this lease concerns the office space located at 711 N. Norton St. in Norton, currently in use by the Colby nursing program.

• Approved changes to two sections of the Policies Manual. The sections are "CCC responsibilities when copyright violation occurs" and "proctoring responsibilities for online exams."

• Approved the sale of college-owned cattle during this school year, which was requested by Dr. Marcy Ward, beef cattle program director and instructor. She was present to answer questions.

Ward said she expects to sell 10 cows and 15 to 20 calves. Wells made a motion to sell the cattle as Ward sees fit with the stipulation that she sells the cattle at "special" sales. Cindy Black seconded the motion.

Shields questioned whether the proceeds from this sale...

went into the general fund. Alan Waites, chief financial officer and vice president of business affairs, assured him this money is earmarked for the beef production unit, but said it does pass through the general fund. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

• Heard the August financial report from Waites, who said that 84 percent of the budget remains after two months into the fiscal year. He said the cash balance at Aug. 31 was \$680,000. He also said the biggest time of the year for processing student loans is during October and November.

Waites then explained how the general fund floats the money for the TRIO Grant, a federal grant for first-time first-generation students, which the college calls Student Support Services. Waites said the fund floats money for Title III and other grant funds as well.

He reported that audit work is underway with significant field work being completed and said he is hoping to present the audit report at the November meeting.

Chairman Arlen Leiker asked for an accounts receivable line...

item and Waites said he will work on this.

• Approved a 2-percent pay increase for non-unit employees, or staff members, as proposed by Vacik. He said this pay increase was figured into the budget and will cost approximately \$64,000 for 95 to 100 employees.

• Heard a report from Leiker about the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees meeting. Leiker said he was impressed with the new lobbyists he met at the recent meeting and said he heard talk about a possible 10 percent cut, and trustees were told to "know your story, know your coverage" when sharing about the college with the public.

He also said the Kansas Board of Regents plans to hold a reception for college presidents and trustees in mid-November. Leiker encouraged the trustees to attend and show support. He said he thought if there was any hope for the community colleges to see an increase in funding, there will have to be an increase in initiatives. He said the association will be using the new slogan "Kansas Community Colleges mean business!" in future months.

Student to help design walking trails

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make Colby the most walkable community in Kansas is exciting," she said. "I have a grand vision of getting students from the college and high school involved with volunteer projects, too, like laying bricks. It'll mean so much more to the community if young people get a chance to become invested in the project."

Hayes said she plans on seeing this project through to the end, even if the conclusion doesn't happen until after she graduates.

"This is my project," she stressed. "I want to see it finished."

In addition to the amphitheater, stage and pergola that Hayes is focusing on, the coordinating group said many more plans are underway to be included in the overall walking trails plan.

Nearest to the parking lot will be restrooms and a playground, which will feature...

climbing rocks reaching heights of eight feet, said Woofer.

Sidewalks will be flanked with lights, benches and plants, with small bridges spaced throughout. And another group has hopes of incorporating a dog park; however, no approval has been given on these plans, which are still in their beginning stages of development.

Chief of Police Randy Jones added that three poles have already been erected where security cameras will be attached.

Evans said donations are still needed to ensure that plans continue to develop, saying they need \$65,000 to complete the bridges and 2.2 miles of walking trails that encircle the amphitheater site and aquatic park; around the college on Franklin, College Drive, Range Avenue and through the area between the college and wheat field; and the last leg of the trail leading to the high school.

She said people can make a donation by sending a check to the Thomas County Community Foundation at 350 S. Range, Suite 14, Colby, Kan., 67701.

There are two giving options, she said. People can give to a pass-through fund which will benefit projects that need money now, like the amphitheater and bridges. Also, an endowment has been established that will pay for sustainability and continuing maintenance.

It's important to note which fund your donation is benefiting when making a contribution, she said.

For information on how to give, contact foundation Director Melinda Olson at (785) 460-9152 or tccf@st-tel.net.

To keep updated on the latest walking trail news, go to www.ColbyWalkingTrails.com, "like" them on Facebook and follow them on Twitter, said Carmichael.

Christmas lighting contest gears up

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Prize money will be given to first- and second-place winners in both categories. First-place winners will receive \$100 and second-place winners will get \$75.

Winners will be announced...

and photos will be published in the Colby Free Press on Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Winners of the residential category last year were Shorty and Donna Kulhanek, at 1210 E. Eighth St. Brent and Nikki Moss came in second, at 745 W. Cherry.

Honorable mentions went to Jim and Terry Cousins, 1114 Terrace Dr., and Brent and Connie Menges, 545 Cherokee.

Winner of the nonresidential category was Someplace Special. Inlow Interiors won second place. Honorable mentions were Donelan Jewelry, People's State...

Bank, Trinity Lutheran Church and Pioneer Memorial Library.

Last year the committee also recommended Harvey Court and Terrace Drive as neighborhoods to see.

Contact the Chamber for information and to submit nominations by Dec. 7.

Briefly

Bike riders gather weekly at Fike Park

Everyone is invited to join a group which gathers at 7 p.m. each Thursday by the playground in Fike Park for a casual bike ride. For information about this "official ride of nothing official," call Ryan Hale at (970) 215-4030.

Business to match concession proceeds

The Colby Chapter has arranged for the Modern Woodmen of America to match concession stand income from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday during the Colby High varsity football game at Dennen Field. The money will be donated to the Eagles' football program for the Dennen Field project. For information, call Shawn Carney, activities coordinator, at (785) 443-2442.

Separate pickup of grass clippings ends

The Colby Sanitation Department will stop the separate pickup of grass clippings Friday. You may put clippings in with regular trash until spring. For information, call the Public Works Department at 460-4420.

Mentoring group plans day in the park Sunday

Big Brother Big Sisters of Thomas County will hold an Awareness Day activity from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Fike Park. Everybody is invited to come, have games and fun and learn more about the organization and how you can make a difference in a child's life. For information, call Executive Director Orvella Romine at 460-9125.

Baptist church cooking up a free lunch for all

Everyone is invited to come share a free lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, Webster and Grant. Bring a friend. For information, call Norma Higerd at 462-7806.

Colby schools to hold book fairs

The Colby Middle School Book Fair and parent-teacher conferences will be held from Monday to Thursday, Oct. 4. The book fair will run during school hours. The Colby Grade School Book Fair will run from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, and from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4. For information, call the middle school at 460-5200 or the grade school at 460-5100.

Sacred Heart plans book fair, conferences

Sacred Heart School will hold its annual Scholastic Book Fair in conjunction with parent teacher conferences. The fair will begin at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday and run through Thursday, Oct. 4. All profits go to the school library. For information, call Principal Laura Krejci at 460-2813.

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