

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Rain and snow likely before 1 a.m., then snow. Low around 24. Windy, with a north wind 25 to 35 mph...

Thursday: Snow likely before 7 a.m., then areas of blowing snow and a chance of snow between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Cloudy, with a high near 33. Windy, with a north wind around 30 mph...

Thursday Night: Cloudy during the early evening, then gradual clearing, with a low around 20. Blustery, with a northwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to 15 to 20 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 55. Breezy, with a northwest wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly sunny, with a high near 62.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Monday: A 50 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 52.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 47.

Monday: High, 52; Low 31
Tuesday: High, 45; Low 31
Precip: Monday None
Tuesday None
Month: 0.14 inches
Year: 1.66 inches
Normal: 3.98 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Thursday 7:02 a.m. 8:25 p.m.
First quarter moon at 7:31 a.m.

Art instructor plans to redo gallery

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"Paint Your Wagon," a musical being put on by the college, a dinner could be held with the event. Groups could rent the center and hold dinners as well.

It could also be a place for schools to bring their students, Jay said. Groups could visit both the Cultural Arts Center and the Prairie Museum of Art and History.

"It'd be a place to come," she said. "It would be more than just having a museum here."

They would need someone to run the building, she added, a part-time position which wouldn't necessarily come out of the college's budget. Jay said that she would like to get enough money through grants to pay for the job. Also, she said, they would need a work-study student position and a governing body.

Jay said she would like to start an Art Council, to run the center,

possibly under the museum to take advantage of its tax-exempt status. The council could handle grant applications for any artistic endeavor.

People who might be on the council would include teachers, art and dance instructors and anyone involved with the art community.

She said she wants to get as much money as possible from donations and she wasn't asking for money from the trustees. Jay said she wanted permission from them to go ahead and start thinking about putting this project in motion.

"I have people that I will go to and ask for donations to get started," she said.

Trustee Cindy Black asked if Jay had contacted the Thomas County Community Foundation and she said she hadn't, but she would check it out.

The trustees gave Jay permission to investigate aligning the council with an arts-related or-

ganization that has federal tax exemption and to begin talking with people about giving money.

In other business, the board:

• Heard from Dr. Keegan Nichols, vice president of student affairs and marketing, who said more than 40 students attended Enrollment Day on Friday. She said Violence Prevention Week had gone well and her team did a good job.

• Heard from Joyce Washburn, dean of academic affairs, that the college is starting interviews for open positions in history and anatomy, but not for beef program director or business instructor.

• Heard from Barry Kaaz, dean of external affairs, who said the agricultural survey results were in.

College farm equipment was sold for a total of \$4,230 and a landscaping plan has been received for replacing trees that were cut down on the west side of campus, he said.

Legion district convention comes here

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tions in the mail and adding things up as we go," he added.

The convention will start with a meeting of the district executive committees and social time with state Legion officers on Friday.

Saturday, there will be a presentation from the state officers, another on district programs and one from state Sen. Ralph Ostmeier on legislation that concerns veterans. A banquet and an auction to raise

money for the American Legion Child Welfare Association will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; there will be a dinner.

The Silver Creek Band from McCook will play country, rock and swing after 8 p.m., and the dance is open to the public. Lewis said it generally runs until midnight, but the post is allowed to keep it going until 2 a.m. Admittance is \$8 each or \$10 per couple. For information, contact Terina Schmidt at 443-3766.

Legion members come a long way to attend the convention, he said, "so we booked

a band to try to give people a reason to stay in town."

He added that post members are encouraged to bring their spouses, and that the concert is open to anyone.

"I'm hoping it will be a benefit to the community," he said.

Post Adjutant Jim Vap said convention registration is \$5 and the banquet is \$10. Registration will be from 7 a.m. to 9 on Saturday, or can be done by mail. If you do not have a registration form, mail a check to the post with a note that you want to register.

Annual Art Walk boasts new activities

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the purchase of the art works. In addition, there will be a coupon on the back of the 'Buck' with a discount at the various business locations. Some coupons may be valued as much as \$100 to purchase art."

Activities for children will include transfer tattoos and face painting by the college Art Club. The club will have a 4x8-foot board for people to sign, draw or paint on. The Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Center will

have a booth allowing children to learn to make things from recycled materials.

College art students will also be drawing caricatures at several locations. Balloon animals, created by Robin Delzeit, will be available.

Criminal justice students will have an area allowing kids to try a pair of "drunk goggles," and will stage a crime scene to demonstrate investigation techniques.

"This year's event also includes three great food ven-

dors," said Jay. "Mabel's will be open. In addition, the CCC softball team will have a food booth at the north end of Franklin Avenue.

Chuck Wagon Chili and homemade peach cobbler will be offered by David Pabst and the Trinity Lutheran Youth Group. They will be set up just south of Bankwest."

The Prairie Museum of Art and History will have an "American Gothic" cutout available for photos at Movement Connection.

Cast members of the college musical, "Paint Your Wagon," will be in costume and walking through downtown distributing information about the play, scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday and Saturday.

"We were so pleased with last year's response to this event and are anticipating a larger crowd this year," said Jay. "There is no charge to attend."

For information or to offer to help during the event, contact Jay at (785) 269-7065 or 460-5459.

College president up for new job in Alabama

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"He's doing us a tremendous job," Krehbiel said. "I hope he stays."

Krehbiel said he had heard from people in town that they had read the story in other newspapers, too.

Trustee Cindy Black said she preferred not to say anything and trustees Arlen

Leiker and Dale Herschberger could not be reached.

The Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education reported that 48 people applied for the position, and a search committee appointed by the state Board of Education came up with three finalists: Vacik; Robert Gunter, deputy director for career and technical education at the Arkansas

Department of Career Education; and Linda North, dean of academics at Southern Union Community College in Wadley, Ala.

Alabama's postsecondary chancellor, Mark Heinrich, is scheduled to make his recommendation to the state board on Thursday, April 25.

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Briefly

Health Department closed in the morning

The Thomas County Health Department will be closed for training Thursday morning but will reopen at 1:30 p.m. that afternoon. For questions, call Director Kasiah Rothchild at 460-4596.

Free car-seat checks offered here Thursday

Smart Start Northwest Kansas plans a "drop-in" car seat check from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday at 460 N. Garfield. Come see if your child is ready for a bigger seat and check for recalls, out-of-date seats or improper installation. Replacement seats are available for anyone who qualifies. If you can't come Thursday, appointments can be scheduled Monday through Friday by calling Denise Singer at 465-9103.

The Bank to hold Business After 5

Everyone in business is invited to Business After 5, a social and networking event sponsored by the Colby-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at The Bank, 1195 S. Range. For information, call Roger Aumiller at 462-3907.

Legion to hold concert here on Saturday

The Colby American Legion Post plans a concert at the end of the Kansas Legion's 6th District annual convention being held in Colby. The concert, from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday at the Legion Hall here, will be open to everyone. Come hear the Silver Creek Band, out of McCook, play country, rock and swing. For information, contact Terina Schmidt at 443-3766.

City will begin separating grass

The City of Colby asks people to start separating grass from household trash on Monday. Leave grass clippings unbagged in a tipper can marked "Grass" and have all cans to the curb by 8 a.m. on your trash day. For information, call Omar Weber at the Public Works Department, 460-4420.

Master Gardeners hold informative sessions

Thomas County Master Gardeners will hold several sessions on gardening Tuesday at the Thomas County Office Complex. At 5:30 p.m., Julie Niehage, a Golden Prairie Extension District agent, will be giving tips and tricks for growing great tomatoes. At 6:15 p.m., Jim Strine, northwest area Extension forester, will demonstrate tree pruning and planting and talk about tree care. At 7:30 p.m., Niehage will talk about the Top 40 annual plants. For information, call the county Extension office at 460-4582.

Sacred Heart accepting pre-enrollments

Sacred Heart School is accepting pre-enrollment for 3-year-old preschool and 4-year-old pre-kindergarten for the fall term. Contact Principal Laura Krejci at 460-2813.