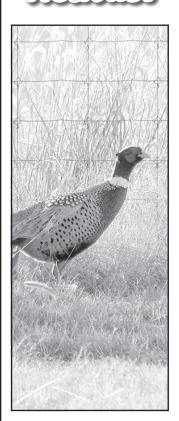
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### Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northwest after midnight.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 56. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 24. South wind around 5 mph becoming west after midnight.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. West wind 5 to 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 59.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 51.

Tuesday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent. Wednesday: Partly sunny,

with a high near 37. Wednesday Night: Mostly

cloudy, with a low around 19.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 27.

Precip: Month: 0.38 inches 14.44 inches Normal: 20.03 inches (K-State Experiment Station) **Sunrise and Sunset** 7:44 a.m. 5:21 p.m. Moon: waning, 7 percent 7:45 a.m. 5:21 p.m.

Moon: waning, 2 percent 7:46 a.m. 5:21 p.m. New moon at 6:23 p.m. (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Pianist to perform at college

Pianist Mac Frampton will kick off the holiday season with a performance at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College, sponsored by the Western Plains Arts Association.

The son of a Presbyterian minister, Frampton says he entertained at church suppers and played for Sunday services as a young boy.

As a teen, he entered a competition that took him to Long Beach, Calif., where he received the top international award from Pat Boone. Then, he said, he realized he had an undeniable passion to perform.

For the better part of four decades, Frampton has realized his dreams by playing arenas and concert halls, soloing with orchestras and releasing scores of recordings.

Admission is by season ticket or at the door, \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.



# Spring enrollment good

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that a new college website has been prepared, and will be up as cumbrances were at \$171,700. soon as someone calls the college's Internet provider.

Dr. Glenda Overstreet, vice president of business affairs, was out of town and spoke to the trustees by speaker phone.

far have been slightly less than expected, partly because finanof its budget left, or \$10.4 mil- negotiating a higher interest cial aid files.

college had an unrestricted cash balance of \$1,071,032 and en-

dent accounts as of Oct. 31. A and buses. total of \$1,321,993 was due to the college, which has cash receipts of \$90,319.

She reported that her office Expenditures for the year so analyzed the college's banking services and found an immediate savings of \$191,000 by

lion. By the end of October, the rate. She hopes to save \$206,000 total each year.

The college spent \$5,513 on maintenance and \$8,980 on fuel She reported 1,029 open, stu- to maintain its fleet of cars, vans

Cindi Kriss, who heads the financial aid department, reported that student loans had been held up by an incomplete file from the U.S. Department of Education. The department is processing two updates to its computer cial aid payments were overdue, reducing credit-card exposure. system, she said, and Adams, and that has become a priority In addition to those steps, Over- Brown, Beran and Ball started now. The college had 72 percent street said, the college will start an audit this week of the finan-

### Schools study shooter risks

From "SHOOTER," Page 1

also a good thing, he said.

you now have to think that way," Alexander said, "but that's how it is".

Later the same day, Dr. Bob Hull and Jerry Tenbrink with the Center for Safe and Prepared Schools – an office of the state adjutant general - came to the school to talk about safety to about 100 faculty from Colby and area school districts in the high school auditorium. The two passed out a survey, led the educators through an exercise and talked with them about some of the worst school shootings and other emergencies over the

Tenbrink repeated the message that schools need to start thinking about the possibility of a shooter. Schools used to be off limits, even to bad guys, he said, but now, criminals see a "neon sign" over schools because they are a soft target where a shooter can kill a lot of people. "We're talking about an epidemic of violence

across all sectors of society," he added.

It's more important to invest in training than hardware like bullet-proof glass, he said, because a criminal will get into a school one way or another.

should work with local authorities, including the be safe, the speakers said, and first responders expolice, when they plan for an emergency. Schools pect them to be prepared. come up with committees to solve problems,

they said, but organizations like the police have a much more rigid culture. Schools should come up with teams to plan for emergencies, they said, and "I hate the fact that you're in that situation that take care that the people on that team can work well with a police culture.

They also stressed that there is still a gap between the time the police are called and when they actually show up. That might be as long as 40 minutes for some schools in western Kansas.

"What you do during that gap of time will probably determine the success or failure of whatever your policy is," Tenbrink said.

He pointed out that Sandyhook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., had security at its front door but that did not stop a shooter from killing 20 children and six faculty last fall. However, someone managed to trip an alarm, he said, and one of the first things a school should do is train everyone to use the alarm system.

Hull added that emergencies happen unexpectedly. The average duration of a school shooting is just five to seven minutes, Hull said, and the shooter often kills himself as police close in. Since there is very little room for creative thinking and problem solving during an actual emergency, he said, the highest level that a school will function at is something like practice they Colby teachers went through before hand.

The speakers repeated several times that schools Parents, kids and teachers all expect schools to

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the following day, space available. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

#### Santa City open weekends

Santa City will be open 1 to 5 p.m. weekends beginning today and 6 to 8 p.m. weeknights starting Monday, Dec. 16. Christmas Eve hours will be 1 to 3 p.m. Bring the whole family with their Christmas lists. For information, call the Colby Chamber at 460-3401.

### Foundation for Hope tickets on sale

Tickets are on sale for the Northwest Kansas Foundation for Hope's annual New Year's Eve banquet starting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the City Limits Convention Center. Tickets are \$40 each or \$280 for an eight-person table, including a social hour, dinner, auction and dance. Contact Pat Sloan at 443-3261.

#### Library will take food to pay your fines

The Pioneer Memorial Library will have its annual Christmas "Foods for Fines" campaign from Sunday to Monday, Dec. 23. Bring canned or packaged food to pay your fines. For information, call the library at 460-4470. The library will be closed from 5 p.m. today and both Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.

#### Donations to group will support food aid

Help support the Genesis-Thomas County food bank and the Food 4 Kids backpack program. Drop off your donations from 3 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Thomas County Office Complex to support the "Community Can" food challenge, sponsored by the Women of K-State at the Northwest Research-Extension Center. For questions, call Becky Darling at 462-6281.

#### College concert to be Tuesday evening

Colby Community College's free annual winter concert will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Cultural Arts Center, featuring the Concert Choir, Sunflower Singers, Jazz Band and Concert Band. On Tuesday, Dec. 10, private voice students at the college will perform at 4 p.m. in the Cultural Arts Center for their final. The public is invited. For information, contact vocal instructor Randy Berls at 460-5520 or instrumental music director Tony Schroer at 460-5519.

#### Golden Plains plans soup supper Tuesday Golden Plains Elementary School will hold its annual soup supper

from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Selden Community Building, serving homemade chicken-noodle soup, chili and desserts right before the annual Christmas concert at 7 p.m. at the school. Donations will be accepted for the playground and outdoor wildlife learning site. For questions, call the school at (785) 386-4560.

#### Harvest of Holidays at library Wednesday Harvest of Holidays, "Rise to the Occasion – Breads and Friends!", will

be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Pioneer Memorial Library. There is a \$5 fee to pay for supplies and taste testing, payable at the door. Call the Thomas County Extension office at 460-4582 by noon Monday to ensure we have enough supplies. Each cook will go home with their own Walnut Twist yeast bread, ready to bake and eat. For information, call Diann Gerstner at 460-4582.

#### Red Cross schedules blood drive at college

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at the Student Union of Colby Community College. Call (800) 733-2767 or go to www.redcrossblood.org to make an appointment, but walk-ins are welcome.

### Santa offers kids chance to shop

The Thomas County Community Foundation's Santa's Workshop will be open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7. Kids in preschool through fourth grade are invited to shop for their families with the help of our friendly elves. Suggested donation is \$4 per gift, and each child can buy up to four. Proceeds will be used for grants in Thomas County. For information, call Executive Director Melinda Olson at 460-9152.

### Nativity sets on display at church 'Nativi-Tea'

Come and view over 300 nativity sets on display and enjoy a cup of hot cider and a cookie at the First Presbyterian Church's Nativi-Tea from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8. The church is at 515 W. Fourth St. Call 462-6342 with questions.

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### Colorado man killed in Hays crash after police chase

HAYS (AP) – A Colorado man embankment after a brief police the crash early Thursday.

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has died in western Kansas when says 34-year-old Gerad F. Ma- seeking Madrid briefly after he car. The officers pursued the car the car he was driving hit an drid of Colorado Springs died in was seen driving without headlights and going the wrong way The Salina Journal reports on a one-way street. Officers say

The Kansas Highway Patrol (bit.ly/180x5TG) police were the car also nearly struck a patrol with their lights and sirens on.

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