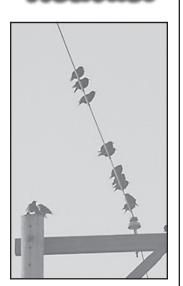
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Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 25. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 59. Northwest wind around 10 mph becoming south in the afternoon.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 27. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 63. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east in the afternoon.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 44.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 30.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 17.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with

a high near 41. Night: Partly Saturday

cloudy, with a low around 20. Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 44.

Friday: High, 47; Low 17 Saturday: High, 48; Low 21 Sunday: High, 61; Low 25 Precip: Friday None

None Saturday None Sunday 0.02 inches Month: 14.46 inches Year: 20.86 inches Normal: (K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset

7:59 a.m. 5:22 p.m. Full moon at 3:29 a.m. Wednesday 7:59 a.m. 5:23 p.m. Moon: waning, 98 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)



Colby Free Press

The Embark Building at 455 N. Franklin still sits empty in downtown Colby over three years after the Florida firm closed its doors here and the city bought the property.

Renovated building on market

From "BUILDING," Page 1

Chief Executive Officer Michael Brouthers originally promised an influx of perhaps 130 jobs to Colby. He went to the coun-

state office. The state came to own (the Embark building)".

the Thomas County Economic proposal to put 10 to 75 government employees in the building not long after the building went on the market. Gov. Sam cil several times to ask for more Brownback was hoping to move money, but the call center was state jobs to a "rural opportunity gone by that summer, leaving 13 zone" area, which Colby had people out of work and a debt of recently become. City Manager \$966,815 owed to the city for Carolyn Armstrong told the The council, for its part, has a meeting in August 2011. The ed selling the building. Howevnever seemed certain that Col- council had a simple answer for by would be home to a new the state: "Remind them they

Rick Patrick, who was eco-Development Alliance with a nomic development director at the time, has since left his job, along with Armstrong and several council members.

The city was still hoping for an influx of state employees in October of last year. Adrian reported to the council that Gov. Brownback told him not to give up on having a state office here, council about the proposal in and the council members debater, this November the state gave McGreer the go-ahead to sell the

U.S. 36 chase ends in cornfield

From "CHASE," Page 1

He said the driver turned off the highway, stopping briefly to let his passenger out.

"That's when the passenger got out of the vehicle and waited for law enforcement," he said.

Holmes kept going until he got to a ravine on the edge of the field and wrecked the car, then fled on foot, Hileman said. The patrol's plane had taken off from Hays when the chase started, and the

they searched for Holmes, one of them keeping an the chase.

eye on the car as he searched in case Holmes was hiding under it. They found Holmes lying down in the ravine and took him into custody at 11:27 a.m.

The dog, which officers described as a grey pit bull, stayed near the driver and was also picked up. Although it wasn't necessary, the officers talked about using a Global Positioning System receiver to find the car, which Hileman said belonged to Enterprise Rent-a-Car.

Hileman said the case is still being investigated. pilot spotted the man walking through the ravine. He was not immediately sure how many troopers Officers could be heard talking to each other as or officers from other agencies were involved in

Lawmaker says over-pumping fines should be higher

TOPEKA (AP) – Kansas may want to con- "You've got producers who say, 'I'll pay the ton, urged caution, saying not everyone who sider instituting stricter penalties for irriga- fine, here's an extra \$2,000, write me up for over pumps does it intentionally. a state legislator says.

Rep. Joe Seiwert, R-Pretty Prairie, told colleagues on the Special Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources he has received letters from irrigators trying to follow neighbors who flout those rules, the *Topeka* Capital-Journal reported (bit.ly/1bK6W6o).

"I mean, a \$500 fine?" Seiwert said today.

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ors who pump beyond their allotted amount, four more days.' That's a joke. We look like idiots up here."

> He said it may be time for tougher enforcement and penalties, similar to efforts to make drunken driving a more serious crime.

"Twenty years ago you got a slap on the water conservation rules and angry about wrist when you got drunk and drove home," Seiwert said today. "Today they've got substantial penalties."

But Rep. Sharon Schwartz, R-Washing-

"There are people who don't look water meter," said Schwartz, a committee member who also runs hog farms.

Jackie McClaskey, acting secretary of the Department of Agriculture, said Seiwert was right in asserting that some producers are abusing the system. McClaskey said Lane Letourneau, the manager of the department's water appropriation program, is leading an effort to develop a new penalty matrix.

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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.

Tree of Hope supports area animal shelter

A Tree of Hope supporting the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter is at the Farmers and Merchants Bank. For a donation of \$10 toward providing homeless animals with food and shelter this winter, your pet or loved one's name can be on a keepsake magnet displayed on the tree. Call Angie Harris at 460-1078 for information.

Big Brothers needs clothing for 'littles'

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County's "Christmas for Kids" project runs through Saturday. Get your name on a stocking at an area businesses, including Dillons, F&M Bank, The Bank, Western State Bank, BankWest, Peoples State Bank and Farmer's Bank and Trust of Brewster. The group's angel tree at Orcheln's has paper angels with the names of "littles" who need clothes. Bring gifts to the Colby United Methodist Church by Wednesday. For information, call Orvella Romine at 460-9125.

Economic Development board to meet

The Thomas County Economic Development Alliance board will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday at the county office complex, 350 S. Range, Suite 12. For questions, contact Kayla Faus at 460-4511.

Living Nativity scheduled for next weekend

A Living Nativity Scene in memory of Theron Johnson will be staged from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Jane Johnson Ranch, 2626 K-25 (intersection with County Road Z). Hot cider and cookies will be provided and donations will be accepted for the Genesis-Thomas County food bank. For information, call Cade Carter at 462-7525.

Library will take food to pay your fines The Pioneer Memorial Library will continue its annual Christmas "Foods

for Fines" campaign through next Monday. Bring canned or packaged food for Genesis-Thomas County to pay your fines. For information, call the library at 460-4470.

Mingo church plans Christmas Eve service The Mingo Bible Church will have its first Christmas Eve candlelight

communion service at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24. It is open to everyone. For information, call Pastor Tom Peyton at 462-2992.

Church women selling fresh nuts The women of Ascension Episcopal Church are selling fresh holiday

nuts, including pecans, walnuts, cashews and variety packs. For delivery, call Martha Hullett at 462-2505, or pick some up at Colby Canvas.

Foundation needs grant applications

The Thomas County Community Foundation will accept applications for its fourth-quarter grant cycle until Tuesday, Dec. 31. Grant areas include children, education, literacy, cultural, senior citizen services, beautification and more. Go to www.thomascountycommunityfoundation. com for an application or call Executive Director Melinda Olson at 460-9152 if you have questions.

Tickets still on sale for Hope benefit

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

Trash crew off Christmas, Christmas Eve

Colby city offices will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24 and 25, and city workers will be off. The residential trash route for Tuesday, Dec. 24, will be picked up on Monday, Dec. 23. The Wednesday, Dec. 25, route will be collected on Thursday, Dec. 26.

For information, contact Omar Weber at the Public Works Department, 460-4420.

Foster parenting classes set for next month

Foster parenting classes by TFI Family Services will begin Wednesday, Jan. 6, in Colby, with the time and location to be determined by interested families' schedules. Immediate training also is available. Call Vicki Beiser at (785) 443-0650 or (800) 279-9914.

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