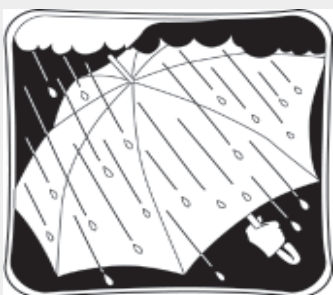


Weather Corner



Rain possible after midnight

**Tonight** — Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy with a low around 41. Calm wind becoming north between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

**Thursday** — Mostly cloudy with a high near 55. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southwest. **Thursday night** — Mostly cloudy with a low around 41. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest.

**Friday** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 64. North wind between 5 and 15 mph. **Friday night** — A 50 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 43. **Saturday** — A 50 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a high near 57. **Saturday night** — A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a low around 41. **Sunday** — A 30 percent chance of shower and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a high near 64.

**Temperatures**  
Monday's high, 61  
Tuesday's high, 63  
Low this morning, 43  
Records for this date, 89 in 1907, -4 in 1965  
Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.00  
March's precipitation, 0.22  
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

Museum event on Sunday

Come to the Prairie Museum Sunday, March 25, for Women's History Day. The day honors Lily Plummer. On exhibit are 40 of the many pieces Lily has painted for the last 37 years. Lily lives at Prairie Senior Living Center and will be present for the reception. Lily has two children, Anna Dean Rodenbeck and Larry Chambers, six grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

As part of the day, this year's program will explore the role of women on the farm. "Farming is not for women!" That has been the prevailing thought about the role of women in agriculture over the past century. Women have always played very important roles on the farm. Why then are there so few women farmers? Ann Birney is back to explore the reasons why girls become their father's sons. The Kansas Humanities Council provides the program. The KHC is a non-profit organization with 30 years of experience promoting the understanding the history, traditions and ideas that shape our lives and build community. The Colby AAUW provides support for the Women's History Day.

Each year, March is designated as National Women's History Month to ensure that the history of American women will be recognized and celebrated in schools, workplaces, and communities throughout the country. The knowledge of women's history provides a more expansive vision of what a woman can do. This perspective can encourage girls and women to think larger and bolder and can give boys and men a fuller understanding of the female experience.

Refreshments will follow the 2 p.m. program. The Women's History Month Program is presented by the Prairie Museum of Art and History and is free. For more information call (785) 460-4590.

Briefly

Easter Egg hunt planned

Colby's Assembly of God Church is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt from 1 to 2:15 p.m., Saturday, April 7, at its facility at 245 W. College Dr. The hunt is open to children ages infant to 10 years old. Children under 6, should be accompanied by a parent. For questions, call 462-8234.

Youth horseback riders wanted

The Logan County Equestrian Drill Team is having a meeting at 7 p.m., Sunday, at the 4-H Building in Oakley, said Ashley Moser, coordinator. "We are looking for interested youth riders from ages 7-18 to participate in the drill team," she said. For questions, call Moser at (785) 462-0261.

Park permit prices going up

The Thomas County Clerk's staff reminds residents beginning April 1, park vehicle permits will go up in cost to \$24.35, annually. For senior or disabled people, the price

goes up to \$13.25.

Childbirth education classes planned

Citizens Medical Center, Inc. will hold a four-week series of childbirth education classes. The series will start at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 5, and will continue on April 12, 19, 26. Expectant mothers in their last trimester are encouraged to attend, said Jeanene Brown, RN at Citizens Medical Center and coordinator of the classes.

The labor support partner who will be with the mother in labor is also encouraged to attend. The next series of classes will be in July. For questions or to register, call Brown at (785) 460-4850.

Public forum Thursday

Colby Community College President Lynn Kreider will host two public forums Thursday on the proposed wellness/activities complex on the college campus. The first will be at

noon at the college Student Union and the other will be at 5:30 p.m. at the Golden Plains High School gym in Rexford. For information, call 462-3984.

Kindergarten pre-enrollment set

Kindergarten pre-enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 4 at the Colby Grade School conference room. Parents or guardians need to bring the child's birth certificate, immunization records and Social Security card. Call the grade school office at (785) 460-5100 for information.

County plans special meeting

The Thomas County commissioners will hold a special meeting at 9 a.m. Monday at the courthouse.

They will hold two executive sessions to discuss non-elected personnel issues and review a wind energy support letter.

Flint Hills ranch offers adventures

By Ron Wilson  
Kansas State University

"Feel the burn." It's what the exercise leaders say as they put us through a vigorous round of exercises, burning the calories away. But there is someone who "feels the burn" in a different sense. He is an entrepreneur who is helping visitors literally feel the burn of the pasture burning season in the Kansas Flint Hills.

Meet Jan Jantzen, a Flint Hills entrepreneur and prairie naturalist. Jan grew up near Hill City where his family was in the cattle business. His career took him to higher education via the football field. He went to KU on a football scholarship where he played with Gale Sayers and then on to Southern Cal where there was a player named O.J. Simpson.

Jan embarked on a career in college administration. He was an administrator at Emporia State, among other places, and retired from Xavier University in Ohio. He came back to the Emporia area where he bought a local ranch.

After having friends over to the ranch, he realized people would pay for the opportunity to visit such a place. Today, Jan Jantzen's Grandview Ranch is home to Kansas Flint Hills Adventures which offers agritourism experiences in the scenic Flint Hills.

Kansas Flint Hills Adventures offers trail rides, range burning in season, interpretive tours of the prairie wildflowers and tallgrass prairie, and custom designed packages for families, companies, birdwatchers, hikers, painters, star gazers, and more.

Jan's ranch is located between Emporia and Strong City, not far from the town of Saffordville, population 14 people. Now, that's rural. The nearest town is ten miles

by road and six miles by horseback.

Part of his tour includes a fantastic scenic view from a hilltop which Jan calls Oh-my-God-this-is-what-I-came-for Hill, because of the reaction that the vista evokes from his visitors. Jan has hosted people from Connecticut to Seattle and more than 10 foreign countries. Wow.

Recently he was hosting two guests from New York. Jan said, "What brings you out this way? Are you just passing through? Visiting family? Here for a conference in Kansas City?" His New York visitors said, "No, we're here to see you and the tallgrass prairie. We've read about the tallgrass prairie but we've never seen it. We read about you on your Web site and now we've come to experience it for ourselves."

So people are traveling halfway across the continent to Kansas to see the tallgrass prairie, yet it's an asset that people here in Kansas tend to take for granted.

Jan says, "I like to teach people about the Flint Hills. The emphasis is on fun and educational experiences which grow out of a deep respect for the land, plants, animals, and the rural traditions and people of the Flint Hills."

In mid-April, an annual Flames in the Flint Hills event is conducted so that visitors can experience this range burning first-hand. Participants are encouraged to bring cameras and rugged all-weather clothes and join in the burn. I thought this was a pretty slick way to get your pasture burned, but Jan says it is a true agritourism attraction.

This event offers several alternatives for great entertainment. Participants can stay at the Prairie Fire Inn and Spa in Strong City, have dinner at the Emma Chase cafe, tour the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, enjoy a covered wagon ride and campfire breakfast, watch vintage western movies and cartoons

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