

Weather Corner



Breezy and warm

The forecast
Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around 45. East wind around 10 mph. **Tuesday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 72. Breezy with an east wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. **Tuesday night** — Patchy fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, mostly clear with a low around 49. Breezy with a south wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Wednesday** — Patchy fog before 10 a.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy with a high near 69. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. **Wednesday night** — Mostly clear and breezy with a low around 33. **Thursday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 59.
Temperatures
Sunday's high, 76
Low this morning, 42
Records for this date, 94 in 1907, 1 in 1965
Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.00
March's precipitation, 0.89
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

League art show planned

The 2007 Northwest Kansas League Art show will be held April 3-5 at Rawlins County High School, 100 N. Eighth, in Atwood. Art by students from around the area will be on exhibit for the public to view in the high school gym. The art was done over the past year by high school students. The show will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 3; 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 4 and from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 5.

Briefly

City to pick up grass clippings

The City of Colby will begin picking up grass clippings Monday, April 9. Grass clippings must be bagged or canned, and separated from all trash. Tree limbs must be separated and tied together in bundles, less than 4 feet long and less than 50 pounds. All collections must be at curbside by 8AM.

Business After Five this week

Barton Concrete Works, 2025 S. Franklin Ave., is hosting Business After Five, an event open to chamber members interested in an evening of fun, socializing and refreshments, said Holly Stephens, executive director of the Colby Chamber of Commerce. The event starts at 5 p.m., Wednesday, and visitors will be able to view the businesses new showroom, east of Wal-Mart. In addition, a \$50 gift certificate will be given away. For questions about Business After Five or other chamber activities, call 460-3401.

Ribbon-cutting Wednesday

The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce is

planning a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Plum Creek, Ltd., 475 N. Franklin (formerly the His Shop) at 2 p.m., Wednesday.

Chamber fundraiser March 30

Mini March Madness, sponsored by the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, begins at 6 p.m., Friday, March 30, at the Colby Middle School and Grade school gyms. Concessions open at 5 p.m., said Holly Stephens, chamber executive director. The event will feature Thomas County boys and girls in grades 2-6 who participated in a basketball clinic earlier in the day and will be showing off their "newly learned skills" that evening to parents, friends and relatives. The event is a fundraiser will all proceeds going to the chamber for special projects, operating expenses and promotion of Thomas County.

Puddle Duck enrollment April 4

Enrollment-open house for the 2007-08 school year for Puddle Duck Preschool is from 4 to 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 4. The preschool is for 3- to 5-year-old children and welcomes

all denominations, said Amy Jennings, school administrator. For questions, call 460-2603.

Easter Egg hunts 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, 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. The Kiwanis Club Easter Egg Hunt will be at 10 a.m. March 31 at Fike Park. The hunt for children 3 and younger will be at 10 a.m.; 4-6 years old, 10:10 a.m. and 7-9 years old, 10:20 a.m. In case of bad weather, listen to KXXX or KQLS for more information.

Kindergarten pre-enrollment

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. Call the grade school office at (785) 460-5100 for information.

Loans available for storm shelters for rural areas

TOPEKA — United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development State Director Chuck Banks announced today that the Agency will offer 2007 funding for the state's Rural Storm Shelter Program. This Program provides low interest loans and/or grants to help finance storm shelters for very-low income homeowners living in eligible areas of Kansas.

"Severe weather can strike unexpectedly, often with serious personal consequences. As Kansans know, violent storms and the unfortunate loss of life underscores the need for improved home safety measures. The installation of an approved storm shelter will offer Kansans added safety and security

when severe weather strikes. USDA's Rural Storm Shelter Program provides eligible homeowners an excellent opportunity to protect themselves and their families," commented State Director Banks.

USDA Rural Development's Rural Storm Shelter Program can also assist homeowners with other necessary improvements or repairs. Many households across Kansas have benefited with this USDA assistance. Funds have been provided for energy efficiency improvements such as installing insulation, replacing windows or new heating systems, along with roof repair or replacement, siding replacement, and providing sanitary water and

waste disposal systems.

Eligible program applicants must meet income guidelines for the county of residence, the home must be owned and occupied by the applicant, and the property must be located in a rural area or a community of less than 20,000 populations. Assistance is provided by a 1% fixed interest rate and/or a grant. The maximum loan is \$20,000 with a repayment term not to exceed 20 years. Grants may be available for applicants 62 years of age or older who do not have repayment ability for a loan. Grants are sometimes combined with loans to increase the amount available for repairs.

State Director Banks encourages homeowners interested in the

Agency's Rural Storm Shelter Program to contact their local USDA Rural Development office, or they may call the state headquarters at (785) 271-2720. Applications will be accepted until funding is exhausted.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs that support increasing economic opportunity and improving the quality of life of the State's rural residents. The Agency provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in

homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure in rural America. Since 2001, USDA Rural Development has also delivered over \$1 billion in Kansas covering all Agency programs, supporting over \$5 billion in economic development for the Sunflower State. For additional information regarding all USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Agency at (785) 271-2700 or visit the Agency's Kansas Web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks.

K-State launches food safety program

MANHATTAN — What you don't know about food safety can hurt you, according to Kevin Roberts, an instructor in the department of hotel, restaurant, institution management and dietetics at Kansas State University's College of Human Ecology.

The department will launch a four-week food safety campaign at K-State beginning April 2 to promote food safety among college students.

"Each week throughout the month of April, we will target one of the key areas of food safety — clean, cook, chill and leftovers," Roberts said. "We are targeting young adults at K-State in order to promote safe food practices. Many of these young adults are responsible for preparing their own meals for the first time when they come to college."

Funding for the project comes

from a \$5,000 grant for food safety education on campus from Rutgers University as part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service.

April 2-6 will be the "Do not be caught dirty handed!" campaign, which will use a Glo Germ Box kit to illustrate safe hand-washing practices. The kit will be available all week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the K-State Student Union and from 6-8 p.m. at the Chester E. Peters Recreational Complex.

"Rutgers University researchers based this campaign on a study that found young adults were observed performing only 25 percent of recommended hand-washing practices, which includes washing hands prior to beginning to cook, when switching from one task to another — for example, switching from handling raw chicken to han-

dling bread — and after talking on the phone or smoking," Roberts said.

April 9-13 will be the "When the temp is right, take a bite!" campaign, which will focus on educating students on the correct endpoint cooking temperatures of food products and promoting the use of food thermometers. Students will be invited to a cookout from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, in the Justin Hall courtyard to observe firsthand how to effectively take the temperature of a ground beef patty.

"The Rutgers researchers found that almost no young adults had thermometers in their kitchen," Roberts said. "Many students and adults think if they cook hamburgers until they are no longer pink in the middle, they are safe, but in reality, the color of the meat is not a good indication that the beef is cooked to the proper temperature."

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