



# Area / State

## Weather Corner



**Tonight...**Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Northwest winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light.

**Tuesday...**Mostly sunny. Warmer. Highs around 70. Light winds becoming southeast 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

**Wednesday...**Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

**Thursday...**Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Thursday night...Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the upper 30s.

**Friday...**Mostly sunny. Breezy. Highs in the mid 60s. Friday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.

**Saturday...**Sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. Saturday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s.

**Sunday...**Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.

Sunday's high, low: 57, 41.  
Saturday's high, low: 57, 49.  
Friday's high, low: 63, 51.  
Moisture since Friday, .15

## Grant helps some find jobs during Greensburg rebuilding

GREENSBURG (AP) — Some residents of Greensburg who needed a job after the May 4 tornado have found work that lets them help their town recover while they get their lives back together.

More than 70 Greensburg residents have found work under a \$20 million National Emergency Disaster Recovery Grant, filling jobs ranging from manual labor to working in the school district to clerical work.

The program has helped drop Kiowa County's unemployment rate from a record 11.7 percent in May to 7.6 percent in August. September's numbers were not available.

The jobs not only help the economy but give hope to the people whose lives were turned upside down by the tornado, which destroyed 95 percent of the town.

"Employment gives people an opportunity to have some pride in the fact that they are accomplishing something for the community," said Ron White, project coordinator for the grant.

One of those people is Amber Boyles, who found a job helping other people find jobs. She and her husband, Eric, were about to buy a new home and have Amber leave her job in Dodge City to stay home with the couple's two children when the tornado changed all those plans.

She said the federal grant job program came at just the right time.

"This was an opportunity for me to stay here, help my family and clean up the town," Boyles said.

She and her fellow workers also have found unity in their efforts to clean up the town, she said.

"It isn't, 'I work for the county,' or 'I work for the city,' or 'I work for the state,' it's 'I work for Greensburg.' That's everyone's viewpoint," Boyles said. "It's a team now."

Boyles said she mainly checks to see if people who have applied are eligible for jobs under the grant. If not, she refers them to the Kansas Job Bank to find other jobs.

The third-generation Greensburg resident said the jobs have helped some people discover new talents or opportunities they never had before.

For example, several residents will get permanent city positions when their temporary positions under the grant expire.

And while Greensburg's residents are finding work, the town's business sector is also slowly recovering.

## Deployments strain military marriages

LAWRENCE (AP) — In between his second and third deployments to Iraq, Larry Leuci's bags sat unpacked and stacked in the middle of the bedroom floor.

Those bags wouldn't let his wife, Dena, forget that since the war began, her husband has been gone far more than he has been home.

They were a nagging reminder that the process of deployment — the weeping goodbyes, carrying on daily conversations through instant messaging, figuring out how to juggle children, school and a job alone and then learning how to adjust when Dad comes home — was about to start all over again.

Early in September, Larry Leuci, a Black Hawk pilot with a medical evacuation unit based out of Fort Riley, returned to Iraq. He'll be gone for 15 months.

The family he left behind went into adapt mode.

"You put this shell around your heart because you don't have a choice. Because if you open your heart completely back up, you are going to be heartbroken again," Dena Leuci said. "And you can't. Not with little people depending on you."

Four years into the war, as soldiers go back to Iraq for the third and fourth times, the wear and tear on marriages is starting to show, according to divorce attorneys, researchers and families.

"It does a lot of damage. How could it not?" Dena Leuci asked.

From Pete Robertson's decades of experience as a divorce attorney just outside Fort Riley's borders, he knows that any time soldiers are deployed, there is an uptick in divorce filings when they come home.

His theory held true for Riley and Geary counties, home to most of the

families based out of Fort Riley. From 2003 to 2006, divorce filings in Riley County increased by 35 percent, and they increased in Geary County by 15 percent.

Manhattan and Junction City divorce attorney Linnea Alt, who has 60 percent or 70 percent of her clientele come from the Army base, has seen a bump in filings.

"Our workloads have increased," she said. "I think the majority of divorce attorneys in the area are pretty swamped."

This spring, a study funded by the Department of Defense indicated that deployments could strengthen marriages. This contradicts what years of conventional wisdom held as true: With military deployment comes the breakup of marriages.

However, a study conducted by Walter Schumm, a Kansas State University professor with the School of Family Studies and Human Services, had a different take on how deployments affect marriages.

Before the second Gulf War, Schumm had studied soldiers who served on peacekeeping missions in Egypt. In that study, he found that soldiers had a divorce rate of about 21 percent in the two years after they came home.

Data gathered after Operation Desert Storm showed that some pockets of soldiers had divorce rates as high as 70 percent, Schumm said.

In spring 2006, just after an Army unit returned from Iraq, Schumm surveyed 337 soldiers at Fort Riley. He found that 12.5 percent of the soldiers reported having marriage troubles, 6.1 percent said they would probably divorce and 12.2 percent indicated that they would be divorcing.

In comparison, in civilian populations, 2 percent to 4 percent of married couples are divorced each year.

## Environment program deadline nears

For those involved in agriculture, it's a busy time of the year, so much to do, so much to wrap-up.

"Even though you are busy, this might be the best time to take a moment and sign up for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program or EQIP as we call it," says Harold L. Klaege, State Conservationist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The cut-off date to apply for Fiscal Year 2008 funding is Nov. 2.

"Chances are you have concerns on your farm that need solving today, not tomorrow, not next year," said Andy Burr, District Conservationist, Colby.

"You may have soil productivity, soil moisture, or irrigation efficiency concerns. Maybe you are interested in no-till or strip till farming to manage soil moisture," he said. "If you haven't been to the NRCS office to get your plan started and signed up for EQIP, don't waste any more time. Do it today."

EQIP has been around since 1996 and since then it has grown in popularity with increased funding levels. It is NRCS' principal program for delivering conservation in Kansas and across the country. EQIP supports the needs of agricultural producers. NRCS offers ideas, solutions, and guidance for a successful and sustainable conservation

operation. EQIP, one of the largest programs in the 2002 Farm Bill's a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state, and federal regulations.

"EQIP provides a greater level of assistance to limited resource and beginning farmers and ranchers, who have unique circumstances and natural resource concerns that need to be addressed on their land. In Kansas, EQIP may offer limited resource and beginning farmers and ranchers a higher payment rate for structural and vegetative practices," Burr said.

The Service Center is located at 915 E. Walnut, Colby.

# Plastic surgery may not have all the answers

Dear Dr. Brothers: Right now, I feel I am about to undergo a lot of major changes in my life. I'm 25 years old and have always been the kind of person who's felt too physically unattractive to have anyone of the opposite sex even vaguely interested in me. Thanks to my father, who's now deceased, I do have a good job, and for the first time in my life, an inheritance -- which means I'm going to be able to afford all the plastic surgery I need in order to make me beautiful. After the face and eyes get right, I'm going for breast implants. Then, as soon as I find Mr. Perfect, I'll get married. I'm thinking of going to another country to have all this done, so I can surprise my friends. What do you think about this? -- R.A.

Dear R.A.: I'd stay in this country, not because you can't find good doctors elsewhere, but because I feel you are going to need the support of your friends here. Although, if I were to see you, I'm certain you wouldn't be as unattractive in my eyes as you obviously look to yourself. Because you feel as you do about yourself, I believe you'd profit greatly from the help and insight you'd gain by talking with a therapist, at least to see you through this period in your life.

There's little question that good plastic surgery can help many people's self-image, but it also is true that an intense need for physical perfection can indicate underlying personality flaws that no amount of surgery can alleviate. This is, apparently, especially true of those who seek breast implants.

Dear Dr. Brothers: I'm soon going to have my first baby, something my husband and I have been working on for almost two years. Finally, with our doctor's patience and help,



Dr. Joyce Brothers

• Ask Dr. Brothers

I'm due in a couple of months. I'm concerned because I was always a good sleeper but lately this hasn't been easy. I just can't seem to fall asleep, and when I do, I have terrible dreams about something going

wrong with my baby. Nightmares is more like it, because often in the dreams, the baby comes out beautifully and then a nurse drops him, or he turns into a non-human. What's wrong with me, and why would this

happen? -- D.L.

Dear D.L.: I think you'll be comforted to know that recently, Canadian researchers reported that pregnancy and birth have been known for some time to influence dreams, and frequently women describe what you've experienced. It's apparently fairly common for pregnant women to have dreams or nightmares about something harming their infants. One of the most common was the

mothers' panic and fear when they dreamt the baby was lost in the bed.

Knowing the powers of suggestion, I hope this scenario isn't added to your list of scary dreams. Judging from the above report, I strongly doubt that anything is wrong with you. I'm sure that if anything were wrong physically with the baby, your doctor would let you know. (c) 2007 by King Features Syndicate



### KIWANIS PANCAKE FEED

**Saturday, October 20th**  
**7 a.m. - 2 p.m. • VFW**  
**220 N. Lake, Colby**

**\$3.00**  
per person donation

All you can eat!!

Proceeds for Christmas Projects and other Community Service  
Tickets available from any Kiwanis member.

## EAT HEARTY.....

### STEAK FRY

**Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.**  
*Your choice of Potato and Salad*

### COLBY VFW

MEMBERS & GUESTS WELCOME!



## CCC Trojan Tryouts

**Thursday, October 18**  
Elementary School Gym  
5:30-7:30 p.m.  
K-8th Grade

Learn the fundamentals of basketball from CCC Head Men's Basketball Coach John Woods, his staff and the 2007-08 men's basketball team.

Cost: \$25 (includes t-shirt and free admission to all CCC home games and autographed photo of men's team)  
Call (785)460-5470 to register.



### Maverick's Halloween Party!!

Hey kids club members, I am looking forward to seeing you at my spook-tacular Halloween party on October 23rd! I hope to see you there all dressed up!

Thanks Maverick



If not a member, please contact Farmers & Merchants Bank for more information.

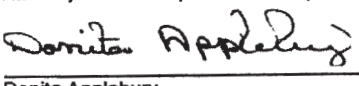
### Public Notice

**LEGAL NOTICE**

To The Clerk of the District Court, Delinquent Personal Tax Warrants for 2006. In accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 79-2101, Kansas Annotated and any and all Supplements thereto, I, Donita Applebury, County Treasurer of Thomas County, Kansas hereby certify that the Sheriff of Thomas County, Kansas has returned the following personal property tax warrants for the year of 2006 to me as being unpaid and the same are hereby transmitted in the office of the Clerk of District Court, to be recorded as a judgement, unless otherwise prohibited by applicable Federal or State Law.

WT#	NAME	ADDRESS	TOTAL
39	ELO, JOE JR.	10932 MT BONNEL CT; FT WORTH, TX 76108	\$ 230.61
40	EPARD, JAY	828 SCOTT AVE; SALINA, KS 67401	\$ 14.19
52	GARCIA, TAYLOR COLE	840 S GARFIELD; COLBY, KS 67701	\$ 38.49
88	MCDONALD, LARRY	P O BOX 83; COLBY, KS 67701	\$ 342.53
103	PETERSEN, MICHAEL	610 SCHOOL; REXFORD, KS 67753	\$ 43.78
104	PETERSON, DENNIS G	8405 W CENTRAL APT #1007; WICHITA, KS 67212	\$ 147.13
110	RAY, THOMAS E	P O BOX 1211; LAURIE, MO 65038	\$ 41.09
130	WATERMAN, SCOTT	1150 S FRANKLIN #34; COLBY, KS 67701	\$ 112.97
132	WEAVER, WADE	2160 E 4TH ST, #5; COLBY, KS 67701	\$ 129.42
138	WILSON, CHRIS; LOCK, SHELLEY	1150 S FRANKLIN #2; COLBY, KS 67701	\$ 171.60
139	WILSON, KARLA	P O BOX 88; WINONA, KS 67764	\$ 42.71
140	WILSON, TIM	P O BOX 88; WINONA, KS 67764	\$ 29.14
141	WRIGHT, LARRY	560 N RIDDLE; COLBY, KS 67701	\$ 11.32
142	YOUNKER, JACK A	5775 TRES SENDAS RD; LAS CRUCES, NM 88005	\$ 1,638.41
146	BURNS, RACHELLE C/O LONG, LAURIE	1150 S FRANKLIN #53; COLBY, KS 67701	\$ 81.13
148	GOLDEN PLAINS AG TECH	P O BOX 307; COLBY, KS 67701	\$ 481.82
153	MEERIAN, CHARLES JOHN	1434 S PERSHING; WICHITA, KS 67218	\$ 119.39
156	ROBINSON, ROY	419 E MAIN; GEM, KS 67734	\$ 23.49
158	RUNDEL DITCHING & EXCAVATE	555 E SUMMIT; COLBY, KS 67701	\$ 60.61
159	RUNDEL, PAMELA	555 E SUMMIT; COLBY, KS 67701	\$ 15.02
165	WEST, DOUGLAS	811 COUNTY ROAD 31; OAKLEY, KS 67748	\$ 23.00
166	WEST, DOUGLAS	811 COUNTY ROAD 31; OAKLEY, KS 67748	\$ 13.70
167	WEST, DOUGLAS J	811 COUNTY ROAD 31; OAKLEY, KS 67748	\$ 346.09
			<b>\$ 4,157.64</b>

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Donita Applebury  
Thomas County Treasurer  
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