

Weather  
Corner

National Weather Service

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 28. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. North wind around 10 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. East wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Sunday:** A chance of rain and snow before noon, then rain likely. Cloudy, with a high near 40. East wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

**Sunday Night:** A chance of rain and snow before midnight, then snow likely. Cloudy and breezy, with a low around 30. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.

**Monday:** A chance of rain and snow before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 45. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 22.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 44.

**Tuesday Night:** A slight chance of rain and snow. Partly cloudy, with a low around 23. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Wednesday:** A slight chance of rain and snow. Partly cloudy, with a high near 42. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 17.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 41.

**Thursday:** High, 66; Low 22  
Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches  
Month: 0.00 inches  
Year: 0.15 inches  
Normal: 0.97 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)

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Wind  
meeting  
Monday

Midwest Energy is continuing a series of information meetings to help customers evaluate the purchase of small wind energy systems. The next meeting will be Monday at the Colby Quality Inn, 1950 South Range, at 7 p.m..

"These meetings are the result of a growing number of questions Midwest Energy is receiving from customers," states Patrick Parke, Vice President Customer Service. "The large wind farms springing up in Kansas have increased customers' curiosity about the feasibility of small systems."

The information to be presented is intended for homeowners, farmers and small businesses considering the purchase of a small wind turbine. Those are systems generally 200 kilowatts or smaller in size. The primary focus will be on economic considerations. Other topics will include Kansas interconnection law, evaluating a site and choosing a vendor.

Midwest Energy holds a leadership position in its use of wind energy. "Midwest Energy has contracts for wind energy equal to about 16 percent of its retail peak load," said Earnie Lehman, President and General Manager. "No other utility in Kansas includes that much wind in its power supply mix. We hope these meetings will help customers make good decisions regarding small wind turbines."

The meeting will last about two hours. Participants may want to bring a hand-held calculator.

## Booking Log

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Kristopher John Kobus, 20, Norton, last Friday, giving a worthless check, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released same day on supervised probation.
- Brandon Todd Linden, 24, Colby, last Friday, possession of drug paraphernalia, Colby Police Department, released same day with charges pending.

New jeweler comes  
to downtown business

Nate Schwarz is a new employee at Horlacher Jewelers. A graduate of Colby High School, he is the son of Herman and Joan Schwarz of Colby.

Schwarz attended from Colby Community College and is enrolled at the Jewelry Training Center in Colorado Springs, where he is learning design and basic bench work, such as jewelry repair and size adjustments. He is working toward certification and hopes to complete all the training this year.



Nate Schwarz

Ag economists help  
with farm business plans

MANHATTAN — A roller-coaster economy, plus volatile commodity, fuel and fertilizer markets are making business planning for especially tough for Kansas farmers and ranchers this year.

Help is available in the form of membership in the Kansas Farm Management Association, based at Kansas State University's Department of Agricultural Economics.

Each member has an assigned agricultural economist who works with his or her business to develop a sound accounting system and other activities critical for the long-term growth of any operation, said Kevin Herbel, association administrator.

"We specialize in profitability analysis and planning and in income-tax planning and prepara-

tion, all in one shop," Herbel said. "Included in each farm's analysis are the three- and five-year trends of the individual member's business information."

"Producers can see if their operation is really progressing over time. The trends also help members identify strengths and weaknesses in their businesses for longer-term planning."

The association offers four visits a year with their agricultural economist, proven accounting systems, whole-farm and enterprise accrual-basis analyses, financial benchmarks for comparing performance with similar farms, year-end tax planning, marketing and asset investment strategies, help with estate planning, guidance for business entity and structure planning and a monthly newsletter.

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Vets invited  
to August reunion

The 82nd Airborne Division Association will hold its 63rd national convention Aug. 19-22 in Indianapolis. Organizers say they would like to include the veterans who have passed through the division in the past 66 years and record their deeds for history for the younger generations.

The 82nd has served in Afghanistan and Iraq for the past few years and will return for another tour of duty. Members claim it is the most decorated division in today's military.

The association has 100 civilian chapters across the U.S. which serve both the military and civilians. With 34,000 members, the chapters hold regular meetings, annual picnics, dinner-dances, mini-reunions, an annual national convention and parades, and sponsor school programs on Airborne History.

Shirley Gossett, national membership chair, says combat experience is not a requirement, only the paratrooper wings earned through hard work and determination.

## Insurance man honored

Shawn Carney of Colby, a Modern Woodmen of America insurance representative, has qualified for the Fraternal Insurance Counselor designation.

The educational designation can be earned by career life insurance representatives associated with fraternal insurance societies, he said. Representatives need more

than a year to meet the examination and career development criteria set by the Fraternal Field Managers Association.

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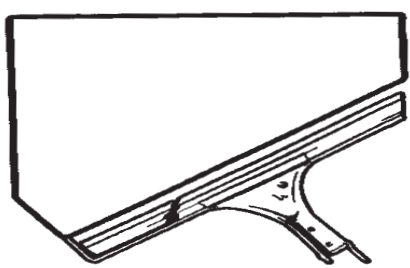
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