

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: A slight chance of thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. Northwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. Breezy, with a north wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 85. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 91.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 92.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 91.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94.

Monday:	High, 87; Low 53
Tuesday:	High, 87; Low 60
Precip:	Monday 0.16 inches
	Tuesday 0.00 inches
Month:	3.16 inches
Year:	13.31 inches
Normal:	9.94 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)	

Sunrise Thursday 6:17 a.m.
Sunset Thursday 9:14 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

College dean reports on smaller turbine

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still believe the turbine is somehow linked to talks the college has had with NexGen, a renewable energy distribution company, about putting a 400-kilowatt wind turbine on campus. The much smaller 1.9-kilowatt wind turbine is unrelated to any possible project with NexGen, he said.

Kaas said some people have told him they think the turbine will be too noisy. He said it will produce less than 60 decibels at the tower, which he said is equivalent to putting a refrigerator on a 60-foot tower.

• Heard Dr. Kreider report that more than 100 kids had signed up for a fishing derby on

May 30 at the Villa High Park pond co-sponsored by the college and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

"It was a lot of fun seeing the kids catching fish," said Kenton Krehbiel, Colby postmaster, and chairman of the college board.

Kreider said he wanted the derby to be an annual event.

• Heard Alan Waites, vice president of business affairs, say the college had \$1,059,000 remaining in the budget. This is about 8.8 percent of the total the school had for the year, he said. The school year began July 1, he said, and will end on Tuesday, June 30. Waites said the college started the year with a budget of \$11,979,000, and so far had spent

\$10,920,000.

• Approved paying legal counsel John Gatz \$150 an hour for the next school year.

• Heard from Waits that the college had collected \$820,000 in county taxes.

• Was told by Krieder that the college bus will be going to Denver on Sunday, Aug. 16, to pick up out-of-state students and give them a ride to Colby.

• Heard board member Mark Winger talk about Sacha Sanguinetti, a former student at the college who majored in sports broadcasting about 10 years ago. He has returned to Colby to manage KXXX AM radio and KRDQ FM. plus KKCI and KWGB FM and KLOE AM in Goodland.

Diesel shop buys ag firm

Lang Diesel, which has a shop in Colby, has acquired Ag Power from owners Mike and Carolyn Kleiber in Hillsboro.

Lang was founded in Hays in 1988 as a farm equipment dealership. It now has seven locations throughout Kansas, including Hays, Smith Center, Colby, Ellinwood, Sabetha, Salina and now Hillsboro.

Ag Power has had the same owners since its beginning in 1986, and has grown to 15 employees, the firm says.

Rovohl Township asks for help with power lines

From "COUNTY," Page 1

"It doesn't make any difference to me if they move the poles over onto my property," Amos said, "because it's in the Conservation Reserve Program anyway. I think it is the farmer who purchased the land several years ago who just found out he might be missing an acre or so. It was that way when he bought it, and to me, it isn't worth it to spend that kind of money to move the poles. We're not even involved in this deal." Commissioner Paul Steele asked who would be harmed if the commissioners don't do anything.

"We don't want to see anyone have to spend that kind of money to move the poles if it isn't necessary," he said.

Unruh said one simple solution would be to terminate the line at the mile marker ahead of the problem area, but it might cause complications if the line feeds irrigation wells to the west.

"The cost would have to go to the people who requested the change, and would have to be assessed to them," Steele said, "and then we ask, how badly do we want them moved?"

The commissioners said the project is just in the "exploring options" stage, and they tabled the request until Midwest can gather information and get back to them at Monday's meeting.

Al Smith, custodian at the county office complex, reported that rain last week seeped through a broken area of concrete on the east side of the building and got

the carpet wet in the conference room. He also said the steel door to the basement hadn't been properly installed and water came in under the door because there was no rubber in the threshold and no bottom on the door to seal it.

The commissioners told Smith to contact Jerome Mazanec, who will be doing some repair work at the complex in a couple of weeks, to add the necessary repairs to the contract.

Rodney Rodenbeck from Colby Glass brought a window balance rod to show the commissioners. It fits on each side of the window to balance it when it is raised and lowered.

Chairman Ken Christiansen, with great difficulty, demonstrated how the courthouse windows worked, or rather, didn't work, because of broken balance rods.

Rodenbeck estimated it would cost between \$750 and \$800 to replace all the rods for 22 of the windows he had checked.

County Clerk Shelly Harms said they try to open windows early in the day to save on the air-conditioning costs, and it had made a difference, but even if they will open, it's nearly impossible to get them closed.

The commissioners gave Colby Glass the go ahead to repair the windows, not to exceed \$750.

In other business, the commissioners:

• Signed re-plat papers eliminating the original plat of Block 1, Davis Family Legacy Subdivision, south of the Colby Community College campus along Franklin

Avenue, so the land can be sold as a single tract,

• Gave Dave Haberman of ING Investments permission to visit with employees about the Kansas Public Preferred Compensation plan.

• Approved naming Mike Erhart, manager of the ethanol plant in Phillipsburg, and Troy McCue, a grain merchandiser, and former elevator manager in Arriba, Colo.,

to the at-large board positions of the Mid-States Port Authority for four-year terms beginning June 1.

• Said it wouldn't hurt to warn people to be aware of rattlesnakes. Commissioners Sowers said he had killed five in one day and had heard reports of people killing as many as 20.

• Noted that during the heavy rain and wind this weekend, the courthouse attic was inspected

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