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**Tonight:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west.

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

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, low around 56. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. East wind between 5 and 15 mph.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

**Saturday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 82.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.

**Sunday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 84.

**Sunday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Monday: High, 74; Low 51  
Tuesday: High, 78; Low 53  
Precip: Monday 0.00 inches  
Tuesday Trace  
Month: 0.00 inches  
Year: 20.53 inches  
Normal: 17.71 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)

**Sunrise and Sunset**  
Thursday 7:15 a.m. 8:11 p.m.  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

**Colby Water Use**

Monday	1,625,000 gal.
Tuesday	1,942,000 gal.

# Honor Run draws big crowd to Fike Park on Monday

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Vietnam and about the time he spent as soldier in the South African, Rhodesian and Israeli armies. He said each time he left the military, he would feel like his life didn't have much meaning. Barr said he found the ultimate meaning in life in his 12 months in Vietnam because he was serving a cause bigger than himself.

After surviving a land-mine explosion while fighting for the South African army in Angola, Barr said, he knew God had shifted his life to another path. The mine led to him having both his legs amputated. He said during his 9 1/2 months in the hospital, he experienced incredible pain and fear, but he returned to the South African military and finish his enlistment.

Once his term was over, he said, he returned home to his family. He eventually began fixing up his 10-year-old 1972 Harley Davidson. When he finally began riding the bike, he said he experienced a feeling of joy, and a thought occurred to him:

"I could share this gift with other kids with disabilities here and in developing countries."

Barr went on to become an example of how any obstacle can be overcome by the sheer will of the human spirit. He has defied seemingly insurmountable odds on his motorcycle journeys. Two of these trips earned him *Guinness Book of World Records* awards. His first came from riding through northern Europe, Russia and Siberia in the dead of winter. His second came when he became the first person to ever take a motorcycle to the four extreme geographical corners of Australia. He did this in 45 days.

He encouraged the audience to go out and conquer their own dreams.

"It's not about proving people wrong," he said, "it's about doing what you have been put on this world to do. If you want to make dreams come true, wake up and dream with your eyes wide open."

Barker talked about a conversation a man living in a village in France had with a New Zealand soldier. The Frenchman talked about how his grandfather had always tried to figure out why New Zealand soldiers had liberated their village from the Germans in World War I. He didn't understand why they would involve themselves in a war that didn't involve them.

Barker said he shared this story with his guides on a trip he took to Israel while they looked at the gravestones of New Zealand soldiers on the Mount of Olives. The soldiers had died fighting in Palestine during World War I. The guides said the old man in the French village had raised a good question.

Barker said the guides told him that their country's soldiers were brave for fighting in the war, but the New Zealand men were braver for fighting in a war that didn't involve them.

"When liberty and freedom face a threat anywhere in the world, that is also a threat to New Zealand," he said.

Barker said there are thousands of similar examples involving American soldiers who are buried in faraway places such as Asia and Africa.

The bikers who cruised into the park came from places all over the country and throughout the world: Kearney, Mo., Minneapolis, Maryland and New Zealand, among other places.

John Coleman, a New Zealand Vietnam veteran, said he had flown into Los Angeles and met Barr at his house in Bodfish, Calif. After renting a motorcycle, the two of them rode from California to the Vietnam Wall in Washington, where they kicked off the Honor Run on Aug. 8.

He said Barr had come to New Zealand and helped raise money for the children and grandchildren of disabled or deceased war veterans. The money they raised paid for the kids' education and sports activities, he said.

He said New Zealand has fought with America in every major conflict since 1900.

People came from all around for the rally.

Volleyball and football players from Atwood High School and junior high had shortened practices Monday so they could come, said Scott Noble, activities director and varsity football coach. The kids could be seen throughout the park decked out in their jerseys.

The bikers left for Denver the next morning. They will end their trip at Oakley headquarters in Foothill Ranch, Calif. on Sept. 5, where they will have a party featuring two bands, including CSI star Gary Sinise's Lieutenant Dan Band, and a car show.

Oliver, captain of the Honor Run in Colby, said he had heard good reports from the bikers about the way they were received in Colby.

"They had a really good time," he said.

## County commissioners briefed on 2010 census procedure

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at their next meeting.

Landfill supervisor Larry Jumper presented a cost sheet for replacement of a 1995 Chevy pickup. The truck has 223,000 miles on it and needs work, he said.

Jumper said it just seemed more feasible at this point to replace the truck rather than pour more money into it. He said he searched out some suitable units, and had found a 1998 Ford Super Cab 4x4 at Tubbs and Sons that is a local two-owner truck for \$6,850 and a trade in value of \$1,000 on the old one, making the cost difference \$5,850.

He also found a 1999 Chevy

4x2 at Motor Town, with regular cab. It has major hail damage, which he thinks will not hurt its usefulness. The price is \$5,595, with a trade in value of \$2,100 for a difference of \$3,495. Jumper said the county has the money in the capital outlay fund.

The commissioners tabled a decision until next meeting.

County Attorney Bruce Flipse said one of his legal secretaries had resigned her \$11-an-hour job for 35 hours a week, to go to Sherman County for \$13 an hour and a 40 hour week.

He presented the commissioners with a heads up of what he will be buying with diversion money for his new office in the courthouse

basement. He said it will be a "no-frills" office.

"Carpentry work, painting, carpet, materials and office furniture will come to around \$4,450," he said, "and it will all come from diversion funds."

Flipse said since an article came out in the *Colby Free Press* on Aug. 26, the county had collected a lot in back taxes. Treasurer Donita Applebury said she collected \$12,945 the next day, and \$137,131 on Monday.

Trish Langley, who contracts for custodial services, didn't keep her appointment with the commissioners, but County Clerk Shelly Harms informed the commissioners of some of the complaints she

has been getting.

Those included dustings not getting done, spots on the carpet, counters not wiped off, and depleted supplies in the bathrooms.

"Maybe it's time for us to consider some other options," said Chairman Ken Christiansen.

The last appointment of the day was an update from the Northwest Kansas Community Corrections by John Trembly of the Hays office. He said his office covers 17 counties and offers 12 services that are not paid for by taxpayer dollars, but rather by fees from offenders.

Out of the 31 corrections offices in the state, this one is the most successful, he said. Many of the

programs are paid for by the offenders, and it is working well.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Reviewed and signed a county Public Health and Emergency Preparedness Awareness grant application.
- Reviewed a copy of a rezoning request from Bill Biel which the planning commission had denied. Biel had asked for his building, which across from the old Colby Implement building on U.S. 24, to be rezoned as a residential property. The commissioners did not take action on the request.
- Set meeting dates for Tuesday, Sept. 8, and Monday, Sept. 14 and 21, and Wednesday, Sept. 30.

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