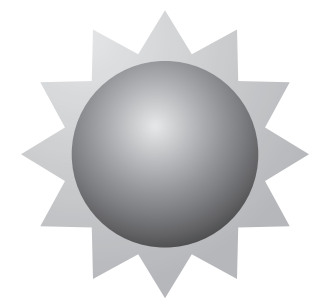




Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.
Monday: A chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 68. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.
Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43.
Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66.
Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45.
Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 70.
Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 73.

Thursday: High, 75; Low 48
Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches
Month: 0.16 inches
Year: 20.69 inches
Normal: 17.71 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 7:29 a.m. 7:46 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m. 7:44 p.m.
Monday 7:31 a.m. 7:42 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Community foundation to hold yearly meeting

The annual board meeting of the Thomas County Community Foundation will be Monday, Oct. 5, at the City Limits Convention Center.
Dessert and entertainment will start at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting, at 7 p.m., will celebrate the past year and the good works of Thomas County.
The keynote will be by Michelle Cummings, a motivational, community teamwork and leadership speaker from Training Wheels Inc. A \$500 grant goes to the nonprofit organization, school, church or government agency that has the most supporters there that evening. Organizations are encouraged to call ahead with the numbers they expect to bring so that refreshments can be planned.
Executive Director Melinda Olson said the foundation plans to apply next fall for a Grow II matching grant from the Kansas Health Foundation. At least \$60,000 in matches pledged are needed to proceed in applying for \$300,000 to benefit Thomas County.
Pledges or donations to the foundation that are for an operating endowment or health-related endowments are a 1-to-2 match, for 50 cents on the dollar. Pledges or donations that are any other type of endowment are 1-to-4 match: 25 cents on the dollar. Scholarship endowments don't count.
The matching money received will be equally divided between an operating endowment and a Health Fund at the state foundation. Grants from this fund may be for any health-related field in Thomas County. So, if your organization is thinking of starting an endowment at the county foundation, now is the time to get it going.

If you know someone who is passionate about a certain interest in Thomas County, whether it be children, seniors, environment, beautification, education, religion (and especially health-related issues) or anything else you can think of and has some money they'd be willing to invest in the community – now is the time to pledge or donate.
In another field, Olson said, the Knight Foundation has a grant called the Knight Community Information Challenge. This is a dollar-for-dollar matching grant that to be used to increase communications in a community. Olson said she looked on their website, and last year's recipients for the most part do seem to have come from larger cities, but the projects that received grants last year were diverse and interesting.
“The Community Foundation does not

have any funds that we could match yet,” she said, “but I thought I would throw this out there in case anyone has any projects they would like to do in this area of communication and has some potential matching funds for this.”
The community foundation would have to apply for the grant, she said, so the money would have to go to a nonprofit organization, school or government agency. Foundation officials said they would consider a project likely to create some sort of endowment.
The initial proposal required is just a short synopsis, Olson said, so if anyone has an idea and some matching money or ideas to get some, the foundation could do the initial synopsis (due Wednesday).
talking to firms designing a new pool for Colby, who said the group wanted to talk to two firms to see what the cost would be before making any recommendations. The two firms the committee has spoken to are Burbach Aquatics and Aquatic Design Consultants, she said.

Council denies rezone of Range Avenue house

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rently closed on Sunday. He acknowledged that the place could legally sell alcohol on Sunday if it wanted to. Romine added that he had encouraged the owner of the restaurant to open on Sunday so he and his wife could eat lunch there.
• Approved a request from the Hi-Plains Cooperative to install a propane fill station for customers with propane grills and equipment at their station at fifth and Con-

vesse. Armstrong said the business has proposed a fenced-in 500 gallon tank, which would replace the trucks being used today.
She said the trucks used to fill propane grills are loaded with 2,000 gallons of fuel. The cooperative had to get permission from the city because the proposed facility would be located near residential areas, said Armstrong. She said the fill station will be much safer than using the trucks because it will involve the less use of fuel.
• Approve a bond issue for a

proposed pool and aquatics center to be repaid from a special sales tax to be decided on by voters in a special election. The electorate will be asked whether they are willing to support an additional .75 of 1 percent retail sales tax in the city beginning April 1 for 10 years to pay for the new fire station and pool.
• Approved charging a minimum of \$25 to people wanting to use the rooms downstairs in the Community Building.
• Discussed charging banks who

want two police officers to escort them to fill automatic teller machines.
• Approved a request from Stan and Terina Schmidt to replace the yield sign at Second and Garfield with a stop sign.
• Listened to Jennifer Burr, a member of the committee that is

Candidate makes second Colby stop

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He also hopes to create what he calls the “New Homestead Act.” The proposal would create “empowerment zones” in rural areas, which would allow these areas to qualify for help if they are losing population.
Wasinger said agriculture is one of the central economic issues for western Kansas. He is a critic of the 2007 Farm Bill, which he said had too much focus on nutrition regulations and not enough on farms.
“It was a ‘Nutrition Bill,’ not a ‘Farm Bill,’” he said. “We need to get back to the basics.”
Wasinger also talked about health care, an issue he believes will still be on the table after

the 2010 election. He said he hopes to focus on the smaller obstacles, such as keeping community pharmacies and small hospitals open.
“There is a lot of support for this kind of growth,” he said.
Wasinger is an outspoken critic of the Obama administration, especially on health care. A government-run “public option” for health insurance, he said, would create a precedent for government takeovers of other businesses.
After the Colby stop, Wasinger was headed to appearances in Hays and Great Bend today. He said he hopes to stop in Colby again before the end of the campaign.

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