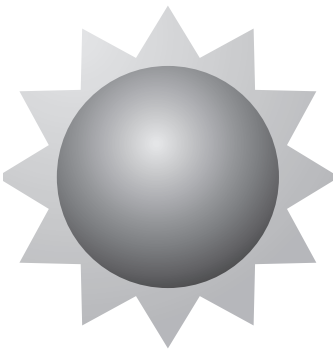


Weather Corner



National Weather Service  
**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. Blustery, with a north wind between 10 and 20 mph, gusts as high as 30 mph.  
**Saturday:** Sunny, high near 56. North wind around 10 mph.  
**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north.  
**Sunday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 51. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.  
**Sunday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29.  
**Monday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 50.  
**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 27.  
**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 57.  
**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 28.  
**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 55.  
**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 31.  
**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 55.

Thursday: High, 40; Low 30  
Precip: Thursday 0.Trace  
Month: 1.35 inches  
Year: 2.22 inches  
Normal: 1.20 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)

**Sunrise and Sunset**  
Saturday 6:59 a.m. 6:49 p.m.  
Sunday 7:57 a.m. 7:50 p.m.  
Monday 7:56 a.m. 7:51 p.m.  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Fair board pays youth, changes rules for 2010 fair

From "RULES," Page 1

year’s festival will be even better than last years, most of them award winners.  
“People will be coming from Utah, Kansas City, Tulsa, Houston, California and Indiana,” he said, “plus many, many people in the Tri-State area. There’s lots of young musicians, and the music is gaining popularity with the younger generation.  
“The headliner this year,will be Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper, Performer of

the Year for seven years, and although Michael Cleveland is a blind performer, he’s amazing.”  
Mark Ostmeyer, Colby airport manager, talked with the board about flat-track racing. He said the board should be getting a contract from a promoter who is setting up races in northwest Kansas. He said Flat Track is generating a lot of interest here.  
Stan Strange suggested that the board ask the college rodeo team put tires on the rims of a flatbed trailer used to haul stock pan-

els across the fairgrounds because it was tearing up the grounds. When they learned the trailer was owned by the fair board, the members agreed to find some used tires to put on it.  
In other business, the board:  
• Approved membership in the Tri County Demo Derby Circuit and the Championship Demo Derby Association for \$250 each.  
• Tabled bids for heating and air conditioning for the 4-H building so the committee could study them.

- Agreed to hire Outlaw Promotions to judge this year’s demo derby.
- Rejected mower bids in favor of using the current one for another year.
- Signed a contract for the college rodeo to use the fairgrounds in September.
- Agreed to allow Heath Stephens to have a fireworks stand at the fairgrounds this summer.
- Approved parking for the Northwest Kansas Worlds Largest Truck Convoy on the grounds in September.

Professor poses genetics questions

From "GENETICS," Page 1

He asked if altering the human genome would produce new problems.  
“As we muck up the genome, will we create new diseases by not knowing what we’re doing?” he asked.  
He cited a study where three test subjects had a new gene inserted to correct a disease, and because of that, two developed leukemia. Green said such diseases might also become hereditary. He also cited “Sisters,” a science fiction novel by Greg Bear. The author created a world where human genes had been manipulated to a point where everyone is the same, but that manipulation bred out resistance to disease.  
One answer, Green said, is a process called homologous recombination. This allows us to target very specific points in the human genome, minimizing side effects from combining genes in the wrong place. Scientists can also surround a new genetic sequence with a special substance called LOXP, and if that new sequence needs to be removed, the LOXP fills in the gap and reconnects the genes.  
Green asked if genetic manipulation will deform parenting. If people can choose the traits of their children, would they love them the same or treat them like property? And if the gene therapy didn’t take or the child didn’t live up to what was expected, would the parents still love them?

Green said in the majority of situations today, parents almost always love their children. Parents who want able children almost always love disabled children.  
“I don’t think we really have to worry about parental love,” he said.  
Would genetic manipulation diminish a child’s freedom? Would it change a child’s sense of self and self esteem if they knew their parents had reordered their genes?  
Green said he didn’t think it would.  
“Like it or not, we’re already shaped by our genetic inheritance,” he said.  
Genetics could even help a child, he noted. Green gave an example of a child coming from a musical family could fit in better if their genes were altered to enhance musical ability.  
For his last question, Green asked if genetic manipulation amounted to “playing God.” Most Jewish, Christian and Muslim teachers have not prohibited gene therapy when it is used to prevent diseases, he said. He quoted Pope John Paul II, who said gene therapy was beneficial when used to “help cure the weakest of human beings.” Green went on to say the pope opposed using genetics to enhance abilities.  
Most religions, he said, take this point of view, that it is wrong to manipulate genes for anything other than preventing disease. Green challenged this view, saying that Biblical faith allows many kinds of technical intervention

with plants and animals.  
“God permits us to alter anything as long as we are careful and respectful,” he said.  
Green closed his presentation by asking why people are scared of genetic manipulation. One possibility, he said, is a fear of being left behind, that our children would outdistance us. Another is that humans have never before had the choice to enhance their genes, and our first instinct is to recoil from that change.  
Green said all these questions will have to be decided by society.  
“Our genetic powers are increasing exponentially,” he said. “My hope is that this becomes one of the leading issues, and that we discuss it case by case and issue by issue.”

Groups offer dresses for sale at a discount

Prom time is just around the corner, and plans for the second annual sale of gently used and barely worn spring formals are underway. All of the sale proceeds will go to the Genesis-Thomas County Food Bank and Big Brothers Big Sisters.  
The sale will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 31 and April 7, and Thursday, April 8, in the basement of First Presbyterian Church at 515 W. Fourth St. in Colby. All gowns are \$20 each.  
Sue Draper initiated the project last year when she looked through the many formals her daughters had worn.  
“Someone should be wearing these beautiful gowns,” she said. Talking to other moms, she said, she found dozens of gorgeous dresses that had been worn for only a few hours.  
So the women all donated the gowns to be sold, with the proceeds to be given to the food bank.  
Draper said it’s time for moms to be raiding their daughters’ closets for spring formals that are like new, and just waiting for someone to claim them for this year’s formals.  
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