

Weather Corner



Rain possible, lows about 60

Tonight — A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a low around 61. Breezy with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday — Mostly cloudy then gradually becoming mostly sunny with a high around 87. Breezy with a south wind 15 to 20 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Tuesday night — Mostly clear with a low near 52. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday — Mostly sunny with a high around 84. Breezy with a northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Wednesday night — Clear with a low around 51. **Thursday** — Sunny with a high near 88.

Temperatures
Sunday's high, 92
Low this morning, 61
Records for this date, 98 in 1939, 29 in 1931

Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00

May's precipitation, 0.32

Water Use Report over the weekend by Public Works Department

Friday, Saturday and Sunday averages

• 3,459,700 gallons

This issues a Water Watch.

4 million = Water Warning
4.5 million = Water Emergency

Briefly

Open house Tuesday

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas will hold their annual open house from 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 23 at Wheatland Developmental Center, 1675 W. Fourth in Colby. This will be a chance for people to learn more about the organization's programs, as well as have input into future classes, programs and services for people with developmental disabilities. The public is invited to come to the event and visit with staff. Refreshments will be provided. For information, call 462-3012.

Volunteers sought for mock election

Thomas County Clerk Shelly Harms invites voters to stop by her office and participate in a mock election on one of the new electronic voting machines. Harms' office is on the

second floor of the courthouse and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. For questions, call (785) 460-4500.

Ice cream social scheduled

The Northwest Kansas County Coalitions are celebrating their accomplishments from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 6 at Fike Park with an ice cream social. There will be ice cream, games, awards and prizes. RSVP by Monday, June 5 by calling (785) 460-8177 or by e-mail at lindyk@st-tel.net

Poppy sales continue this week

The VFW Auxiliary will be selling "Buddy Poppies" until Memorial Day weekend. The poppies are assembled by disabled, needy and aging veterans in Veteran's hospitals across the country, said Auxiliary Junior Vice-President

Hazel Duffey. Auxiliary members are currently distributing the poppies around the area and donations are encouraged. "When an auxiliary member visits with poppies, please consider giving a donation," she said. The majority of donations will go toward local veteran services. To make donations, call Auxiliary member Gene Griffin, 460-3579.

Landfill closes holiday weekend

The Thomas County Landfill will close at noon, Saturday, and will remain closed Sunday and Monday.

County offices closed May 29

The Thomas County Courthouse and the Thomas County Health Department will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day and re-open Tuesday at 8 a.m.

Easy Rider



JAN KATZ ACKERMAN/Colby Free Press

John Andrews of East St. Louis, Ill., and his sidecar companion, Molly, a yellow lab, were part of Run For The Wall motorcycle riders and support vehicle personnel in Oakley for lunch on Sunday. In its 19th year, Run For The Wall is an awareness raising project for military personnel who are missing in action or prisoners or war. The riders and crews crossed Kansas and will join about 500,000 riders in Washington, D. C. as part of Rolling Thunder Ride For Freedom during Memorial Day weekend.

Applications sought for cost-share programs

Starting today, the conservation district is conducting a sign-up which will continue through June 9 to accept requests for state cost-share assistance. The State Conservation Commission administers state cost-share programs through the Thomas County Conservation District, which provides landowners financial assistance to use approved conservation practices.

"This sign-up period is earlier than in the past, but we want to allow ample time for everyone interested to sign up, and all proposed projects to be evaluated," said District Manager Danielle Freeman. "Part of the evaluation process," she said, "will usually include an on-site visit, which may be time consuming but is very value in the rating process."

Landowners with natural resource concerns on their property are encouraged to visit the Thomas County Conservation District to discuss solutions and possible state financial assistance, she said.

Following the sign-up deadline, the conservation district will be developing the county program based on conservation needs being assessed in part by the project proposals. Projects will be approved by the conservation district on a priority

basis. The sign-up does not guarantee approval of cost-share assistance. Freeman said the county has made great strides in using voluntary conservation practices to protect and enhance water resources, and cost-share programs provide an opportunity to do additional beneficial conservation work with financial assistance.

Cost-share assistance is not available for project completed prior to the commission's approval. Practices must also comply with the US Department of Agriculture, Conservation Service Field Office Technical Guide Standards and Specifications, or other standards and specifications approved by the commission.

Freeman said the amount of dollars allocated to Thomas County is higher than in year's past, with a total of \$33,468 available for water resource practices and \$12,659 available for non-point source pollution practices. Appropriations for the State Conservation Commission cost-share programs are from the State Water Plan Fund.

For questions or to request technical assistance in design and/or layout, stop by the conservation district/NRCS office located at 915 East Walnut in Colby, or call at 785-462-7482 ext. 303.

Judges say ethical secrets kept

WICHITA (AP) — Kansas judges who improperly discuss cases, file financial disclosures late or make other ethical violations are allowed to escape public scrutiny because most infractions are kept private.

Just eight of the 65 cases involving violations of the Kansas Supreme Court's Code of Judicial Conduct in the past six years were made public to the voters who elect the judges.

Even among the eight cases that were made public, often only scant information is released.

Judges enjoy a level of privacy not given to those in the legislative or executive branches of government, but their status is not unique to Kansas.

Thirty-three other states have rules like Kansas keeping judicial conduct reports confidential.

Colby man recognized

MANHATTAN — A Colby man will be one of the officers serving on an all-volunteer board that oversees the Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership program. The selection was made during the organization's annual meeting held recently in Manhattan.

Mark Winger is the 2006-07 vice-president of the organization, which is a non-profit educational organization for the purpose of improving leadership skills for people throughout the state.

"Board members promote the program, construct and evaluate the curriculum, assist in raising funds, and set policy for the program and organizational structure," said President Jack Lindquist.

Other officers include Dan Snyder of Lyons, chairman; Dan Bird of Anthony, secretary; and Lance Woodbury of Garden City, treasurer.

Since the office opened in 1990, the organization has helped 240 Kansans from 87 Kansas counties improve their leadership skills.

Each two-year class includes 600 hours of training and experiences for participants.

"The board will soon be accepting nominations for another group of 30 Kansans to participate in the 2007-09 class," he said.

Applications for the new group of candidates will begin Sept. 1 and the application period will run through April 15, 2007.

For information, call Lindquist (785) 532-6300, or visit the Website at <http://www.karlprogram.com/>

Grant workshops near

The Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development is sponsoring the final series of Grant Writing Workshops with Dr. Don Udell as the instructor.

In Colby, the three workshops are scheduled with the first from June 13-15; the second from July 18-20; and the third from Aug. 15-17. All meetings will be held at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave.

"Dr. Udell's workshops provide the grant writing aspect of proposals, as well as the foundation's proposal expectations," said Tracey Gilchrist, office assistant.

He has written grants for two major universities and is a reviewer of grants for several foundations.

The following are brief descriptions of the grant writing workshops:

Grant Writing I will provide the participant with information about foundations; who they give to and why; the process of a successful fundraising campaign; how to

structure a proposal, and what makes a successful grant seeker.

Grant Writing II will take the grant writer through the research process for foundations and government funding. The tools used in research will be reviewed. Students will have the opportunity to research at a resource library offering information on funding resources. Students will need to bring a project in need of funding.

Grant Writing III will allow the grant writer to learn how to communicate the proposal's purpose. The instructor will review different written and oral styles of communication to foundations.

For costs and other registration information, call the Western Prairie RC&D at (785) 462-2602.



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