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## Storm damages counties

#### By Tisha Cox

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Storms Friday from Sherman County east to Sheridan County resulted in damage from downed power poles to cattle running over fence at a feedyard

A tornado was reported at 5:18 p.m. near Angelus in southwest Sheridan County said Christine Krause, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Goodland.

The storm also produced winds up to 80 mph and hail.

At Hoxie Feedyard, Inc., manager Scott Foote said about 2,000 cattle got out of pens, but were contained in the feedyard itself.

The feedyard is eight miles west of Hoxie.

"There's a fence that goes around the property," he said. "The cattle got out by push-

ing on the gates until they opened. None of the pens were busted down.

"It actually wasn't too bad," he said.

Hoxie Feedyard employees spent Friday night and Saturday morning getting cattle sorted and back into the pens.

Foote said the worst thing about the storm was the hail and the damage it did to area crops.

Downed power poles were also a problem, and not only in Hoxie, said Bob Helm, Midwest Energy public information officer in Havs

At least 20 poles near Brewster were brought down by straight line winds.

"We've got some fellows out said.

down from Great Bend to Jet- time.



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Above: Tree limbs buried Karla Olson's car in Friday in Hoxie after rens alerted Hoxie residents of the approaching storm. Atornado a storm with strong winds passed through. According to the Na- was spotted later about eight miles northeast of Hoxie. Below: tional Weather Service in Goodland, a tornado had been spottedAn irrigation system owned by Edith Wasserman about six miles near Angelus, southwest of Hoxie. At about 5:15 p.m., tornado si- north of Hoxie was one of many toppled Friday.

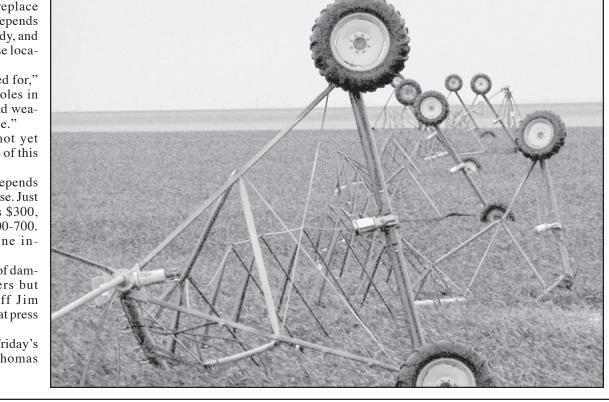
The length of time to replace polls and restore power depends on if county roads are muddy, and when crews can get to those locations.

'Storms can't be planned for," he said, "and replacing poles in the summer because of bad weather is a regular occurrence."

Midwest Energy did not yet have a damage estimate as of this morning.

Cost to replace poles depends on the size and poll's purpose. Just a regular pole by itself is \$300, and larger poles can be \$500-700. Repairing the power line increases the cost and labor.

There were also reports of damthere doing some work," he aged irrigation sprinklers but Sherman County Sheriff Jim Poles were also knocked Johnson was not available at press



Council to review airport upgrades By Patty Decker

Free Press Editor

The Colby City Council will re-

view bids for its municipal airport improvement project 7 p.m., Tuesday, in council chambers, 585 N. Franklin.



Armstrong

consider approving the master plan update for the airport's zoning ordinance and insurance requirements for Mark Ostmeyer, airport manager.

Another agenda item includes bids for a new park mower, which were opened Friday.

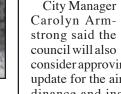
The council is expected to approve one of those bids to purchase the mower.

In addition, the council could approve plans, specifications and authorization to advertise for bids on its wastewater treatment facility, Armstrong said.

The proposed schedule for the wastewater treatment facility, she said, is to open bids in early August, then forward them to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for their review, award the contract to a firm in mid-September and set the completion date for April 2008.

The council will also hear an update from Council member Bev Eicher regarding regional recycling.

Eicher serves as a board member for that group. Lynette Koon, also with the organization, will provide the council with a brief report on last year's recycling efforts. A Colby resident wants to discuss the possibility of curbside recycling and the council could consider an airport tank monitoring system replacement. S&T Telecommunications is requesting the council consider a three-year extension on the city's telephone and television franchise agreement. Armstrong said the initial term of the franchise was five years and the document would provide for five subsequent terms of three years each upon request from the company and approval by the city. The council will need to decide whether or not to approve the agreement. Council members will discuss a street repair project and consider having an engineer develop and review specifications for the project. The council could also approve a resolution executing a contract with Thomas County for communications service. Other discussion items include replacing Mitch Beims, council member, who is planning to move to Holton. Another issue, she said, is the advertisement for a public works/ utilities director position, currently being advertised in the Colby Free Press.



more, about a 70-mile stretch. ports of places without power. County.

No major damage from Friday's Helm said there were few re- storm was reported in Thomas

# Hoxie Commission revises law banning pit bulls

#### By Jan Katz Ackerman

#### Colby Free Press

Hoxie's city commission has put some teeth into a law banning pit bulls from town.

Hoxie City Clerk Kelly Smith on Tuesday said city commissioners and city attorney have revised a law dating back to 1988 which outlaws pit bull dogs.

"They did this because somebody had dogs in his yard that looked like pit bulls," Smith said.

and talked to the owner (the owner) ian.

said they weren't pit bulls." Mayor Lori Horesky and Commissioners Jim Erwin and Troy Dewey asked City Attorney Ken Eland to clarify the wording on an ordinance passed Oct. 24, 1988.

The city established a proceof dog believed to be a pit bull is one or not.

Any dog suspected of being a pit bull, by request of Eland will have a search warrant from the municipal court to have the dog "When the police officer went evaluated by the local veterinar-

Smith said Dr. Mark Poell has each day of violation. agreed to examine any dog suspected of having a pit bull blood line and determine its breed for a fee of \$15.

guilty of owning a pit bull dog in dure to determine whether a breed Hoxie the owner will be required to pay the \$15 back to the city in the form of restitution, and pay fines and court costs associated with violating the ordinance.

According to the current law, anyone violating the ordinance \$200 and not more than \$1,000 for forcement of the ordinance.

In addition, the violator can be sentenced to time in the county jail for a period not to exceed 30 days.

Should the owner refuse to re-If the dog's owner is found move the dog from the city, the municipal court judge will find the owner in contempt of court and order the immediate confiscation of the animal.

For each day of violation of the ordinance, the dog's owner will be charged for the animal's shelter. food, handling, veterinary care and can be charged a fine not less than testimony necessitated by the en-

Smith said in the 18 years since the ordinance was adopted it's been seldom used.

'It's almost 20 years old and it hasn't been a problem, but for people moving in (to town) they needed to know they can't have pit bull dogs," Smith said.

She said an incident which prompted the change in the law took place in April; however, since the commission meets once a month it took until June for the change to be implemented.

"Surprisingly these two dogs have left the city," she said.

## Babysitting clinic offers training for young providers

#### By Tisha Cox

Colby Free Press

Need a responsible baby sitter or do you want to learn how to be one? Children will learn what it takes to be a dependable sitter during a clinic Wednesday, June 28 and Thursday, June 29 at the Colby Community Building.

Connie Walden, a nurse with the Thomas County Health Department, said the clinic is for children 11 years old and up.

"We want children of the community to be ready for all aspects of baby-sitting and we want parents to



have a competent sitter," Walden said. Participants will learn basic childcare during the two-day course including nutrition, child develop- course will receive a card. With pament, safety and CPR. Walden said rental permission, the health depart-

be present so participants can ob- of the children, so parents can call serve and help with snack and play time

now a baby sitter, will talk about how the class helped them.

Another activity will include making family profiles. Family profiles are information on the children they are watching from favorite foods to activities and more.

"We go over everything," Walden said.

Children completing the two-day children from three day cares will ment and extension will keep a list will also receive an American Red

to find a sitter.

'Many of the children who take A former clinic student, who is the class just need a place to start, or someone to baby-sit for," Walden said. "Many of them already have experience-watching younger siblings or cousins, but the class provides an overview on how to take on baby-sitting for real."

The event costs \$25. Children need to bring their own lunch and either a doll or teddy bear to learn how to diaper.

Registration is limited to 30, and fill that mission. the deadline is June 23. Participants

Cross baby-sitting guide.

The course is sponsored by the health department, Thomas County Extension Office, Farm Bureau, Colby Police and Fire Departments and the American Red Cross.

"This is the first year we've worked with extension," Walden said. Diann Gerstner, family and consumer science agent for extension, said family safety and childcare are part of extension's interests. Working with the health department on the clinic helps ful-

For information, call 460-4596 or 460-4582.

### Riverton officials didn't think students were serious

RIVERTON (AP) – Riverton earlier this month. High School officials who initially questioned some students later accused in a shooting plot found nothing to indicate the teenagers planned anything serious, the prin-

officials interviewed four of the five Sunday. students days before their arrest on April 20. Berry's comments were court with one count of incitement made during a June 6 bond hearing to riot, one count of making a crimi-

The Joplin, Mo., Globe obtained a tion to commit first-degree murder. Principal Todd Berry said school transcript and published a story

Tillman is charged in juvenile cipal said during a court hearing in Parsons for James Tillman, 16. nal threat and one count of solicita-

At the June 6 hearing, Labette County District Judge Robert Fleming ordered Tillman to be held without bond until a July 10 hearing to determine if he will be prosecuted as an adult.

Andrew Jaeger, 15; Robby Hunt, 17; Caleb Byrd, 16; and Charles "Coy" New, 18, are charged with incitement to riot and making a criminal threat. A preliminary hearing for New, who is charged as an adult, is scheduled for Aug. 9.

Armstrong said the planning commission is working on parking regulations, licensing for professionals and bonds for firms doing business in the city. The first budget work session for the city is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, in council chambers.

The council will also need to decide on a special meeting date for council since the first meeting in July will fall on the Fourth.

A home occupation permit will be reviewed and could be approved for Yates Day Care, 170 W. Seventh St., along with a cereal malt beverage license for the Prairie Museum of Art and History's fall festival planned, Saturday, Sept. 9.

For questions or an agenda, call 460-4410.