

Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 46. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 56. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 54.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 51.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 24.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 54.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 56.

Wednesday: High, 71; Low 31
Precip: Wednesday, 0:00 inch
Month: 0.74 inch
Year: 20.62 inches
Normal: 19.95 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Election results by wards, townships

		Ward I	Ward II	Ward III	Ward IV	Barrett	East Hale	West Hale (Brewster)	Kingery	Lacey (Gem)	Manito (Manito)	E. Morgan	W. Morgan	N. Randall	S. Randall	Royal	Smith (Rexford)	Summers (Mingo)	Wendell	TOTAL	PROVISIONAL
President	McCain	341	402	540	458	40	55	150	42	43	24	112	192	33	104	83	82	103	33	2,837	75
	Obama	104	134	192	140	14	9	39	9	11	12	29	30	3	18	11	18	8	6	787	26
	Nader	5	3	10	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	29	2
	Baldwin	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	0
	Barr	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	9	0
U.S. Senator	Roberts	350	425	588	464	40	56	143	44	44	28	116	188	33	110	82	82	103	31	2,927	76
	Slattery	88	101	135	121	15	8	47	9	11	8	22	33	3	14	8	15	8	5	651	20
	Warner	7	8	10	7	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	42	3
	Martin	4	5	11	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	33	1
	Hodgkinson	2	6	9	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	29	2
U.S. Representative	Moran	382	463	625	509	44	61	171	50	50	27	128	206	35	110	89	89	104	34	3,177	79
District 1	Bordona	37	43	78	60	9	4	5	1	3	5	8	9	0	7	2	5	6	4	286	11
	Burton	13	13	19	6	3	1	2	0	0	0	3	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	67	3
State Senator	Osmeier	398	468	684	538	50	59	176	49	51	30	124	202	32	118	82	90	102	37	3,290	86
State Rep.	Morrison	403	480	702	549	48	57	183	53	52	32	130	199	36	110	81	90	107	33	3,345	95
Dist. Judge Div. 2	Showalter	384	478	656	524	53	52	170	44	46	31	116	180	33	104	75	80	90	34	3,150	83
Dist Judge Div. 1	Schiffner	410	505	698	554	52	58	174	46	53	33	129	204	34	106	83	85	110	31	3,365	90
Magistrate Judge	Ress	403	500	693	543	53	58	166	42	53	28	134	212	34	104	84	81	104	33	3,325	89
Co. Commission 2	Steele	—	—	626	513	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,139	39
Co. Commission 3	Christansen	—	—	—	—	53	62	179	50	—	—	—	205	—	—	—	—	103	407	1,059	21
County Sheriff	Taylor	249	258	447	353	14	20	43	18	25	14	70	105	9	80	45	43	61	21	1,875	57
	Baughn	177	263	274	217	42	44	145	34	29	20	65	108	25	34	45	48	47	17	1,634	40
Co. Attorney	Flipse	390	504	690	552	55	48	171	50	52	34	132	202	34	108	84	86	98	31	3,321	84
Co. Clerk	Harms	410	504	684	551	55	57	170	50	49	35	134	209	34	107	88	83	105	36	3,361	90
Co. Treasurer	Applebury	412	467	671	537	54	54	156	48	51	33	123	184	23	109	80	80	92	33	3,207	83
Co. Register Deeds	Moore	405	501	699	562	55	59	174	51	52	34	133	211	34	110	88	86	104	35	3,393	86
Number Voting		452	545	751	613	57	66	192	53	55	36	144	227	37	127	94	100	114	40	3,703	104
Registered Voters		627	715	1029	908	72	81	242	71	78	58	189	277	50	167	114	140	142	48	5,009	
Percent Voting		72%	76%	73%	68%	79%	81%	79%	75%	71%	62%	76%	82%	74%	76%	82%	71%	80%	83%	74%	

Advance voting walk-ins = 1,145 / Advance mailed ballots = 426 / Election day voters = 2028

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Above is the official Thomas County vote for the Nov. 4 General Election, broken down by voting ward and township. Vote totals are from the canvassing book, as certified by the county commissioners on Nov. 7. Also included, with help from Kristi Mann of the county clerk's office, is the percentage of registered voters who voted in each precinct.

Bookings

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Crystal Lynn Hildebrand, 37, Colby, Nov. 2, disorderly conduct and domestic battery, Colby Police Department, released the same day on notice to appear.

- Pedro Galicia, 37, Colby, Nov. 2, domestic battery, Colby Police Department, released the same day on notice to appear.

- Lisa Marie Korenkiewicz, 26, Phoenixville, Pa., Nov. 4, possession of a controlled substance, Gove County Sheriff's Office, released Nov. 6 to Gove County.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$4.94
Corn (bushel)	\$3.42
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.05
Soybeans (bushel)	\$7.67

Corrections

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Exploding fruit gets attention at powerline safety demonstration

From "POWER," Page 1

By this time, he's got the audience's full attention. It's time for the good stuff.

On the trailer is a stick lineman, wearing a Midwest Energy hard hat and heavy rubber-and-leather gloves. Loker explains that the hat and gloves are insulated against high voltage, but there still no room for error.

On the lineman's head, he puts a grapefruit. On the chest, a hot dog, both impaled on copper wires.

"That's your brain," he says. "That's your heart."

This lineman's glove has a hole in it, he adds. Wentle touches a line to the guy's finger.

The hot dog flashes, fries and explodes.

Real linemen, Loker says, roll their gloves every day to see if they hold air. No leaks, no problem. Still, what happens if the line comes under a guy's helmet?

Loker replaced the hot dog with another grapefruit. Perkins turns the power back on. Wentle touches the grapefruit "head."

Fire shoots out both fruits. "This is only 7,200 volts," Perkins says, "a relatively low voltage."

Sometimes, the kids ask if the stick guy is alright, Loker says.

"I say no, he's probably dead," he says. "Either that, or he's going into politics."

So a quick review: what to do with a downed power line?

Stay away. Leave it alone. Call for help.

And if you're trapped in a car or combine or anywhere else by a live line?

Stay in the car, Loker says. Use your cell phone to call for help.

Unless, of course, those steel-belted radial tires start to conduct power to ground and catch fire. Then you may have to jump for it. But you have to do it right.

Fall back against the vehicle, you could be dead.

And there's a little thing called "step potential," waves of power radiating out from a ground. Land on all fours, you could be bridging different voltages — and dead.

"We teach kids to hop out with their feet together," he says, giving a little bunny hop, "and keep hopping until someone says it's safe."

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