

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: A 20 percent chance of snow before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 44. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 17. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26.
Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 64.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61.

 Thursday: High, 55; Low 11
 Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches
 Month: 0.49 inches
 Year: 0.64 inches
 Normal: 0.97 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)

Reconsider selling crop residue

A Kansas State University scientist is encouraging farmers to think about the hidden costs of removing crop residue from fields. "Crop residue is in high demand in some areas - as feedstocks for cellulose ethanol production, industrial uses, livestock feed and other purposes," said Humberto Blanco, soil management scientist with K-State Research and Extension. "But is it a good idea to remove and sell crop residue?" Blanco, who is based at K-State's Agricultural Research Center at Hays, said removing residue brings costs as well as some cash. "Leaving crop residue on the soil surface is the best and simplest way of reducing water and wind erosion," Blanco said. "Excessive residue removal for expanded uses not only accelerates soil erosion but also increases the loss of sediment, nutrients and pesticides in runoff water." Sediments and nutrients from agricultural soils in runoff water are the main "non-point source" pollutants of downstream ponds, streams and rivers, he said. "Crop removal is not recommended if soil and water conservation, pollution control and soil carbon buildup are high priorities," Blanco said. "Residue left on the soil surface protects against impacting raindrops, helps maintain soil aggregate integrity and improves rain water infiltration." The researcher has conducted studies to assess these issues. More information about the studies' results is on the K-State Web site at www.agronomy.ksu.edu/.

Pulling together



A highlight of the Boy Scouts Klondike Derby campout last weekend was a sled race. Pictured is the team from Troop 140, including from left: Tucker Gerstner, Henry Schuette, Alex Juenemann, Eric Schuette, Phillip Hillis, Daniel Myers, Nick Larmer, and Harley Washa. Though they placed third in this race, they were warm, coming in first in the firebuilding relay.

Play golf now

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 Turner. If golfers come to play when no one is in the office, he said, they should put the money in the metal box located at first hole. "We expect people to be honest," Turner said, admitting that the policy could be abused by some. "It's kind of an honor system." The restaurant opens at 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. It offers hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chicken-fried steak, chicken dinners and chicken strips. Specialties include pork chops, chicken breast and strip sirloin and rib-eye steaks. All the regular meals come with french fries or onions and cost \$6.95, while specials cost anywhere from \$9.95 to \$16.95.

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On the Beat

COLBY POLICE
Saturday, Feb. 21
 4:26 a.m. Provided house checks.
 8:20 a.m. A misdialed call was received from Colby Care. Since caller sounded confused, the facility staff was notified.
 2:35 p.m. Two dogs were reported at large in the 1100 block of Summer Sun. Owners caught animals.
 7:33 p.m. Assisted Thomas County Sheriff's Office at Citizen's Medical Center.
 7:37 p.m. Officer reported on an incident at 770 Dylan Drive.
 7:40 p.m. Officer talked to owners of a dog, which had been reported as barking all day at 830 S. Garfield.
 7:46 p.m. Assisted Thomas County Sheriff's Office at First St. Annex #7.
 10:39 p.m. Provided escort from Dillon's to 1075 W. Seventh.
 11:03 p.m. Officer filed report on narcotics violation at 1185 Summer Sun.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF
Sunday, Feb. 22
 1:13 a.m. Assisted Colby police with an alarm at Kabredlo's.
 2:12 a.m. Transported two prisoners to Rawlins County.

12:56 p.m. Manager called sheriff's office to report someone at Free Breakfast Inn drunk and hallucinating.
 3:30 p.m. Booked Michael England.
 10:09 p.m. Oakley police reported cattle out at County Road 31 and County Road F. Cattle returned to pasture.
 11:11 p.m. An officer reported truck backed up next to building in docking area at 60 Stephens Drive.
Monday, Feb. 23
 8:25 a.m. Caller reported a woman with a child in her lap in a vehicle westbound on U.S. 24. When vehicle was found at Stan's Automotive, child was in a car seat.
 8:30 a.m. Jesse Ray Pollard Jr. released from jail.
 9:18 a.m. Michael Ray England released from jail.
 9:28 a.m. Officer transported subject to Oakley and back to Law Enforcement Center
 11:12 a.m. Brandon McGuire arrested on warrant from Scott County.
 11:46 a.m. Officer reported papers were returned to court.
 1:07 - 3:48 p.m. Papers served.
 3:36 p.m. Chris Geisert arrested on warrant.

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