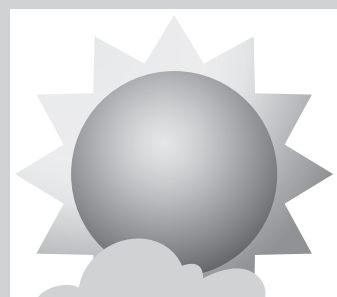


## Weather Corner



National Weather Service

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 27. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 70. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 34.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 67.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 34.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 64.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 31.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 55.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 27.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 53.

Friday: High, 40; Low 7  
 Saturday: High, 39; Low 9  
 Sunday: High, 50; Low 16  
 Precip: Friday .Trace  
 Saturday 0.00 inches  
 Sunday 0.00 inches  
 February: 0.49 inches  
 Year: 0.64 inches  
 Normal: 2.15 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)

## Severe storms week will focus on safety

From "STORMS," Page 1

"The storm spotter workshop will be held at the Colby Community Building at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 23. Everyone is invited to attend who is interested in learning how to spot for tornadoes and other severe weather."

Watching the skies in Kansas is an important job. Floyd said Kansas was No. 1 in the nation last year for the number of tornadoes, with a total of 187, the highest of any year on record. Second place went to Texas with 117.

As far as severity goes, Iowa had a tornado rated at F5, the most powerful, with a loss of 12 lives for the year. Kansas reported two F4 tornadoes and a loss of four lives, while Tennessee had 31 fatalities. In the area covered by the Goodland Weather Station, he said, spotters saw 39 tornadoes, fourth in the state. In 2007, the Goodland area broke a record with 56 tornadoes, he said. Both said they are hoping for a good turnout.

"We had 77 people come to the workshop here in Colby last year," McMahan said, "and are hoping for more this year."

McMahan said people won't be asked to go out in their cars to look for storms.

"We want people to stay off the streets and in their homes and businesses during storms," she said. "The sheriff's department and some ham radio operators usually do that type of thing."

Floyd said the class will cover both beginning and advanced storm spotting in two sessions.

"We will discuss all aspects of severe weather at these workshops, including, cloud formations, hail, winds and the formations of tornadoes," he said. "Our hope is that those who take our classes will be

more aware of storms and will be able to recognize a situation that they need to call us about so we can warn others.

"We never encourage people to get in their cars and go out in stormy weather. We want to know what dangerous clouds they see from their own yard."

Floyd workshop participants will learn how to stay safe during a storm or other severe weather, such as a flood.

Spotter classes in other area towns include:

Wednesday, Hill City, 6:30 p.m. Frontier Stage, 321 E. Main St.

Next Monday, Atwood, 6:30 p.m., Prairie Developmental Center, 208 S. Fourth.

March 10, St. Francis, 6:30 p.m., high school cafeteria, 100 S. College.

## Legislators check in



MARJ BROWN/Colby Free Press

Kansas State Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer (left) and State Rep. Jim Morrison (center) visited with constituents Saturday at the Quality Inn in Colby to discuss bills being considered in Topeka and to get ideas on how to save money for the state.

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From "FOOD BANK," Page 1

we will receive until the end. "At the end of April, we will send in paperwork listing all of the money donations, pledges and food we received .... Each food item will count as a \$1 donation, so it is important that donations come in to us within the March 1 to April 30 time period."

The Genesis board has called all county churches and asked them to put this information in their bulletins and newsletters, she said, and notified newspapers, radio and television stations asking them to help get the information to the public.

As an example of what can be done, Karen O'Neal at Personal Touch Beauty Shop in downtown Colby had a project going all of February that allowed customers who brought in two cans of food for Genesis to get \$2 off on their tanning. She said she plans to turn that food in to Genesis on Wednesday so it will count towards the challenge. She added that she might have another project this month. Most churches collect food for Genesis also.

"Colby College has always been a good supporter of Genesis, too," Ryan said. "Different organizations and clubs at the college have always contributed to us in some way each year. Also, the Girl Scouts and postal workers do drives for us."

"We have always been over-

whelmed at the generosity of the area citizens. What has caused us the most problems this year is the state of the economy, which is causing our caseload ... to increase.

"We are fortunate to have workers from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program donating their time to stock our shelves, and the members of the board donate their time also, but we still have expenses for things like rent for our room at the Thomas County Office Complex and other operating expenses that need to be paid."

Contributions can be taken to the Genesis office, 350 S. Range Ave. Organizations planning to collect for Genesis can bring information to the Colby Free Press so we can get it in the paper.

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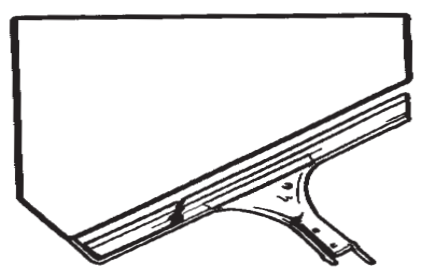
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