Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39. West wind be-

tween 10 and 15 mph. **Thursday**: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. Breezy, with a west wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. North wind between 5 and 15

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. Breezy, with a southeast wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of rain after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 52.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55.

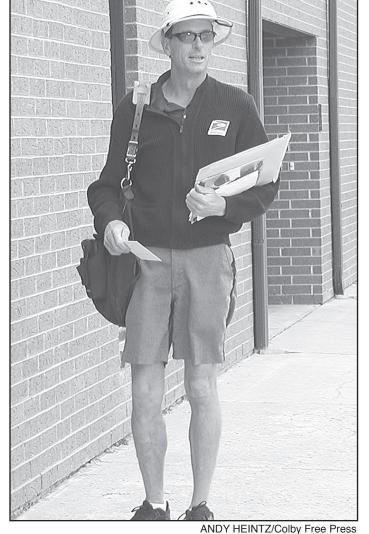
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Monday: Sunny, with a high Monday Night: Partly cloudy,

with a low around 24. Monday: High, 52; Low 23

Tuesday: High, 66; Low 26 Precip: Monday 0.00 inches 0.00 inches Tuesday 0.00 inches Month: 0.64 inches Normal: 2.15 inches (K-State Experiment Station)

Has spring sprung?



Despite the chilly weather this morning, letter carrier Alan Focke was ready for s warm day in full summer gear.

Voters crowd session on issues

From "TOPEKA," Page 1

The StatesRail company that owned the Kyle Railroad in Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska has been purchased by a later firm, RailAmerica, the senator said. The firm has 690 miles of track, serving both Goodland and Colby on former Rock Island lines.

"It sounds like RailAmerica won't be removing any track, but plans to do a lot of repair and adding some ties," Ostmeyer said. "This is a good thing, as we will need tracks for coal and to new ethanol plants.

On the subject of higher education, Morrison said, "I think colleges are making an effort to find ways to cut expenses. They think they can save with video teaching and in the field of medical technology. Some are also working on making their computer services more efficient."

The men said the budget for next year will treat public schools better than state universities and other higher-education units.

"If the legislature is mandated by law to have a reserve of 7 ½ percent in the budget, why do they have a reserve of zero?" someone asked.

Morrison answered, "Because we had to use the reserve in other places to fill up budget holes. The law allows us to do this when we feel it's necessary."

Another question asked was about the fact that the Kansas Public Employees Retirement Fund is no longer fully funded. Both Ostmeyer and Morrison said the Legislature does not control the fund, known as KPERS. It is controlled by its own board, they said.

The two agreed on eliminating the death penalty in Kansas.

"It would save the state more than a million dollars," Morrison

He said he worried that too many prisoners had later been found innocent using new technology.

Both legislators expressed concern for the budget for next year.

"Some schools planning to build new buildings are putting them on hold for fear of not being able to

get them bonded," Ostmeyer said.

"We're all going to have to make some sacrifices and some of the cuts will hurt, but it's the only way," he added.

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Craft store grows in quiet Brewster

From "CRAFTS," Page 1

from scratch today," Richards said, "because crafts come and go. ton of it on the Internet." When scrapbooking got popular, Richards said her youngest was I was scared to put in a four-foot takes up a major portion of floor space because the products are so versatile in so many other crafts." She said she has many favorites, but right now scrapbooking is it.

"I just never have a day when I don't want to come to work," she said, "I just love it, and never dreamed we would ever have this many items. Right now glass etching is popular, and we sell a

a first grader when they moved to section of supplies, but today, it Brewster, and now her children are all grown and she has five grandchildren.

> The clan includes sons Shawn Richards, Colorado (Marti) Springs, and Scott (Jill) Richards, Windsor, Colo., and daughter Trisha Richards and Justin Giger of Parker, Colo.



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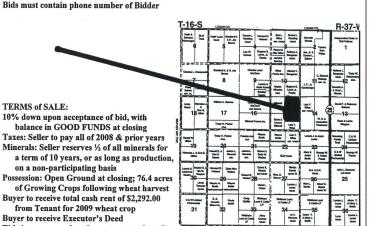
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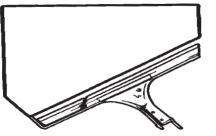


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