

National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 24. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

high near 62. South wind around 5 mph becoming east. Sunday Night: Partly cloudy,

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a

with a low around 31. Monday: Mostly sunny, with a

high near 71 Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 33.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 74.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 70.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high

Thursday: High, 36; Low 10 Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches Month: 0.00 inches 0.64 inches Normal: 2.15 inches (K-State Experiment Station)

Brothers get buzz out of beekeeping

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"We have a lot of farmers contact us about our bees because they want them on their farms to help with pollination," said Greg. "Bees help pollinate alfalfa, melons, almonds and many other fruits. One-third of every mouthful of food eaten is actually pollinated by bees."

The brothers also have their own line of honey products, from honey-filled straws sold as snacks all the way up to gallon tubs. All of the honey is produced in Hays with the Swobs' own extracting equipment. The brothers said distribution remains mostly local, to farmer's markets and small stores, but they have had a few outside customers.

"Not too long ago we sent 2,500 straws of honey over to a soldier in Iraq." Greg said.

Greg said that both of the brothers are equally involved in the beekeeping and distribution of honey. Both travel to area schools to talk about beekeeping.

"I enjoy traveling to local schools, clubs and organizations to inform them of the advantages that bees have to offer." he said, "I especially like talking to the kids and encouraging them to see bees as helpers."

Just this last week Greg did presentations in Colby for FFA Week.

"I was glad I was able to get back up to Colby and enjoyed giving the presentation for the FFA chapter," he said. "I'm always happy to do them for anyone."

As for the future, Greg and his

brother would one day like to be one of the first to open a meadery a place that makes wine out of honey — in Kansas.

"Right now, it's just a hobby, but someday we would like to expand." Greg said, "It's something we look forward to doing after we

In Colby, another beekeeper is Mark Wood.

"I have been involved in beekeeping since 2001," said Wood. "I have seven hives at the edge of town where the bees can be protected from the elements. Having my bees here is beneficial to the community because they help pollinate many gardens in Colby. People have told me that their gardens have actually yielded more because of natural insect pollina-

Wood said that last year alone he produced around 600 pounds of honey. He said he sells his honey but views beekeeping as an enjoyable hobby.

"I sell retail from my home and enjoy working with an insect that is a marvel of creation," he said. "It's a lot like farming. How much the bees produce depend on how much rain we get."

Woods also plans on dabbling in talking to people about his pas-



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Greg Swob scraped the covering off honey in a comb taken from a hive at the Hays apiary. He and his brother Bruce have three apiaries, or groups of hives, in the area.

"I plan on giving a presentation to the Rotary Club in May, and my wife and I have also discussed giving one to our kids' classes when

Wood said.

"I think of bees as the greatest gift God can give us," Greg said.

For information on beekeeping, they cover insects in school," any of their products, or presenta-

tions, Greg Swob said, people can call him at (785) 623-3533.

Wood can be reached at home at (785) 460-2721.

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COLBY POLICE Monday, March 2

9:32 a.m. – Contacted someone for Goodland police.

9:41 a.m. – Dog caught at 620 N. Range. Taken to Colby Animal Clinic.

10:15 a.m. – Accident at Fourth & Franklin.

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south of the railroad tracks behind Law Enforcement Center. 8:31 p.m. - Call about keys

5:06 p.m. - 911 call about fire

locked in college swimming pool. Tuesday, March 3

4:58 a.m. - Security check to residence.

6:23 a.m. - Directions to motorist at Bosselman's.

2:24 p.m. – Funeral block from Kersenbrock to Beulah.

3:24 p.m. – Crossing guard.

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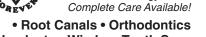
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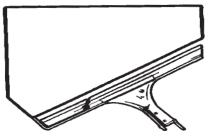


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