

## Weather Corner



### National Weather Service

**Tonight:** A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56. North wind around 10 mph.

**Tuesday:** Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Cloudy, with a high near 64. Breezy, with a north wind between 10 and 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.

**Tuesday Night:** A 40 percent chance of showers. Cloudy, with a low around 46. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.

**Wednesday:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 70. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 79.

**Thursday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56.

**Friday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 79.

**Friday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.

**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 80.

**Saturday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

**Sunday:** Partly cloudy, with a high near 84.

Friday: High, 87; Low 51  
 Saturday: High, 85; Low 55  
 Sunday: High, 87; Low 54  
 Precip: Friday 0.00 inches  
 Saturday 0.09 inches  
 Sunday 0.00 inches  
 May: 5.53 inches  
 June: 0.00 inches  
 Year: 10.15 inches  
 Normal: 9.94 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise Tuesday 6:19 a.m.  
 Sunset Tuesday 9:06 p.m.  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)



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Hundreds of kids and family members gathered at Villa High Lake on Saturday for a day of fishing and sun, sponsored by Colby Community College. Kansas Parks and Wildlife donated a small tackle box kit to each of the kids.

## Dozens of kids turn out for college's fishing day

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the event.

Kaaz said he had lots of help putting the derby together. He wanted to thank Cathy Cayton, his office assistant; the co-op; Police Chief Randy Jones for barriers; City Manager Carolyn Armstrong and the city workers for getting power to the concession stand; and Kelly Gates and the college cheerleaders for the concessions and face painting.

"The college is looking at plans for the Become an Outdoors Woman program, and we're trying to get more involved in getting kids outdoors," Kaaz said. "It looks like we will expand on the derby, and it may become an annual event."

The college will hold its third annual Pow Wow the weekend of Aug. 7 to 9, he said. The event brings Boy Scouts and kids in from Colorado, Nebraska and eastern Kansas to the campus.

The college is also a part of the National Archery in the Schools program, using a kit donated by the Wildlife and Parks.

"The college is making an at-

tempt to get involved in getting kids outdoors," the dean said.

## County, sheriff argue details of department's budget issues

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cause problems.

"I got every penny back for the cats..." he said. "I told you I would, and I did."

Commissioner Byron Sowers commended the sheriff on getting the money back from the situation involving lions and tigers near Oakley. He asked if the commissioners should rescind motion to bill owner Jeff Harsh for the money the county had spent.

The commissioners later rescinded the motion and approved an abatement for Harsh for the amount recovered by the sheriff.

Steele said to the best of his recollection, the sheriff's department had underspent its budget last year, but all the information was at the auditors, and they wouldn't know until the report was finished.

Later, after the sheriff had left, Steele said he thought the commissioners were doing an adequate job, and he wondered if there was a money problem with the sheriff's department or a management problem.

Dan Seymour of Custom Energy came in to talk about a leak in the new roof on the courthouse during storms last week. The leak was caused by the louvers in the bell tower being blown open and from a final spot where the flash-

ing hadn't yet been installed, he said.

"They took the necessary steps to stop the rain from coming in while it was still raining," noted County Clerk Shelly Harms.

Seymour said it looked like sometime in the past, there had been a plexiglass shield around the bell in the bell tower. The wind blew the louvers open, he said, and that was like having a window wide open in a heavy rain. Water was pouring in, he said, so workers made a trough to channel the water into a container and installed the flashing. That stopped the leak, he said, adding that now the crew is down to final installation of gutters. He added that the crew had passed a safety inspection last week with flying colors.

Lloyd Thiemer, a longtime opponent of public spending projects, stopped by the meeting to compliment the commissioners on the roof on the courthouse.

"It looks like this one will last," he said, "and you've done a great job."

"One other thing, his cycle of spending has got to stop somewhere. New vehicles for the sheriff has brought me out of my hole, and I'm wondering, just where does the spending stop?"

In other business, the commissioners:

- Tabled discussion on a tax abatement for a mortuary on the north edge of Oakley, which would be in Thomas County

- Approved a letter of support to expand Citizens Medical Center.

- Discussed the Health Department wanting the entire county office complex to participate in an emergency drill. Because the other occupants of the complex pay rent, the commissioners agreed, they should not have to participate in the department's drill.

- Heard from road supervisor Clair Shrock that the crew will start mowing. They will do the first pass, along the roadway, he said, but after the rain last week, the roads will have to be graded before harvest.

- Heard from the clerk that the new transportation van has arrived, and agreed to take bids for old van and review them on Monday, June 22.

- Approved the clerk, her deputy and the treasurer attending a computer seminar here.

- Agreed to not paint panels above courthouse windows because of the cost. The county had a bid from Roofmasters and Custom Energy for more than \$8,000.

- Checked the mileage on sheriff's vehicles, and found that it ranges from 32,250 to 134,420 on eight vehicles.

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One site, Families! (www.ksre.ksu.edu/families/), contains links to information on stepfamilies, diversity, effective communication in relationships and coping with divorce. The site was built and is maintained by Charlotte Shoup Olsen, family systems specialist and other faculty and staff members in K-State's School of Family Studies and Human Services. Links to federal and state agencies, as well as other universities' resources are included.

Another site, Financial Management (www.ksre.ksu.edu/financialmanagement), has information

on such topics as saving, budgeting, financial security, credit counseling and bankruptcy. The site was developed and is maintained by K-State financial management specialist Carol Young and other faculty and staff members in Family Studies and Human Services.

In addition to these Internet resources, each of Kansas' 105 counties has a K-State Research and Extension office that has publications, fact sheets and oftentimes, programs to help individuals and families handle difficult times, Olsen said. Information about county Extension offices and more resources available through K-State is available at www.ksre.ksu.edu.

K-State is also a partner in eXtension, (www.extension.org), an interactive online learning environment of research-based information from land grant universities across the country. The site has numerous resources to help individuals and families cope with difficult economic times and other issues.

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## Colby doctor quits hospital

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no longer be admitting his patients in Colby. Instead he will admit patients at the hospitals in Oakley and Atwood.

McCart said she has not spoken personally with the doctor since receiving the letter. Slavens said his and the hospital's attorneys have been in contact.

McCart said Slavens could re-apply to the hospital if he chooses to.

"That's an option that any employee has," she said.

Slavens said that, despite the problems he and the hospital have had, giving up his practicing privileges is not a first step toward leaving town.

"We love Colby," Slavens said. "My goal is to provide a way to

care for my patients here in Colby to the best of my ability."

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