

National Weather Service
Tonight: Isolated showers and thunderstorms before 10 p.m. Mostly cloudy, low around 66. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Friday: Isolated thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, high near 94. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Saturday: 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 93. East wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south.
Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.
Sunday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 82.
 Wednesday: High, 94; Low 59
 Precip: Wed. 0.00 inches
 Month: 1.15 inches
 Year: 17.99 inches
 Normal: 16.41 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Friday 6:56 a.m. 8:41 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
 Wednesday 1,954,000 gal.
 (Colby Public Works)

From "COUNTY," Page 1

ment heads had asked her to play around with the budget figures to see if they could get more than the 1 percent raise for county employees allowed for in the published budget.

Harms told the commissioners she had come up with a figure of 2 percent with very little added to the property tax levy.

Commissioner Byron Sowers said he thought with the increase in the health insurance, the 1 percent should be sufficient.

"I'd like to get more for my wheat and more for my cattle," he said, "but I have to live with what I have."

Chairman Ken Christiansen said with the economic conditions right now, he felt comfortable with the 1 percent raise.

Commissioner Steele said he also favored leaving the budget at the figure they had published.

No one appeared to question the budget.

From "CAMPS," Page 1

The weekend camp was for high school juniors and seniors nominated and sponsored by their local Rotary clubs. Both girls were nominated by Rothfuss' dad, Gene Rothfuss, a Rotary member in Colby, because they had been leaders in their school and youth groups. They had to fit the criteria of being good students with leadership skills.

Rothfuss, will be a senior at Heartland Christian School this fall. She said she wanted to attend the camp to help hone her leadership skills so she could use them in the positions God leads her to.

She said the campers participated team-building activities as well, as activities that helped them determine their own strengths. One was the "adventure-based" leadership course, where campers had to walk across a wire while pushing against another person, switch sides on a log with others and use five boards to cross a "broken bridge."

"The course could not be accomplished without the help of your teammates," Rothfuss said.

The campers heard inspirational talks from Judge Tom Webb of Sublette, Pastor Sandy Kennedy of Great Bend, Dr. Catherine Strecker of Ellinwood and Father Mike Scully of Victoria.

At the end of the hearing time, the commissioners voted unanimously to approve the budget as published.

Commissioner Steele reported that he had been talking with Judge Glenn Schiffrer, and that the judge had agreed that Ann Ogle Puckett of Court Services could move from her office on the third floor to the second floor office occupied by Jim Robinson, chief of court services who is retiring in September. The executive office has more space and a vault for confidential information, he said

Steele also reported that work is progressing on creating offices for the county attorney, his two secretaries and a part-time investigator in the basement of the courthouse.

The investigator will be on a 19-hour week, he said, with his paycheck to come from diversion fees collected by the county attorney. The fees are paid for each case filed with the office. He can use his discre-

tion where the money will go, determining the needs of the office. County Attorney Bruce Flipse said he was considering three applicants.

Dustin Daniels of Martin Tractor came to tell commissioners that Foley Equipment is buying Martin. He said Foley will honor the contract the county made on a recent purchase of heavy equipment. Foley and Martin are merging into one dealership across the state. Previously, Foley had 49 counties and Martin covered 50.

Daniels said he will be the contact person for Caterpillar equipment here when Acciona needs large equipment for their wind energy project. He said the wind farm is on hold right now because the Spanish firm is not the only one bidding on this grid. He said he believes that when the power is sold, then the project will go forward. Phase 1 will be around 70 turbines in North Randall, Morgan and Summer townships.

Clair Schrock, county road supervisor,

said the last mowing of the season along rural roads is about to start. He said bindweed and musk thistle had been sprayed, and they should be done with the leased packer next week, and it could be returned to Martin.

Steele asked Schrock to get some sort of an agreement together that would hold the townships harmless for the road repairs needed while construction of the wind farm is being done. He said it would be easier for the contractor to deal with just the county rather than with the county and three townships, and that the boards should be aware that county will take care of the roads.

Clerk Harms told the commissioners that some townships still do not have their budget information to her office. Commissioners said if there is no budget, the township can't spend any money, so there will be no road work. They said the townships need to get their information to the courthouse so that they can be included in the 2010 budget.

From “DANCE,” Page 1

"They will get a chance to work with world-class choreographers," said Rodgers.

The team will be staying in Memphis from Dec. 30 to Jan. 3. During their stay, she said, they will participate in the Liberty Bowl Parade on Beale Street at 3 p.m. New Years Day, and the girls will attend the Liberty Bowl Professional Rodeo at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at the Agri-center Show Palace Arena.

This year's team has 13 girls, including senior Keesa Wright; juniors Tera Raymond, Audra Fleming and Brittany Bange; sophomores Katera Harter, Lacy O'Neal, Christina Ostmeyer, Jennifer Schwanke, Kayla Skiles, Haley Stickel and Taranie Touslee; and freshman Gabby Browne and Cameron McLaughlin.

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