

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north.

Saturday: Showers likely, mainly before 4 p.m. Cloudy, with a high near 55. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers before 7 p.m. Mostly cloudy, gradually becoming mostly clear, low around 37. Breezy, with a north northwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 39.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 58.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 57.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 68.

Thursday: High, 61; Low 47
 Precip: Thursday 0.24 inches
 Month: 2.51 inches
 Year: 5.12 inches
 Normal: 3.89 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
 Saturday 6:54 a.m. 8:31 p.m.
 Sunday 6:53 a.m. 8:32 p.m.
 Monday 6:52 a.m. 8:33 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Thunderstorms cause minor flooding

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quarter-inch this morning.

After Wednesday's sunshine, thoughts of getting into fields went south. With more rain in the forecast, already-soaked fields will need more than a few days to dry them out enough to put the corn in the ground.

Although the rains improved the already excellent condition of the winter wheat, it has put a total stop to any field operations.

The Kansas Agricultural Statistics report for the week of April 12 showed most of the northwest area of the state as having surplus subsoil moisture, and now this

weeks rains will add to that deep moisture.

Jim Bartlett who farms about six miles east of Colby said he dug down just a few inches last week in a field he was wanting to spray, and the shovel came up with a ball of mud with water running out of it.

"Can't go to the field when it's that muddy," Bartlett said.

Reports of wheat condition as far south as Dallas is that the crop is good all the way.

Wheat prices, usually affected by the skies, were \$4.07 on Thursday, actually up 13 cents over the same day last week, when the cash price stood at \$3.94.

Tree board plants new trees around town

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store bid on a cost plus basis; 24/7 bid on a pump prime discount basis.

Cost plus contracts pay all the contractor's expenses, plus an additional amount to allow for profit.

"You guys are doing an outstanding job," councilmen Dave Voss said.

Decided to approve charging off \$837.37 in bad debt and sending \$9,740.40 to the state Setoff

Program. The bad debt stems from people skipping town without paying the money they owe the city, City Manager Carolyn Armstrong said. She said the state Setoff Program is when the city turns over a person's social security number to the state and the state withholds that person's tax refunds until the city is paid back.

Agreed to approve waiving the rental fee for the 312th Army Band who will be holding a free public concert on Thursday, July 29, in the community building.

Eleven tornados reported

WICHITA (AP) - The National Weather Service says 11 tornadoes were reported in western Kansas, causing minor damage but no major injuries.

The weather service says one of the tornadoes hit a farm four miles south of Scott City Thursday evening, damaging a barn and

destroying grain bins.

Another tornado that witnesses said was a mile wide landed east of Kendall in Kearny County, and spotters said another touched down near Friend in Finney County. Baseball-sized hail also was reported near Lakin, in Kearny County.

College to hold special meeting

The Colby Community College Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the Thomas Hall board room.

On the agenda is a conversation and action item about reducing

personnel; a closed-door session to discuss non-elected employees; and an employment recommendation for a new vice president of student affairs.

College graduates inmate class

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but the only expectation that matters is the one you have for yourself.

Waites also spoke about choices. "There are a lot of choices. We cannot control what others think. We can control what we do," he said.

His advice to the graduating class was to focus on what they wanted, not what others expected of them.

"Do what you truly want to do. Hang in there, even in tough times, and there will be tough times. Make the most of your future."

The inmates all expressed an interest in either continuing their education or in starting their own business after release. The nine graduates included: Mickey Owens, Anthony Perkins, Jonathon Scranton, Patrick McGraw, Dan McCall, Alford Granger, Jeremy Fisher, Brian Holmes and Jordan Henson.

"The college course gave me the chance to think differently and look forward to something outside the fence," Granger said.

McCall said he wants to open a business after release and said the class prepared him for that possibility.

Christiane Cole was one of the instructors for the course. Classes included business communi-

cation, keyboarding, Quickbooks, practical office and customer relations.

Perkins said he wasn't aware of some of the computer programs before, especially Quickbooks.

"It was challenging. A few of them I didn't even know existed, but I think it's something I'll use," Perkins said.

"It gave me the opportunity to re-navigate my computer skills. It will help me with powerpoint presentations," Holmes said.

Tuesday was a special day for one inmate in particular with Scranton celebrating his 24th birthday and completing the program. He said the business skills he learned will help him in the job market after he is released.

"All of it is necessary these days," he said. For some of the inmates, the chance to further themselves made a difference.

"I'm going to use this to continue my degree. This is a corrections facility, but there are few opportunities for improvement. I think it's awesome that they do this," said Jeremy Fisher.

"It's nice to have people come in who see us as people, not people who have made mistakes," Perkins said.

Colby Community College, Norton Correctional Facility and Kansas Works partnered for the program, which will end in July when the third class will graduate. The first class graduated Jan 29.

County saves on air system parts

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want to put out for bids.

The commissioners said they valued Highland's knowledge and advice when it came to under-

standing the jargon of the mechanical equipment, including boilers and chillers, while they are trying to make a decision on what will be an expensive investment.

The commissioners have got-

ten several estimates for a new system, which, depending on the type, could cost between \$125,000 and \$400,000.

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Tuesday Evening											April 20, 2010	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Dancing With Stars		Lost		V		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		The Good Wife		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late			
KSNK/NBC	The Biggest Loser				Parenthood		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late			
KSAS/FOX	American Idol		Glee				Local					
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A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds			
AMC	Top Gun						Space Cowboys					
ANIM	Fatal Attractions		Fatal Attractions		Fatal Attractions		Fatal Attractions		Fatal Attractions			
BRAVO	Mill. Matchmaker		Mill. Matchmaker		9 by Design		9 by Design		Real Housewives			
CMT	Extreme Makeover		True Blue: Ten Years		Blue Collar Comedy		Gator 911	Coast	True Blue: Ten Years			
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live			
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	S. Park	S. Park	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	S. Park		
DISC	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Construction		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch			
DISN	Cadet Kelly		Phineas	Montana	Wizards	Deck	Suite	So Raven				
E!	E! Investigates		Pretty	Pretty	Kendra	Kendra	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Kendra		
ESPN	30 for 30		SportsCenter Special		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight			
ESPN2	Football	NFL Live	Coll. Football All-Star Chali		Football		30 for 30		SportsNation			
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos				The 700 Club		Whose? Whose?			
FOOD	Cakes	Cakes	Chefs vs. City		Chopped		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Chefs vs. City			
FX	S.W.A.T.				Justified		Justified		Damages			
HGTV	First	My First	Home Rules		House	House	My First	Marriage	Home Rules			
HIST	Ancient Aliens				Ancient Aliens				Ancient Aliens			
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		The Brave One				Will		Frasier	Medium		
MTV	16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant		16 and Pregnant		Pregnant			
NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny		
SCI	Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek: Next Gen.		WWE NXT		Beowulf					
SPIKE	Warrior	Deadliest Warrior			Deadliest Warrior		Deadliest Warrior		DEA			
TBS	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Lopez Tonight		Name Earl	Name Earl		
TCM	Quo Vadis?						Ivanhoe					
TLC	Your Kid Ate What?		19 Kids	19 Kids	Little	Little	Your Kid Ate What?		19 Kids	19 Kids		
TNT	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball				Inside the NBA			
TOON	Garfield	Chowder	Codename	Ed, Edd	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen		
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Food Wars	Food Wars	Food Wars	Food Wars	Ghost Adventures			
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne		
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Psych			
VH1	Brandy & Ray J		RuPaul's Drag Race		Basketbal	Chilli	Sober House		RuPaul's Drag Race			
WGN	MLB Baseball				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park		
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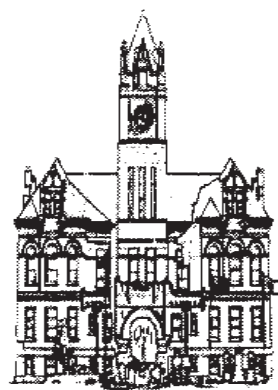
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