

Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Gusts up to 30 mph in the evening.

Tuesday: Partly sunny. Highs in lower 60s. North winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the northeast 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon.

Tuesday Night: Breezy. Cloudy with thunderstorms likely. Lows in the mid 40s. East winds 20 to 25 mph. Chance of thunderstorms 70 percent.

Wednesday: Cooler. Cloudy. 50 percent chance of light rain showers. Highs in the lower 50s. North winds 15 to 20 mph. Gusts up to 30 mph in the morning.

Wednesday Night: Cooler. Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light rain showers. Lows in the lower 30s.

Thursday: Partly sunny in the morning then becoming mostly sunny. Highs around 60.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy. Lows around 40.

Friday: Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy evening, becoming partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s.

Saturday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s.

Friday: High, 58; Low 34
Saturday: High, 62; Low 40
Sunday: High, 74; Low 46
Precip: Friday 0.00 inches
Saturday 0.00 inches
Sunday 0.03 inches
Month: 0.15 inches
Year: 5.56 inches
Normal: 7.24 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 6:34 a.m. 8:47 p.m.
Wednesday 6:33 a.m. 8:48 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby man pleads guilty in farm-equipment theft case

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The government made a plea agreement with Jones. The plea agreement states that the U.S. attorney will drop the remaining charges at sentencing. The government also agreed not to file any more charges against Jones in connection with the indictment and to recommend a sentence at the low end of what the judge can impose.

The government agreed not to request anything worse than the maximum sentence while Jones' lawyer agreed not request anything less than the minimum. However, the judge does not have to follow their agreement.

Jones' had to agree to provide truthful and complete information on all of the counts against him. The other counts included:

- A 30-foot gooseneck trailer

stolen in 2005 from a property south of Rawlins, Wyo.

- A Case 475 trencher and trailer stolen from Nebraska. Jones said he was not in Nebraska at the time of the theft, but the equipment was brought to his farm by Hanzlick.
- A Case skid loader and trailer stolen in March 2006 from North Platte, Neb. Jones said he and Hanzlick stole the equipment and brought it back to his farm.
- A Caterpillar tractor stolen in 2006 from the Sharon Springs area. Jones said Hanzlick took this tractor to Nebraska.
- A John Deere 4560 tractor stolen in 2007 from North Platte. Jones said he and Hanzlick stole the tractor and he hauled it back to the farm.
- A John Deere 7820 tractor stolen in 2007 from the Burlington, Colo., area. Jones said he and Hanzlick took the tractor to the

farm.

- A Titan dump trailer stolen in 2007 in Nebraska. Jones said Hanzlick stole the trailer and delivered it to the farm for Jones' use.
- A Chevrolet pickup brought to the farm in 2005 or 2006. Jones said he didn't steal that vehicle, but knew Hanzlick wanted to get rid of it. Jones cut the box and rear axle off the truck to make a trailer and allowed Hanzlick to bury the rest in a ditch on his farm. Jones said he believed it was used for an insurance claim.

The guilty plea waives Jones' right to a trial. Hanzlick's trial had been set for Tuesday, May 18, but was delayed until July 13. Hanzlick's lawyer, James Pratt, requested additional time to research evidence in the case, specifically cell-phone tower records.

Herndon ox roast a big draw for town

From 'ROAST,' Page 1

many spices. It takes about 15 tons of wood to make a bed of hot coals for cooking the meat and veggies."

The vegetables are put into the pan first, then the meat and spices, along with 20 gallons of water. The lid is put on, the pan is lowered into the pit on the bed of hot coals, covered with about three feet of dirt and left to cook for 24 hours.

She said the wood is usually cut three to four months in advance to give it a chance to cure. Then a big pit is dug near the city park and the fire is started two days before to get the coals just right before cooking the food.

When it's been 24 hours, she said the pit is uncovered, a front-end loader lifts the pan out of the pit, and the meat and veggies are lifted out of the pan to make room for a big pan of gravy from all the juices.

"It takes many boxes of cornstarch for the thickening," Green said, "and the gravy is stirred with garden hoes and rakes."

Events for the day include a parade in the morning, the noon barbecue, mud volleyball, outdoor races, cow-patty bingo, games for kids and a kiddie train. Dinner is available from the town restaurant, and street dance and fire works will conclude the day's fun.

"The entire community gets involved," Green said. "Praeland Electric Co-op donates the beef, Ben-Lee (Processing in Atwood) donates the processing, Williams Brothers Grocery donates other necessities for the meal, Finley Construction donates and serves the iced tea, along with many other area businesses give money or share their time and energy to make the day a success."

The theme for this year's celebration is "What happens in Herndon, stays in Herndon."

Everyone can come join the celebration. Contributions are invited to help continue the tradition.

For information, call Mrs. Green at (785) 322-5583, Peach Beims at (785) 322-5373 or Jennifer Beims at (785) 322-5331.

Thomas County native still teaches computer skills to Concordia nuns

From 'TEACHER,' Page 1

She went from Beloit to teach fifth grade in Oakley for a year, and then back to Beloit to teach third graders.

Sister Rita Ann said she was beginning to suffer hearing loss, and the last six years of her career were spent in the school library, teaching remedial reading and math to only a few students at a time, because if the students were right in front of her, the hearing loss didn't have such an impact.

She said her loss got progressively worse, so she decided it would be best for her to move back to the Motherhouse in Concordia.

"But I still had lots of energy," she said, "and I wanted to do something, so I assumed the role of driving the elderly sisters in to Salina for doctor appointments, a role I did for about a year."

When the bookkeeper left her job at the Motherhouse in 200, Sister Rita Ann was asked to step

into the job. She agreed to give it a try, since her experience in the library at the Beloit school had given her a fair knowledge of computers.

"I couldn't believe it when they asked me if I could teach the older nuns how to work on the computer," she said. "Thirty five of them were interested, and most of them are in their 90s, with the oldest one being a 99 year old."

"When the 99-year-old learned how to do e-mail, she e-mailed relatives in Missouri, whom she had never met," Sister Rita Ann said, "and the relatives were so impressed, they drove to Concordia to meet this remarkable lady. It was just beautiful, and it blossomed into a great family affair."

Sister Rita Ann said she is enjoying the progress and enjoyment the older nuns are having with learning how to make their own greeting cards using the computer.

"We have all persevered," Sister Rita Ann said, "and although I'm

considered an expert, the truth is, I am still bookkeeping and computer confused."

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Tuesday Evening May 11, 2010. Table listing TV programs by time slot (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) across various channels (KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, etc.).

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