

Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. Breezy, with a south-southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. Breezy, with a south-southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Friday: Mostly sunny; high near 88. Breezy; south-southeast wind from 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Friday Night: Partly cloudy and breezy; low around 59. Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. Memorial Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy; high near 78. Monday: High, 82; Low 48. Tuesday: High, 71; Low 51. Precip: Monday 0.02 inches. Tuesday 0.07 inches. Month: 2.55 inches. Year: 8.20 inches. Normal: 7.24 inches (K-State Experiment Station). Sunrise and Sunset: Thursday 6:22 a.m. 9:01 p.m. (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Democrat shakes hands around town

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pro-life." Jilka said he tends to be in the center of the district's political beliefs, but many have also tried to paint him as a big-spending Democrat. "My response to that is, 'nice try,'" he said. However, being the only candidate in a primary can have some advantages as well. "It's good to be able to tell people up front that I'm going to be one of the two people on the final ballot," he said. One of his favorite things about campaigning, Jilka said, is talking to people on the street and hearing their concerns. For instance, he thinks the health-care debate is quickly becoming overshadowed in people's minds by immigration. "Immigration is the new hot-button issue," he said. Border security is a great concern, he said, especially with the recent rise in drug-related violence in the border states. Jilka said he advocates cutting down on the demand for both drugs and immigration on the U.S. side of the border, and he also said he recognizes that immigrants provide a lot of the labor force in southwest Kansas. The candidate said he would like to see a path toward legal citizenship for these workers, which he said would be in our own economic self-interest, since it would mean an influx of new U.S. citizens who would be paying taxes and Social Security contributions. Feelings are mixed about the issue in the southwestern counties, he noted. Jilka said he lived in Guadalajara, Mexico, for four years while studying Spanish and served on the immigration task force for the Catholic Diocese of Salina.

He said he has seen first hand the conditions that make people want to come to the U.S. "I would disagree with those who demonize all immigrants," he added. Health care and the recent health-care reform is still of interest to a lot of people, he said. "Going forward, the key is to monitor (the recently passed law) and make sure it does what it was intended to do," he said, "which is to make sure health care costs don't bankrupt the country." Congress also needs to be sure Medicare remains sound, Jilka said, since many rural Kansas communities have aging populations. One issue that people bring up when talking with Jilka is the budget deficit and federal spending. It will take long-term discipline in spending and taxation to lessen the deficit, he said. "It took us a decade to get into this position," he said. "There are no quick fixes." He said his experience as a small businessman - Jilka owns a retail furniture store in Salina - and as a city commissioner would help him maintain that discipline as a legislator. "I'm well schooled in the fact that you can't spend money you don't have," he added. As a commissioner, he said, he would look at what projects needed to be accomplished each year and which ones were on the "wish list." If there was no money for an item on the wish list, it didn't get done. Jilka pointed to projects such as the restoration of Salina's Stiefel Theater into a concert hall as one such "wish list" project, saying there were many more from his days on the commission that are still on the wish list.

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College to install wind turbine

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city planning commission about the project and a public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 10, at City Hall. Kaaz said students from area schools will be able to visit the college to study how wind energy works. In other business, the board: • Heard Sue Mardock, business instructor at the college, report on how the hospitality management program is helping students find good jobs after they graduate. One facet of the program requires students to get internships in related jobs.

Schwanke said the students receive internships at the Ritz-Carlton in Denver, La Posada in Albuquerque, N.M., and the Alpenrose Restaurant in Vail, Colo. Schwanke said Irvin Dinkel, a 2007 graduate, has been hired as front office supervisor for a new Ritz-Carlton being built on St. Thomas Island, one of the three United States Virgin Islands, after interning at a Ritz-Carlton in Denver while a student at the college. She said his goal is to one day own his own hotel. • Approved Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball, a certified public accounting firm in Colby, to do the college's audit for the fifth straight year.

Rotary and chamber combine events for one big golf tournament

The Colby Rotary Club and the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce have joined forces to invite all golfers to the 2010 Golf Tournament on Friday, June 11, at Meadow Lake Golf Course. Golfers who participate will win the satisfaction of helping both organizations because all proceeds raised will be split evenly between the two organizations and will go towards local projects, said Holly Whitaker Executive Director of The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce.

"We are excited to join forces with Rotary," she said. "This event gives us a chance to work together, have a fun tournament and give back to the community." The 18-hole, 4-person scramble kicks off with registration at noon and a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The cost for individuals is \$60 and a team of four is \$240. The tournament will also feature many contests, including a putting contest where the winner will walk away with a \$2,000 cash prize courtesy of F&M Insurance and Prairie

Land Insurance. The winner of the hole in one contest will drive away in a new car courtesy of MC Auto Outlet. "The contests are a great addition to the tournament season and should make for a very memorable tournament" said Rotarian and chamber board member Kris Cameron. For more information or to register please contact Whitaker at the Chamber office at 785-460-3401.

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