

Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. Breezy, with a east northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 75. East wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north.

Saturday Night: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Sunday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy; high near 70. North northeast wind of 10 mph.

Sunday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy; high near 78.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 83.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Thursday: High, 97; Low 62

Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches

Month: 1.25 inches

Year: 8.81 inches

Normal: 9.94 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Saturday 6:17 a.m. 9:12 p.m.

Sunday 6:17 a.m. 9:12 p.m.

Monday 6:17 a.m. 9:12 p.m.

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use

Thursday 1,657,000 gal.

(Colby Public Works)

Candidates pledge to support winner

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missioner candidates from nearby counties.

The candidates each gave short speeches and answered questions from the delegates. The delegates discussed party building and unity and held training sessions for candidates.

1st District Chairman Randy Duncan said the party holds meetings in various places around the district so that more members can attend, but the meetings are never

able to attract representatives from all the districts at once.

"No matter where we go in the district, it's too far away," he said.

This meeting brought representatives from about 20 counties, Duncan said, as well as State Chairman Amanda Adkins. Duncan, who lives in Saline County, attends all the meetings.

Duncan said the site of the next meeting hasn't been finalized, but he liked the facilities at the college and hopes to hold more meetings in Colby in the future.

Tips can help trim summer cooling costs

Shade trees that shield the home from the summer sun can typically yield a savings on utility bills, said Bruce Snead, a Kansas State University Research and Extension residential energy specialist.

Newer homes and neighborhoods may not have trees that have reached maturity that will allow them to provide relief from the summer heat and sun, but homeowners can still take steps to reduce summer cooling costs, said Snead, who offered these tips:

- Clean or replace the filter in a heating and cooling system every three months.

- Check periodically to see that the condensate drain, which removes condensation water drawn from the air during the cooling process, has not become clogged by accumulated rust or other debris. A clog may cause water to back up and damage nearby flooring or a ceiling of a lower level.

- Install a programmable thermostat that allows heating and cooling systems to adjust the inside temperature to match a homeowner's needs and lifestyle. If the family is away during the day, the home need not be cooled to the same level during that time, but the thermostat can be set to begin cooling before the family arrives home. Check with the electric util-

ity to see if they offer rebates on thermostats.

- Keep the home closed up to reduce solar gain during intense heat; close shades and blinds during the hottest part.

- Install ceiling fans, which, although not cooling units, do circulate the air and minimize stuffiness. To conserve more energy, turn off the fan when the room is not occupied.

- Supplement hard-to-cool spots with a box fan or by installing a window air conditioner. Read the manufacturer's instructions and place the unit out of direct sunlight and preferably on the north or east side of the home.

- Look for and seal air leaks around windows, doors, ducts or construction (of the home) with appropriate materials, such as caulk, weatherstripping, aluminum foil tape or fiberglass tape with mastic for ducts, or other durable products. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for safety and personal protection when installing or using these materials in and around the home.

- Evaluate attic ventilation and add soffit, ridge or gable end vents.

For more information visit the Extension engineering web site: www.sustainable-energy.ksu.edu.

Township clears up road flap

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The board said they had a professional prepare the budget, and it looked like they would have \$100,000, to use in the township. But when the county distributions didn't come as expected, the board discovered a mistake had been made and they actually had only a little over \$50,000 of spendable money. And that put a damper on a lot of the planned projects.

He added that with 110 miles of road — more than any other township — not many improvements can be done with that small amount of money, so they have to make a list, and do the projects as money allows. The low water crossing project is

still in the list of jobs to be completed.

He also said that the road to a grain bin site was a cost share between the township and the owner of the bin site.

"We had agreed to a 50-50 cost split, Gray said, "but it took a little more materials than we first thought it would, so the owner will end up paying about 60 percent of the cost of the road."

"We've never had an offer of free sand, either," said Gray, "and the person who complained said he wouldn't sell Barrett Township any sand."

The board agreed they have been playing a game of clean-up now, after three years of bad blade work from a former township employee who was hired to work the roads.

Oil spill numbers keep getting worse

By Harry R. Weber and Seth Borenstein Associated Press Writers

HOUSTON (AP) — With each new look by scientists, the oil spill just keeps looking worse.

New figures for the blown-out well at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico show the amount of oil spewing may have been up to twice as much as previously thought, according to scientists consulting with the federal government.

That could mean 42 million gallons to more than 100 million gallons of oil have already fouled the Gulf's fragile waters, affecting people who live, work and play along the coast from Louisiana to Florida — and perhaps beyond.

It is the third — and perhaps not the last — time the U.S. government has had to increase its estimate of how much oil is gushing. Trying to clarify what has been a contentious and confusing issue, officials on Thursday gave a wide

variety of estimates.

All the new spill estimates are worse than earlier ones — and far more costly for BP, which has seen its stock sink since the April 20 explosion that killed 11 workers and triggered the spill. Most of Thursday's estimates had more oil flowing in an hour than what officials once said was spilling in an entire day.

"This is a nightmare that keeps getting worse every week," said Michael Brune, executive director of the Sierra Club. "We're finding out more and more information about the extent of the damage.... Clearly we can't trust BP's estimates of how much oil is coming out."

The spill was flowing at a daily rate that could possibly have been as high as 2.1 million gallons, twice the highest number the federal government had been saying, U.S. Geological Survey Director Marcia McNutt, who is coordinating estimates, said Thursday. But she said possibly more credible

numbers are a bit lower.

And the estimate does not take into account the cutting of the riser pipe on June 3 — which BP said would increase the flow by about 20 percent — and subsequent placement of a cap. No estimates were given for the amount of oil gushing from the well after the cut. Nor are there estimates since a cap was put on the pipe, which already has collected more than 3 million gallons.

The estimates are not nearly complete and different teams have come up with different numbers. A new team from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute came in with even higher estimates, ranging from 1 million gallons a day to 2.1 million gallons. If the high end is true, that means nearly 107 million gallons have spilled since April 20.

Even using other numbers that federal officials and scientists call a more reasonable range would have about 63 million gallons spilling since the rig explosion.

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