

Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. Breezy, with a northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. East wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 82. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 95.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92.

Thursday: High, 94; Low 66
Precip: Thursday 0.17 inches
Month: 3.81 inches
Year: 14.23 inches
Normal: 13.76 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 6:37 a.m. 9:04 p.m.
Sunday 6:38 a.m. 9:03 p.m.
Monday 6:39 a.m. 9:02 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use
Thursday 2,571,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)

Retired St. Francis plumber designs cap for Gulf oil spill

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Three days later, he called BP and a secretary answered the phone. She put her hand over the mouthpiece, then told the other person in the room that he was calling about the design. Caldart could hear the response which was, "him and every other small-town idiot!"

Caldart said he had three different drawings, and all were based on the way a plumber would cap a sewer break only on a much bigger scale.

The first design was to install a hydraulic piston on the containment cap with barbs to hold the cap in place. The second drawing, after the pipe was cut, was to internally thread the pipe and put the cap in place by screwing it on. The third drawing was like a fire hydrant with the top flange with an internal seal bolted on the blowout preventer.

The equipment used to stop the leak, Caldart said, is a steel cap and underneath it is the internal seal — a design he had drawn on May 25.

He thought he had been brushed off, so he said he started e-mailing everybody his design. One reached the desk of Dr. Robert Bea, a University of California at Berkeley petroleum engineer, who, when called by the *Monitor* writer, said Caldart's plan was very similar to the successful capping operation.

"Kevin Costner and James Cameron had tried to help and they didn't get anywhere," Caldart said, "so

I didn't think I had a chance. People think plumbers don't know more than scientists."

However, he added, by that time, the scientists were thinking about plugging the hole with garbage and tires.

"Can you imagine what that would have been like," he said, "when it broke lose and blew tires and garbage all over the coast?"

Caldart said he is no hero. There were other plumbers who sent in designs, and the response team probably took "nuts and bolts" from all the designs. However, he thinks that BP should recognize all the people who did take the time to send in drawings.

"We are all a bunch of plumbers working together to help the people who did the actual work to stop the leak," he said. "Stopping the leak was the main concern of everyone."

Caldart said he didn't believe there had ever been as much pressure in the well as BP had claimed there was. Nevertheless, it had released 60,000 barrels of oil into the Gulf each day.

As of Tuesday, the oil had been contained in the well but there is a small amount of leakage somewhere. Caldart said that BP hadn't decided whether to close the well or release the pressure and continue surface containment efforts. They are talking about filling the pipe with drilling mud, he said, but that was tried before on another well and it didn't work.

Landowner upset over mowed corn

From "CORN," Page 1

seed in his machine shed, and he would just give it to the county if they would plant it.

The commissioners thanked him, and turned the idea over to Schrock to let him work it out with Schroeder.

They viewed other county and township roads on their way back to the courthouse.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard from Emergency Management Director Susan McMahan that the city of Menlo can come up with \$1,150 plus whatever else they can get from a \$12,000 grant

application to help with a new tornado siren. Anything not covered by Menlo and the grant will be picked up by the county. She told the commissioners that Rexford declined to help on a tornado siren for their town, and that unless the commissioners mandate an amount for a matching fund, they have no help to offer the county.

- Gave the county health department permission to use the \$1,000 left from the H1N1 fund to replace a seven year old troublesome computer.

- Gave approval of the purchase of a new floor buffer for the court house, for a cost of between \$1,000 and \$1,100, and heard a

report from the custodian that the carpet in the conference room at the office complex is wrinkled and needs someone to take a look at it.

- Read a thank-you note from personnel in the office complex for the road department's good job of painting their parking lot.

Colby high band marches in capitol

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the entire time," he said.

Incoming senior Abigail Rohr said she thought the whole thing was, "totally awesome."

"I think the fireworks were my favorite thing," she said, "because they were so much different than what we have in Colby and Reba McIntyre was singing during the fireworks."

Rohr said she also liked visiting the memorials and monuments and the Air and Space Museum.

Nickols said the kids either

paid their own way or held fund raisers to get the money. He estimated that the trip cost about \$50,000 total — more than \$1,000 per student — including food, lodging, plane tickets and entry into the parade.

"I thought, 'Here we are, a small western Kansas farm town America band and we were picked because we had worked hard.'" McNinch said. "We saw things a majority of the people here won't get to experience. I enjoyed every minute of it. It just shows what you can do if you work hard enough."

'In Cold Blood' lawyer writes cowboy musical

GARDEN CITY (AP) — Fifty years after prosecuting one of the biggest murder trials in Kansas history, Duane West has penned a musical he hopes will someday play on Broadway.

West has titled the musical "Dream Your Dreams: The Buffalo Jones Story." The two-act show contains an overture and two dozen original songs.

It tells the story of Charles Jesse Jones, who is credited with helping to save the buffalo from ex-

inction.

West was the chief Finney County prosecutor of the two men who killed four members of the Clutter family in 1959 during a botched robbery at their rural southwest Kansas farmhouse.

The killings were chronicled in Truman Capote's book, "In Cold Blood."

West hopes to premiere his musical this fall as a benefit for the United Way in Garden City in the fall.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Dr. Rubiniowitz Oncology Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	3	4 Mammograms Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	5 Dr. Frankum Surgery Brandi Ihrig Dietician MRI'S	6	7 Cardiac Rehab
8	9 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	10	11 Bone Density Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	12 MRI's	13	14 Cardiac Rehab
15	16 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	17	18 Dr. Curtis Cardiology Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	19 Dr. Saba Orthopedics MRI's	20	21 Cardiac Rehab
22	23 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	24 Dr. Miller Cardiology Nuclear Stress Test	25 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	26 Dr. Reeves Podiatry MRI's	27 Dr. Reeves Podiatry Cardiac Rehab	28
29	30 Dr. Rubiniowitz Oncology Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	31				
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Monday Evening July 26, 2010

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	The Bachelorette				20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	How I Met Rules	Two Men	Big Bang		CSI: Miami		Local	Late Show	Letterman	Late
KSNK/NBC	America's Got Talent		Last Comic Standing		Dateline NBC		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		Late
KSAS/FOX	Lie to Me		The Good Guys		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Intervention		Intervention		Obsessed		Obsessed		Intervention	
AMC	Tin Cup						Mad Men		For Love of the Game	
ANIM	Last American Cowboy	Pit Boss			River Monsters		Pit Boss		River Monsters	
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Happens	Housewives/NJ	Happens	
CMT	Extreme Makeover	Your Chance To Dance			Cannonball Run II				Smarter	
CNN	Campbell Brown	Larry King Live			Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live	
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	Reel C'dy	Futurama
DISC	Ulti. Car Build-Off	Ulti. Car Build-Off			Cars	Cars	Ulti. Car Build-Off		Ulti. Car Build-Off	
DISN	Starstruck		Deck		Sonny	Sonny	Hannah	Hannah	Hannah	
E!	Miami	Miami	Holly's W	Holly's W	Kimora: Fab Lane	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Kimora	
ESPN	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live
ESPN2	SportsNation		Softball				E:60		Nation	NASCAR
FAM	Secret-Teen		Huge		Secret-Teen		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
FOOD	Candy	Candy	The Best	The Best	Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Unwrapped	The Best	The Best
FX	Armageddon								The Sum of All Fears	
HGTV	Property	Property	House	My First	House	House	Selling N	My First	House	My First
HIST	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	Chasing Mummies		American Pickers	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	The Two Mr. Kissels				Drop Dead Diva		Frasier	Medium
MTV	True Life		Fantasy	Fantasy	Berger	Warren th	Fantasy	Berger	True Life	
NICK	Matters	Matters	Chris	Chris	George	George	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
SCI	Ghost Whisperer	Ghost Whisperer	Warehouse 13				Requiem	Requiem	Gundam	Gundam
SPIKE	Entourage	Entourage	The Transporter				MANswers	MANswers	Sports	Sports
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight		Neighbors	Name/Earl
TCM	How the West Was Won						Duel in the Sun			
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Fabulous Cakes		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss
TNT	The Closer		The Closer		Rizzoli & Isles		The Closer		Rizzoli & Isles	
TOON	Adventure	Flapjack	Total	Stoked	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Samantha-Asia		Bourdain				The Human Journey		Samantha-Asia	
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Never Been Kissed					Roseanne
USA	NCIS		WWF Monday Night RAW				Covert Affairs		Psych	
VH1	You're Cut Off	You're Cut Off			T.O. Show	T.O. Show	You're Cut Off		Ochocinco: Ult	
WGN	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos			WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk
Premium Channels										
HBO	17 Again		Homeless: Motel Kids		Public Enemies					Neistat
MAX	Panic Room				(500) Days of Summer				Resurrection	
SHOW	Extract		The Real L Word		Weeds	Weeds	Weeds	Weeds	The Real L Word	Teller