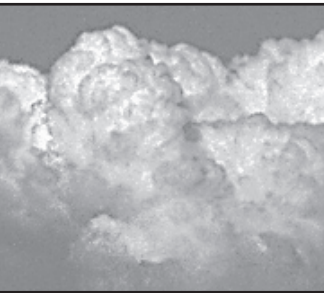


Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: A chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m., then a slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.
Saturday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. Breezy, with a west wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 68. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 42.
Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 38.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61.
Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34.
Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 52.
Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy and blustery, with a low around 30.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 51.

Thursday: High, 75; Low 34
Precip: Thursday 0.02 inches
Month: 0.18 inches
Year: 17.88 inches
Normal: 19.19 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 8:02 a.m. 6:54 p.m.
Sunday 8:04 a.m. 6:53 p.m.
Monday 8:05 a.m. 6:51 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

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Record may help treasurer

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making a big push on unclaimed property, which is when bank accounts, wages, stocks, dividends and even land are abandoned. The state collects these and keeps them under the owner's name, and can hand them out again if the person comes looking.
"We looked at unclaimed property as a way to help families," he said. "We'd rather have that money back in circulation."
Families who get their unclaimed money back, he said, are likely to put it back in the Kansas economy by spending it. The treasurer's office has returned \$13,769 in Thomas County and more than \$9.4 million statewide. McKinney said he thinks the program has raised a lot of awareness about what the treasurer's office does.
"Word's getting out," McKinney said. "We're proud of what we've done."
McKinney has been personally traveling throughout the state, setting up tables at offices in each county to spread the word.
McKinney said he examined other programs that weren't being utilized by the public, such as the Housing Construction Loan Program, which deposits idle state money into banks for use as home construction or major remodeling loans. The loans have a low interest rate, he said, typically 2

percent lower than the market. The loss the state takes on such a low interest rate is made up for in taxes and purchases on the home construction projects. It also helps the construction industry create jobs, he said.
McKinney said he and his staff conferred with business leaders, insurance companies and contractors on how better to market the program and what changes to make to help more people qualify, then he took those changes to the state legislature. The program now covers multi-family homes, and homes worth up to \$287,434. The changes have gotten good results.
"Usage has tripled since July 1," he said.
McKinney said the newfound success of the program reflects his leadership.
"I identified the problem, talked to industry leaders and cooperated with the legislature to solve the problem," he said.
Even so there's a lot more money in the program than is being used. About \$1 million in loans have been given out and the program has a \$60 million limit.
McKinney is also promoting the Learning Quest higher-education savings program. The program is set up like a retirement fund, with families making contributions to an account and the state, through American Century Investments, investing the money. The returns

get put in the account tax free. The beneficiary can use the money at any accredited public or private university as well as community colleges and technical schools.
"The best, fastest growing job opportunities are in technical fields," McKinney said. "I've been all over Kansas and I've not found an out-of-work diesel mechanic."
The program has about 55,000 accounts right now and about \$580 million invested. McKinney said the goal is to help create a highly educated and highly skilled workforce.
For the future, McKinney said he'd like to see the state create a "rainy day" fund, that the state can put money into when the economy is good for use when the economy is bad.
"We were very close to getting one on the ballot this year," he said. "It passed the house and senate but then it died in committee."
Having such a fund would protect the state's bond rating and keep state-funded institutions – such as prisons – from being

City council closes Embark block grant

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tornado section. She also expressed concern that when the city changes over to narrow-band radios, the receivers in the tornado sirens might not pick up activation signals any more.
City Technology Director Mike Albers said the receivers are quite old, but since the sirens belong to the county, he has not checked them to see if they are narrow-band compatible.
Steele said Emergency Management Director Susan McMahon is going to apply for a grant for a new tornado siren near the new swimming pool. Armstrong suggested a grant might be better used to make upgrades to the receivers on the sirens to make them narrow-band compatible.
Steele said he would take the city's concerns under advise-

ment.
In other business, the council:
• Approved a memorandum of understanding and a resolution accepting the Take Charge Challenge, a competition to see which community can make the most energy efficient improvements through the Climate and Energy Project and Midwest Energy. The city will compete against Goodland, Oakley and Wakeeney.
The grand prize is a \$100,000 LED light refit for the city's street lights.
• Approved a change in the employee sick leave policy, allowing employees to leave messages on their supervisor's cell phone or use a text message to notify them that they will not be at work that day.

Colby College to offer transition to nursing

From "NURSING," Page 1

ternal affairs at the college, report that the college is working on the small wind turbine located west of the Bedker Building. The turbine is part of the Wind For Schools Program sponsored by Kansas State University.
Kaaz said the turbine has been purchased and they are currently doing foundation work. Students around northwest Kansas will be able to come to campus to learn more about wind energy, he said.
Kaaz said the college is also working on the insulation of the High Plains Small Wind Test Center data shed located 1 1/2 miles west of campus on the north side. A 40 kilowatt wind turbine and a 1-kilowatt turbine will be the first two turbines analyzed at the site

where the shed is located. They will test the turbines' power, duration, function, safety and sound.
The college is partnering with Midwest Energy and Kansas State University on the project and its being sponsored by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. The college is one of the four places in the United States where wind turbine test sites will be located.
• Listened to Paula Davis, vice president of academic affairs at the college, say the college is looking at possible locations to set up a facility that will be used as a test site for wind and solar photovoltaic energy. The locations include near the baseball field and near the new land the college purchased just south of the Bedker Building.



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| | 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 | | | | Castle | | Local | Nightline | Jimmy Kimmel Live | | |
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| KSNK/NBC | Chuck | | The Event | | Chase | | Local | Tonight Show w/Leno | Late | | |
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| Cable Channels | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A & E | Intervention | | Hoarders | | Hoarders | | Intervention | | Intervention | | |
| AMC | Halloween | | | | Halloween II | | | | | Halloween | |
| ANIM | Pit Bulls-Parole | | Pit Bulls | | River Monsters | | Pit Bulls-Parole | | Pit Bulls | | |
| BRAVO | Housewives/Atl. | | Housewives/Atl. | | Thintervention | | Housewives/Atl. | | Real Housewives | | |
| CMT | CMT Music Awards | | | | | Cribs | The Dukes of Hazzard | | Smarter | Smarter | |
| CNN | Parker Spitzer | | Larry King Live | | Anderson Cooper 360 | | | | Larry King Live | | |
| COMEDY | School-Scound | | South Pk | South Pk | South Pk | South Pk | Daily | Colbert | South Pk | Futurama | |
| DISC | Swamp Loggers | | American Chopper | | American Chopper | | Swamp Loggers | | American Chopper | | |
| DISN | Halloweentown II: Revenge | | Deck | | Wizards | Wizards | Sonny | Sonny | Hannah | Hannah | |
| E! | What's Eating You | | Kardashian | | Fashion | The Soup | Chelsea | E! News | | Chelsea | |
| ESPN | Countdown NFL Football | | | | | | | | SportsCenter | | |
| ESPN2 | MLB Special | | 2010 Poker | | 2010 Poker | | E:60 | | NASCAR Now | | |
| FAM | TMNT | | | | Funniest Home Videos | | The 700 Club | | My Wife | My Wife | |
| FOOD | Kid in a Candy Store | | The Best | The Best | Diners | Diners | Good Eats | Good Eats | The Best | The Best | |
| FX | Made of Honor | | | | | Two Men | Two Men | Halloween: | Resurrection | | |
| HGTV | Property | First | House | Designed | House | Hunters | My First | My First | House | Designed | |
| HIST | Pawn | Pawn | American | American | Pawn | Pawn | American Pickers | | Pawn | Pawn | |
| LIFE | Reba | Reba | | Gracie's Choice | | | How I Met | How I Met | Gracie's Choice | | |
| MTV | Jersey Shore | | Jersey Shore | | World | Buried | World | Buried | My Super 2 | | |
| NICK | My Wife | My Wife | Chris | Chris | George | Lopez | The Nanny | The Nanny | The Nanny | The Nanny | |
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| SPIKE | UFC Fight Night | | Halloween | | | | | BlueMount | Most Amazing Videos | | |
| TBS | Fam. Guy | Amer. Dad | Fam. Guy | Amer. Dad | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Lopez Tonight | | Earl | Earl | |
| TCM | Lust for Gold | | | | The Magnificent Yankee | | | | Mickey One | | |
| TLC | People | People | Cake Boss | Cake Boss | Fabulous Cakes | | People | People | Cake Boss | Cake Boss | |
| TNT | Bones | | Bones | | The Closer | | Men of a Certain Age | | CSI: NY | | |
| TOON | Adventure | MAD | Total | Scooby | King-Hill | King-Hill | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Chicken | Boondocks | |
| TRAV | Bizarre Foods | | Dining With Death | | Dining With Death | | Dining With Death | | Dining With Death | | |
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| WGN | Chris | Chris | Funniest Home Videos | | WGN News at Nine | | Scrubs | Scrubs | South Pk | South Pk | |
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