

Family

Windy weather won't prevent work

Of one thing we can be sure: the wind will blow this week, and quite possibly the next week – and the next. Seems like the wind has been blowing all winter. It probably seems that way because it actually has.



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

We live in the eighth windiest spot in the entire nation, with a year-around average of 12.6 mph. The Dodge City area is the second windiest, with an average of 14 mph, and the next two are Amarillo, Texas, and Cheyenne, Wyo. The peak of Mount Washington, in New Hampshire, wins top honors. You would think that we western Kansans would get used to the wind after living here all these years, but it's difficult to do that. It is windy so often around here that when we get that occasional calm day, we worry that a storm must be brewing!

Let I be accused of being a bit windy, let us get on to more important aspects of the approaching gardening season, such as all the small tasks that we sometimes tend to overlook. Consider these a few friendly reminders

I'm going to sharpen my hoe sometime in the next few days. There is nothing worse than a dull hoe, so I will soon grab my big file and do some sharpening.

If it isn't too windy, I will roll my rototiller out of the shed and

spend some time cleaning it. I will change the oil, install a new spark plug and thoroughly clean or replace the air filter. The tines on the old Troy-Bilt are badly worn but they will have to serve for another year.

And then I'll perform the same jobs on my two mowers, both the old push type and the newer rider. I'll do a general cleanup on both, and also check for possible blade sharpening or replacement. I don't want any mower trouble during the busy season.

You know what? If the ground isn't too wet next week, I might even plow some of the garden, especially the area where I will plant the early crops such as onions, radishes, peas and potatoes. No big deal if I don't get that job done, but it would make the soil much mellower and easier to plant when the time comes.

If I get all those jobs done in the next week, I'll be surprised. I don't move as quickly as I used to, so I'll have to start early and work late. At least until nap time.

Former Colby man to celebrate 80th

An open house will mark the 80th birthday of E.J. "Sonny" Sisk, former owner of Sunflower Waterbeds in Colby and K-State Area Extension Specialist, from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Blue Valley Memorial United Methodist Church, 835 Church Ave., in Manhattan. His children plan to make a memory book and hope that

friends will share their memories. Send cards to 3213 Windbreak Circle, Manhattan, Kan., 66503.

Sisk and his wife Karen have three children, Brad (Susan) Sisk of Holcomb, Tami (Kenney) Simpson of Falls City, Neb., and Doug (Shari) Sisk of Hillsboro; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Rexford Lions say 'soup's on' Saturday

Soup is on! The Rexford Lions Club will be serving ham and beans with cornbread, potato soup and desserts from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Community Building on Main Street. Donations will go to community youth projects.

Everyone is invited to attend the free family movie, "Chicken Little," at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, in the hall. This is Shepherd's Staff-sponsored activity.

Shepherd's Staff put on a Valentine's Day banquet for the Methodist churches of Hoxie, Jennings, Dresden, Selden and McGraw.

The Conference Center had a Christian Workers Conference on Friday and Saturday. Vendors and workshop leaders began to arrive Friday evening from all over Kansas. Around 100 attendees plus about 30 vendors and workshop leaders from Kansas and Nebraska enjoyed a day of workshops and resources.

Gerald Drummond, Answers in



Vicki Allison

• Rexford Correspondent

Genesis representative for Kansas, spoke Sunday at the Rexford Community Church. Answers in Genesis is a Christianity-defending ministry, dedicated to enabling Christians to defend their faith and to proclaim the Gospel. The organization is affiliated with the Creation Museum, which produced the Vacation Bible School materials used by the church the past two years.

At the monthly bingo evening at the Red Barn Feb. 12, there was a nice crowd of 19 playing. The next bingo evening will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 12.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Time to focus on work

Aries (March 21 – April 20) Focus on your profession, but don't skip networking. This week is about direction. It's auspicious for all types of networking.

Taurus (April 21 – May 21) A triple alignment is creating career momentum. Work to gain as much professional momentum as possible, even if that means putting other things on hold.

Gemini (May 22 – June 21) You're moving into the week with your professional hat on. A triple alignment forms in an adventurous part of your chart, offering many options.

Cancer (June 22 – July 22) There are a lot of patient forces in your chart, but not on the financial front. Money smarts, a fighting spirit and financial dreams come together for a call for action.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) Relationship and money matters dominate, with old and new coming together. A triple alignment in relationships brings dreams and passions together. Don't limit good intentions. New energy and opportunities are coming through. Learn from the past but stay focused on the future.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23) The focus has been on work, health or the things that keep you busy. Things fall into place. You'll gain understanding of what's possible, ahead of stunning professional developments.

Libra (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23) Anything from the past that needs to resolution is likely to happen early. A triple alignment in romance will turn pressure into motivation. On the job you're on the fast track.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22) Next month things will start moving at work. Get caught up at home so you don't miss out. A triple alignment in home and family helps establish what you want and make it happen. Opportunities open on personal, romantic and



Shannon O'Brien

• Weekly Horoscope

creative fronts.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21) Communication is a big deal with a triple alignment of communication, passion and dreams coming together. Because this isn't specific to any one area, every area benefits. Networking gets a boost.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20) This is a big week for income and career. A shift in professional dynamics leads into a triple alignment in income with professional and financial objectives coming together. The momentum will be unstoppable.

Aquarius (Jan. 21 – Feb. 19) Defining your expectations is still underway. Your income sector really starts moving. A triple alignment has your ideas, passions and dreams for the future coming together.

Pisces (Feb. 20 – March 20) A sea change is underway. You're focused on the past and with low energy. Things change Tuesday, with a shift Wednesday, bringing color and energy back to life.

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On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Thursday

1:14 a.m. – Security check at Twisters.

4:33 p.m. – Dog at large in the area of 425 Field St. Spoke with subjects; information provided.

4:40 p.m. – Dead cat near Webster and School disposed of.

5:01 p.m. – Assisted sheriff's office serving civil papers.

6:27 p.m. – Caller asked for welfare check on three people who seemed upset. Gone on arrival.

8:50 p.m. – Unable to locate vehicle reported moving at high speed without tail lights in 900 block of S. Range.

11:13 p.m. – Caller reported possible burglary. All OK.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Wednesday

9:59 a.m. – Brought Anthony Garza from Sherman County to Thomas County for court.

12:24 p.m. – Assisted Colby Police.

3:21 p.m. – Took prisoner back to Sherman County after court.

3:25 p.m. – Thomas Irwin O'Donnell arrested on warrant.

3:25 p.m. – O'Donnell released to Oakley Police.

5:23 p.m. – Assisted Colby police with civil matter.

5:24 p.m. – Report of lost tag between Colby and Brewster.

8:29 p.m. – Vehicle broke down

on I-70 mile 62 westbound. Provided assistance.

9:59 p.m. – Motorcycle injury accident at Veterans Memorial and Franklin.

Thursday

9:17 a.m. – Assisted Highway Patrol at I-70 mile 53.

9:54 a.m. – Released David Michael Herdman.

10:11 a.m. – Logan County arrest warrant served.

10:12 a.m. – Booked Richard A. Witbeck Jr.

10:20 a.m. – Vehicle identification number inspection at Colby Dodge.

10:56 a.m. – Numerous 911 calls reported a vehicle driving the wrong way on I-70 mile 54 eastbound. Not found, Highway Patrol also didn't find it.

10:57 a.m. – Booked Gary Eugene Eisman.

11:10 a.m. – Assisted motorist at I-70 mile 54. Followed vehicle back to Colby.

12:20 p.m. – Abandoned 911 call. Problem with phone, all OK.

1:04 p.m. – Karinda Lenee Gruber arrested for bad checks.

2:22 p.m. – Shiloh R. Crandall arrested for bad checks.

6:02 p.m. – Deputy went to Wichita to bring prisoner to Thomas County on Friday.

7:06 p.m. – Donkey on County Rd. 11 about one mile north of Levant. Unable to locate.

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