

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 90. North wind around 10 mph.
Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.
Sunday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68.
Independence Day: Sunny and hot, with a high near 97.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 67.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 94.
Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.
Wednesday: High, 102; Low 72
Precip: Wed. None
Month: 1.95 inches
Year: 7.12 inches
Normal: 9.84 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 6:21 a.m. 9:15 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)
Colby Water Use
Wednesday 3,173,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)

Foundation trying to raise \$1 million

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Olson said that the larger their endowment is, the more money the foundation is able to give back to the community. The foundation, a non-profit organization, maintains a large pool of money which has been growing since its inception in 2001, she said. The pool of money is called an endowment and anyone can donate to it. The foundation's endowment has about \$843,000 in it. The endowment, Olson said, always stays intact and continually generates interest. The interest is then given back to Thomas County in the form of competitive scholarships and grants, awarded on a quarterly basis. Since 2001, the foundation has given out more than \$303,000. The foundation only awards grants to other non-profit organizations who conduct business in Thomas County. They must meet

a variety of requirements and must submit a grant application, which may be obtained on the foundation website, www.thomascountycommunityfoundation.com. She said that interested non-profits can submit a grant application starting today to be considered for the next grant cycle. The biggest project being undertaken at the foundation now is the Colby Walking Trail, along with the Thomas County Coalition, Regional Prevention Center, the City of Colby and many donors who have contributed to the cause. The goal of the trail is to make Colby the most walkable community in Kansas. Currently, she said, the Walking Trail Endowment has generated more than \$88,000, thanks in large part to Lon Frahm. Another \$25,000 was awarded to the project from the Kansas Health Foundation through a grant and the Wellness Committee has earmarked \$20,000.

Colby high senior becomes ambassador

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"I had croissants three times a day for 18 days," she laughed. The trip also took her to Rome, where they toured the Coliseum and the Roman Forum, the center of ancient Rome where Julius Caesar was killed. She visited a tourism school in Switzerland, viewed the Olympic ski jumps in Innsbruck, and saw the Alps. It took her to Paris and the Eiffel Tower - which she described as beautiful, especially at night - the Palace of Versailles where she saw the Mona Lisa, the Venus deMilo, the Hall of Mirrors and the gardens; Vatican City and the Sistine Chapel and St. Peters. She said the cathedrals were all huge.

The group toured a concentration camp in Austria which was made to hold 4,000 prisoners, though 24,000 were held there at one time during World War II. "When the war ended, Austria was such a poor country, they tore down the camp barracks and sold the lumber, so very few of the buildings remain standing," she said. When asked about the food, her least favorite was Italian. "It's not at all like the Olive Garden," she said. Another thing she didn't like about Italy was the traffic. "There are those little 'smart cars' everywhere," she said, "and women wearing high heels, and men in business suits were all driving around darting in and out of traffic on Mopeds. "It rained 17 out of 18 days, but we kept going. I didn't think I'd need an umbrella, so I didn't pack one, and when one of the boys on the trip went through four umbrellas, I refused to buy one." O'Neal said she was impressed with their delegation manager who joined them in Vienna, who seemed to have a lot on her plate. "She spoke seven different languages and was only 24 years old," she said.

O'Neal said, depending on where you are while in France, the feelings towards Americans aren't actually that good, and she thought the teenagers there were rude and judgmental. "It was evident we weren't wanted in France," she said. However, while there they played games with other teenagers, and both nationalities painted pictures of what reminded them of each other's country. The French students painted Las Vegas, sports scenes, Pac Man, cheeseburgers, the Simpsons and the White House. The American students painted pizzas, the Mona Lisa and the Eiffel Tower. She said she was disappointed when they asked the French students what the greatest influence of America was to them. Their answer was a four letter word. She thought it was strange that most 16-year-olds there smoke and are allowed to go to bars and night clubs, but can't drive until they're 18.

Her plans for after high school are to attend Fort Hays State University to study criminal justice and early childhood development, and to stay in Kansas. "Dad said I could never leave," she said.

School board moves graduation

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all of them spoke at graduation. While the students worked out a good way to handle the speeches, he said, the system could still be better.

Starting this year, students who want to be either valedictorian or salutatorian must be the top two students in the graduation class who complete the Regents Qualified Admissions Precollege Curriculum, have at least one foreign language class and have a full class load (seven hours) their last semester.

If there is more than one valedictorian in a year, the school won't have a salutatorian. If there are more than two, a committee will decide who will speak at graduation.

The last change to the handbook was to allow students to use cell phones during lunch in the commons area. Harrison said cell phones are to be turned off during the day and placed on the corner of the desk so teachers can see them.

Approved a list of sports trips that have either been cancelled or will be paid for out of the activities funds, rather than the general fund. Harrison had directed each coach to look at their upcoming schedule and find two trips - the two longest, non-league trips - and either pay for them out of their own budgets or cancel them. Gabel said one trip that was cut was to a boys golf invitational in Hugoton. While Hugoton is in Great West Activities Conference with Colby, he said, the invitational is not a league event. "This wasn't easy," Gabel said. "But the coaches were very cooperative."

Looked at preliminary year-end transfers of money to next year's budget. Business Manager Jo DeYoung said the numbers are not final. The district is able to hold over about 30 percent of the balance in each fund. DeYoung said the district prefers to have a safety net each year, while others spend every dollar they have. DeYoung said the district saved about \$30,000 this year by closing the grade school cafeteria. The final year-end transfers will be approved at the July 11 meeting.

Presented plaques to outgoing board members Kevan Taylor and Stan Molstad. This was their final meeting, as both decided not to run in April's election. Taylor had been on the board for eight years and Molstad for 14. Molstad was board vice president from 1999-2000 and president from 2000-2005.

Voted to participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program again this year. The program provides about \$19,000 for fruit and vegetable snacks for the grade school without costing the district.

Clarified a policy to allow other options such as baptism certificates, hospital certificates of birth or doctor's statements confirming birth instead of a certified birth certificate. Harrison said some parents have had trouble getting a hold of a certified birth certificate, and the new policy will allow the district to take other forms of identification to establish a student's age.

Approved the resignation of grade school nurse Amy Hutfles, who is taking a job outside the district.

Approved hiring Norm Bering as the physical education teacher for first and second grades.

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Task force on voter fraud talks new law

TOPEKA (AP) - Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach says he hopes to have regulations drafted by the fall to guide elections officials in administering the state's new voter ID law. Kobach convened a task force Tuesday of 17 county elections officials to review the law, which will require voters to show photo identification at the polls starting Jan. 1. Also under that law, starting in 2013, people registering to vote for the first time will have to provide proof of their U.S. citizenship. Kobach championed both policies, but he notes the law doesn't cover all contingencies.

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