Area/State

Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 101. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind around 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 103, Breezv. with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Saturday Night: Mostly clear

and breezy, with a low around Sunday: Sunny and hot and

breezy, with a high near 101. Sunday Night: Mostly clear and breezy, with a low around

Monday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 100.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 73. Tuesday: Sunny and hot, with

a high near 100. Tuesday Night: Mostly clear,

with a low around 73. Wednesday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 100.

Wednesday: High, 88; Low 65 Precip: Wednesday 0.03inches Month: 2.11 inches 11.15 inches Year: Normal: 13.61 inches (K-State Experiment Station)

6:30 a.m. 9:10 p.m. (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use

2,028,000 gal. (Colby Public Works)

Department working on grant

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from Cumulus Computers with appropriate accessories.

Commissioner Paul Steele also recommended that Volk seek out bids for battery backup systems for the computers as

• Susan McMahan, the executive director for Thomas County Emergency Management was present and said the Senior Progress Center no longer utilizes their narrow banding radio frequency in their transportation vehicle. They prefer to use cell phones for communication. Mc-Mahan said it costs \$160 a year to renew the license. It was approved to allow the license to

City of Colby which required at-

McMahan said that the state of Kansas has requested that there be a central hub to provide 911 signage in Kansas counties. The road and bridge supervisor of Thomas County, Clair Schrock, offered to provide such signage for cities and roads within the county, and has purchased equipment to make them.

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encourage high school students

from the area to seek employ-

ment with us, too. There are po-

sitions available and training is

the company for 31 years and

added to Putnam's excitement

about the appreciation event.

He said that more than 60 driv-

ers had been attracted to Colby

from Texas, Oklahoma, Colo-

rado, Nebraska and Kansas who

would be testing out machinery

and seeing what CHS is doing to

plicator rodeos a year through-

out the United States," said

Schermerhorn. "The one here

today, another in Fargo, N.D.,

and one in Quincy, Wash. In to- chsinc.com.

"CHS Inc. sponsors three ap-

better support the growers.

Schermerhorn has been with

provided," he said.

Agriculture company

holds 'applicator rodeo'

for a Graphtec plotter, software and equipment that the City of Colby purchased. There is now a duplication of equipment to make the 911 signs. It was agreed to hold payment until further research is done.

• Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball was originally scheduled to present the December 2010 financial audit at next Monday's meeting but has declined the meeting until the books are balanced. Steele said that the accounting firm has recommended several money transfers to different accounts should be made, but one in particular needed discussed before approval could be granted.

· Commissioners Ken Chris-A bill was also received by the tiansen and Byron Sowers will submit an entry form to the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce to take part in the fair parade on July 26. Disappointment was shared about not being able to throw candy. Sowers' twin grandsons will be asked to walk alongside the Model A and hand out candy.

> • James Foster from the Kansas Department of Commerce, of the Office of Rural Oppor-

tal, about 280 applicators attend

Two applicators from Plain-

view, Texas, Barry Hoelting and

Caesar Castillo, said they were

very pleased with the safety

seminar they had attended the

day before and were eager to

showcase their talents at the

obstacle course later in the af-

said Castillo, "but I'm 90 per-

cent positive we are going to

win the obstacle course running

It was easy for the gentle-

men to forget about the gruel-

ing quizzes and learning about

safety and weed identification

when there were bragging rights

For information, visit www.

spray rigs."

"This is our first year here,"

the rodeo every year."

The \$1,410 bill in question is tunities will be present at the fines will be assessed if neces-Monday meeting to discuss and sary. answer questions regarding Kansas Rural Opportunity Zones.

> Complaints will be issued by the the month. Thomas County Attorney and

ing session for the remainder • Discussed various issues re- of the afternoon. 2012 budgets garding rural landowners farm- for Thomas County departments ing ditches and damaging roads. will be made final by the end of

Kansas looking

and corn crops have done bet-

Corn planting in Kansas has been steadily increasing since 2006, when corn acreage was less than 3.5 million, to today's, 5.1 million. By contrast, grain sorghum and winter wheat planting has decreased over the same time period. Soybean planting increased from more than 2.5 million acres in 2007 to 4.3 million last year, but fell to 3.9 this

Milliman said some corn in Thomas County goes to ethanol production, much of that to the ethanol plant at Campus in Gove County. That plant, one of 11 dry-mill ethanol plants in Kansas, takes in as much as 16 million bushels and produces 45 million gallons of ethanol each year. The plant also takes milo, he said, since it can be mixed with corn to produce ethanol.

A significant portion of the county's crop still goes to cattle feed, he said. Some farmers will cut their corn early while it's still wet and sell it directly to northwest Kansas feedlots.

Space shuttle crew to get relaxation time

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. chicken and barbecued beef (AP) – After a hectic week in orbit, the astronauts on NASA's last space shuttle flight got some time off today to savor their historic experi-

"But boy, it's going to hit when we land and wheels

The 10 astronauts aboard

brisket that NASA packed for

share in the virtual dinner, publishing the recipes online in advance.

space station delivery mission was going well and that the back-and-forth cargo hauling was three-quarters completed.

Atlantis first rocketed into orbit in 1985. This is its 33rd flight and the 135th shuttle mission overall. Atlantis will join Discovery and Endeavnational Space Station got our in retirement, following

at record corn crop

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ter. This has encouraged some farmers to try more corn in their

• Went into a budget work-

Until today, the workload in orbit was so intense that the four astronauts had only fleeting moments of realizing "wow, this is really it," astronaut Rex Walheim said in a series of TV interviews.

stop," he added.

the linked Atlantis and Intertime to linger over the "all-American meal" of grilled

them, complete with baked beans and Hostess apple pie. NASA urged the public to

Before kicking back and relaxing, Ferguson said the

its landing next week.

Hundred-degree weather kills 4,300 turkeys in southeast

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he Book

Letters to Juliet

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about 50,000 broiler chickens at a John-mass die-off from heat for more than five ston County farm when the power went years, said co-owner Scott Prestage. out for about 45 minutes, said Gary Rho-Pilgrim's Pride Corp., which owned the chickens.

Farmers in the Carolinas outfit their poultry barns with cooling systems that use fans to push mists of water over the birds or pull air through the sheds at high speed like an air tunnel. The cooling sys-

tems have prevented family-owned turkey ment is operating properly." growers Prestage Farms from suffering a A power outage can be deadly.

"If outside the heat index is at 107, des, a spokesman for Colorado-based like it is right this minute, the bird in that house is feeling something that tends to be in the mid to high 80-degree range," said Prestage, whose operations produce more than 425 million pounds of live turkey a year in North Carolina and South Carolina. "We tend not to lose birds in souri Poultry Federation, a trade organichicken people. They're out there watchthose houses, not as long as all the equip-

these houses, they can handle the heat move around and get plenty of water. pretty good," said Bob Ford, executive director of the North Carolina Poultry Federation. "Most everybody's converted their houses to that type of system, and you just have to keep your fingers crossed I guess."

John Bryan, spokesman for the Miszation, said he hadn't heard of the heat ing."

causing similar problems in Missouri. But he said producers are vigilant dur-"With the new ventilation systems in ing the summer, making sure the turkeys

> "It's summer in Missouri, and they know the routine," Bryan said. "They're constantly out checking their flocks. They've got field managers and that's what they do every day. They all watch them a little more closely because it's such a heat wave. ... It's the same with the

Briefly

Register next week for youth soccer league

Early registration for the American Youth Soccer Organization will be from 6 to 8 p.m. next Thursday and 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, July 23, at Pioneer Memorial Library. Early registration fee is \$45 thru Saturday, July 23 and \$50.00 after that. Volunteer applications will also be available. For information, call Emily Griffin 460-0647.

Carnival association looking for volunteers

The Thomas County Amusement Association is looking for volunteers for the Thomas County Free Fair, which runs from Tuesday to Saturday, July 26 to 30. They are looking for volunteers to help work the ball of chance, ring toss and the prize booth. Shifts are available from 7 to 9 p.m. and 9 to 11 p.m. To volunteer, call the Chamber of Commerce office at 460–3401.

Salvation Army has fans For those looking to beat the heat this

summer, the Thomas County Salvation Army has fans available. Call Kathy at the Thomas County Health Department at 460-4596 or Sue at Citizens Medical Center at 462-7511.

Clinic has pets available for adoption

Colby Animal Clinic has four 2- to 3-month-old, tan, mixed breed puppies available for adoption. Lost or strayed animals are often brought to the clinic. Call or stop by 810 E. Fourth St. All animals have current shots, and costs are minimal. For questions, call 460-8621.

Order fresh fruit from youth group The annual Catholic Youth Organi-

zation fruit sale is under way. Reserve an order of freestone peaches, Bartlett pears and Gala apples through Wednesday, Aug. 17, by calling Megan Augustine at the Sacred Heart Parish rectory at 462-2179. Pickup day will be at 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, at the 4-H Building on the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

Picnic in the Park on Wednesday Picnic in the Park begins at noon on

Wednesdays at Fike Park. The entertainment for Wednesday will be the Prairie Rose. The event is sponsored by the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Colby Free Press. In case of bad weather, listen to KXXX/ KRDO. For information, call the chamber at 460-3401.

Signups now open for August football camp

Sign ups are open now for Little League Football camp, Monday to Wednesday, Aug. 8 to 10. Forms are available at the Sports Shoppe for kids in third through fifth grade. The cost is \$100 with a 10 percent discount if you sign up before Friday. For information, call the shop at 462-8342.

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July 16, 2011 Saturday Evening 10:00 10:30 Expedition Imp KBSL/CBS The Mentalist 48 Hours Mystery .ocal Law & Order: SVU Who Do You Law Order: Cl .ocal KSAS/FOX The Indestructibles 30S Cops Local ringe A & E Storage Storage Storage The Mummy constantine Pit Boss ANIM Dogs 101 Pit Boss XI Pit Boss XI Pit Boss **BRAVO** Pretty Woman Pretty Woman Piers Morgan Tonight CNN Presents CNN CNN Newsroom COMEDY 40-Year-Old Vir larold & Kumar Go Walk Hard: Dewey Co Sons Sons ons of Guns Sons NT Farm Good Luck Shake It Phinea Good Luck ANT Farm ideways Sex and t Sex and t Sex and t ex/City British Oper Baseball Tonight Baseball Tonight SportsCenter ESPN2 World, Poker Vorld, Poker Soccer Matilda FAM /lonsters, Inc Freaky Friday Iron Chef America FOOD Amusement Park Eats | Unwrapped Challenge Unwrapped Street Fighter Two Men Two Men Archer Archer HGTV Room Cr. Color Novogratz House Hunters Hunters Room Cr. Color We Celebrate Hometown Life Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper American Pickers American Pawn Modern Marvels Pawn Pawn awn LIFE Born Bad dentity Theft Devil's Pond MTV Teen Mom True Life The Challenge Teen Wol een Mom iCarly Big Time Victoriou '70s Show 1'70s Show The Nanny The Nanny opez SCI The Core Super Eruption Disaster Zone Chronicles-Ridd Alien vs. Predator TBS The House Bunny Legally Blonde Hamlet 2 he Misfits Mogambo TCM Band Ang Addiction Addiction Still Addicted? Addiction Addiction Addiction Addiction Addiction The Longest Yard alling Skies Unlawful Entry 3.I. Jane

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