

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: A slight chance of freezing drizzle after 1 a.m. Patchy freezing fog after 1 a.m. Cloudy, low around 31. East wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday: A chance of drizzle or freezing drizzle before 1 p.m., then a slight chance of rain. Patchy fog before 1 p.m. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 40. East wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 37. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 9 a.m. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 56. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 39.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 59.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 63.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 38.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 68.

Friday: High, 55; Low 21
 Saturday: High, 27; Low 20
 Sunday: High, 33; Low 24
 Precip: Friday 0.01 inches
 Saturday 0.00 inches
 Sunday 0.03 inches
 Month: 0.54 inches
 Year: 22.62 inches
 Normal: 19.19 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Tuesday 7:52 a.m. 7:08 p.m.
 Wednesday 7:53 a.m. 7:06 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Students hold cultural tea party

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emonies.

The custom of the region, Mortenson said, is that the first time tea is offered, it is offered as to a stranger, the second time, as to a guest and the third time as to a family member.

Since the mountain-climbing attempt in 1992, Mortenson suffered many setbacks and many trials, but his success speaks for itself. He has helped established 78 schools in the area.

Morgan said that after the class read this inspiring book together, some of the students have expressed thoughts that we can give, even if we don't have, and if we could all read the same books, and understand each others' culture, there would be no reason for war.

The class served several kinds of tea and goodies to visiting classes at Colby Middle School on Thursday, to represent the first tea ceremony in the book. They also studied and shared tea customs of other countries for the visiting students.

The second cup, representative of serving a guest, will be celebrated in November. At that time, Morgan said, the students will talk about how they hope to reach their dreams and network into the future.

In December, students will share their third cup of tea as a family, and will talk about who has influenced their lives.

"The students have felt a real connection through reading 'Three Cups of Tea,'" Morgan said, "and they've been doing lots of blogging in the classroom to share their feelings about the emotions they picked up on in the book. It has been a real eye opener for

Five retire from post office

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also walked 11 to 12 miles a day, and had some driving on his route as well.

"Right now, I'm pretty busy, working part time," White said, "with mowing at the golf course, and helping my wife and daughter clean Colby Ag three evenings a week."

"I don't plan to sit still, but it's good to not pound the concrete every day."

The years took their toll, he said, including a stress fracture in one foot, and he had to have neck surgery from the weight of the heavy mail pack on his shoulder.

"The volume of mail has gone down considerably," he said, "be-

cause of the economy and the availability of the Internet to do business."

The longest-tenured employee to retire was Miller, who drove a truck to deliver mail to outlying post offices in the 677 area served by Colby for more than 44 years.

"The postal service has seen a lot of changes in the last 34 years," Krehbiel said. "Nine or 10 post offices in the surrounding area have been closed. The towns are still there, but the post office is a thing of the past."

Krehbiel said the retirements were not due to budget cuts, but it's possible the workers may not be replaced. The office now has 25 employees, he said, including the postmaster, two window clerks,

nine sorting clerks, four city carriers and three rural carriers. They handle more than 100,000 pieces of mail every day.

"They worked for retirement and deserve it," he said. "However, budget cuts will keep the local office from hiring replacements. We have four city carriers remaining, and when we're in a pinch, we cooperate with surrounding offices."

Krehbiel said he was grateful to the retiring employees for their service and wished them all well in their retirement.

Ballots available for Extension Council

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on. A list of those up for election is printed on the ballots."

The 24 committee members make up the council, she added.

She said the office encourages all Thomas County residents to pick up a ballot and have it returned by the 5 p.m. deadline on Oct. 23.

Ballots can be mailed to Thomas County Extension Office, 350 S. Range, Suite 16, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Candidates are:

- **Agriculture:** Stan Strange, Ben Hoeting, Bob Standage.

- **Family and Consumer Science:** Relda Galli, Krystal Standage, Melissa Reed.

- **Economic Development:** Tom Harrison, Daryl Henry, Audrey Hines, Daniel Blake.

- **4-H and Youth:** Mark Brede-meier, Jennifer Woolfer, Jana Hut-ton.

For questions, call the Extension office at (785) 462-4582.

Organizations partner to bring new mobile screening unit to Kansas

A new Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit will hit the streets this fall, thanks to a partnership between the Kansas Lions' Sight Foundation, the state's Lions' Club, and a \$100,000 donation per year for five years from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation.

This partnership represents the foundation's single largest gift since its incorporation in 2005, officials said. The money will be used to buy the new mobile screening unit and screening equipment and for travel expenses.

"We applaud the Lions' Club

long-time commitment to improving the health of Kansans by offering screenings to all people who visit their mobile screening unit," said Andrew C. Corbin, chief executive officer of the foundation. "It is part of the foundation's mission to improve the health of Kansans."

The unit is equipped to provide screenings for visual acuity, field of vision, hearing, blood pressure

and blood sugar.

"We are pleased to partner ... for the new mobile screening unit," says Joyce DeVore, president of the Lions' foundation.

"Obtaining regular screenings is an important part of identifying potential health problems. For instance, the blood sugar screening helps detect diabetes, the No. 1 cause of new blindness."

An Open Letter to President Obama

Dear President Obama:

You are the thirteenth President under whom I have lived and unlike any of the others, you truly scare me.

You scare me because after months of exposure, I know nothing about you.

You scare me because I do not know how you paid for your expensive Ivy League education and your upscale lifestyle and housing with no visible signs of support.

You scare me because you did not spend the formative years of youth growing up in America and culturally you are not an American.

You scare me because you have never run a company or met a payroll.

You scare me because you have never had military experience, thus don't understand it at its core.

You scare me because you lack humility and "class", always blaming others.

You scare me because for over half your life you have aligned yourself with radical extremists who hate America and you refuse to publicly denounce these radicals who wish to see America fail.

You scare me because you are a cheerleader for the "blame America" crowd and deliver this message abroad.

You scare me because you want to change America to a European style country where the government sector dominates instead of the private sector.

You scare me because you want to replace our health care system with a government controlled one.

You scare me because you prefer "wind mills" to responsibly capitalizing on our own vast oil, coal and shale reserves.

You scare me because you want to kill the American capitalist goose that lays the golden egg which provides the highest standard of living in the world.

You scare me because you have begun to use "extortion" tactics against certain banks and corporations.

You scare me because your own political party shrinks from challenging you on your wild and irresponsible spending proposals.

You scare me because you will not openly listen to or even consider opposing points of view from intelligent people.

You scare me because you falsely believe that you are both omnipotent and omniscient.

You scare me because the media gives you a free pass on everything you do.

You scare me because you demonize and want to silence the Limbaughs, Hannitys, O'Reillys and Becks who offer opposing, conservative points of view.

You scare me because you prefer controlling over governing.

Finally, you scare me because if you serve a second term I will probably not feel safe in writing a similar letter in 8 years.

Lou Pritchett

Some farmers have missed alfalfa chance

MANHATTAN — Farmers who haven't done so may have missed the best timing for the year's last cutting of alfalfa, says Kansas State University agronomist Jim Shroyer.

"Depending on the weather in October, producers can be tempted to make one last cutting in fall before the first killing freeze," he said. "Often, though, that's not a good idea. The timing of the last cutting can have a long-lasting impact on the productivity of the stand."

At this stage of the growing season, alfalfa plants need to store enough carbohydrates to survive the winter, said Shroyer a crop production specialist with K-State Research and Exten-

sion. Even if significant growth has occurred, a last cutting in mid-October could reduce root reserves during a critical time.

If root reserves are not replenished adequately before the first killing freeze (24 to 26 degrees), the stand will be more susceptible than usual to winter damage, he said. That, in turn, could result in slower greenup and growth next spring.

Shroyer recommends timing the last cutting before fall dormancy so the crop has 4 to 6 weeks of growth time (8 to 12 inches of foliage) before the average killing-freeze date. That should allow adequate time for restoring root reserves.

Lawrence ambulance stolen

LAWRENCE (AP) — Authorities have arrested a 21-year-old man accused of stealing an ambulance that had been parked in the heart of this college town.

Lawrence Police Sgt. Susan Hadl said the Lawrence-Douglas County Fire and Medical crews had parked the ambulance early Sunday while they responded to

a medical emergency in an area filled with bars and specialty shops.

Hadl says the man believed he had no other way to get home. He was intoxicated and led police on a brief, low-speed chase.

The man was arrested on charges of theft of the ambulance as well as driving under the influence.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Tuesday Evening												October 13, 2009			
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30					
KAKE/ABC	Shark Tank		Dancing-Stars		the forgotten		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live						
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		The Good Wife		Local	Late Show-Letterman	Late Late						
KSNK/NBC	The Biggest Loser				The Jay Leno Show		Local	Tonight Show	Late Nigh						
KSAS/FOX	Hell's Kitchen				Local										
Cable Channels															
A & E	The First 48		Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	The First 48					
AMC	Wyatt Earp									Dances					
ANIM	Weird	Weird	Weird	Weird	Lost Tape	Lost Tape	Weird	Weird	Lost Tape	Lost Tape					
BRAVO	Flipping Out		Flipping Out		Flipping Out		Flipping Out		\$1M Listing						
CMT	The Singing Bee		Nat'l-Christmas				Smarter	Smarter	Nat'l-Christmas						
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live						
COMEDY	Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	S. Park					
DISC	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Ghost Lab		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs						
DISN	Aladdin			As the Be	Phineas	Montana	Wizards	So Raven	Life With	Cory					
E!	Tempted	Kourtney	Miami	Miami	Miami	Girls	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Girls					
ESPN	30 for 30		World Series		World Series		SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live					
ESPN2	College Football						30 for 30		SportsNation						
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Greek						
FOOD	Cakes	Cakes	The Next Iron Chef		Chopped		Good Eats	Unwrapped	The Next Iron Chef						
FX	Hellboy				Sons of Anarchy		Sons of Anarchy	'70s Show	'70s Show						
HGTV	My First	My First	House	Buck	House	Property	Estate	My First	House	Buck					
HIST	Kennedys-Crse				The Universe		That's Impossible		Kennedys-Crse						
LIFE	Medium		How I Met	How I Met	Sherri	Rita Rock	Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier					
MTV	Gone Too Far		The City	The Hills	The Hills	The City	The Hills	The City	Parental	Parental					
NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm					
SCI	Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	ECW		The Crow								
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed		Deadliest Warrior		Deadliest Warrior		Surviving Disaster		DEA						
TBS	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Sex and t					
TCM	Escape				Escape Me Never				Northern Pursuit						
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	18 Kids	18 Kids	Mermaid Girl		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	18 Kids	18 Kids					
TNT	Bones		Bones		HawthoRNe		Saving Grace		HawthoRNe						
TOON	Total Dra	Total	Stoked	6STEEN	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen					
TRAV	Megastructures		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre World		Bizarre World		Megastructures						
TV LAND	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	Roseanne	Roseanne					
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI						
VH1	Behind the Music		2009 Hip Hop Honors				Behind the Music		2009 Hip Hop Honors						
WGN	Harriet the Spy				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park					
Premium Channels															
HBO	Fred Claus		Marley & Me				Curb		Wanda Sykes: I'ma Be Me						
MAX	Reality	Role Models			Prince of Darkness										
SHOW	Striptease				Dexter		Californ	Californ	Hounddog						

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Wednesday Evening												October 14, 2009			
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30					
KAKE/ABC	Hank	Middle	Family	Cougar	Eastwick		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live						
KBSL/CBS	Christine	Gary	Criminal Minds		CSI: NY		Local	Late Show-Letterman	Late Late						
KSNK/NBC	Mercy		Law & Order: SVU		The Jay Leno Show		Local	Tonight Show	Late Nigh						
KSAS/FOX	You Can Dance		Glee		Local										
Cable Channels															
A & E	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Manhunter	Manhunter	Dog	Dog					
AMC	Lethal Weapon 3						Starsky & Hutch			Kiss Kiss					
ANIM	Animal Nightmares		Feeding Frenzy		River Monsters		Animal Nightmares		Feeding Frenzy						
BRAVO	Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas						
CMT	Smarter	Smarter	The Longest Yard				Smarter	Smarter	The Longest Yard						
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live						
COMEDY	Scrubs	Scrubs	Nick Swardson		S. Park	Secret Gi	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	Secret Gi					
DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters		Time Warp		MythBusters		MythBusters						
DISN	Now You See It...			As the Be	Phineas	Montana	Wizards	So Raven	Life With	Cory					
E!	Girls	Knocked Up					Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Lamas					
ESPN	College Football						SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live					
ESPN2	Soccer				MLS Soccer					Sports					
FAM	Nanny McPhee				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose? Whose?						
FOOD	Good Eats		Flay	Flay	Dinner: Impossible		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Flay	Flay					
FX	Premonition				Nip/Tuck		Nip/Tuck		Primeval						
HGTV	Property	Property	House	Income	House	Renovatn	Haulin	My First	House	Income					
Share your DIY blooper Win \$5,000 www.startrightstarthere.com															
HIST	Investigating		Nostradamus Effect		MysteryQuest		Conspiracy?		Investigating						
LIFE	Medium		Georgia Rule				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier					
MTV	The City														