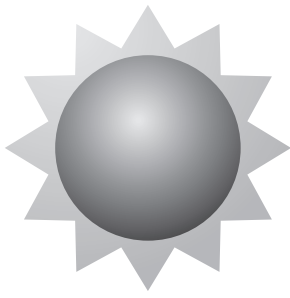


Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Clear, with a low around 40. South wind around 10 mph becoming west.
Friday: Sunny, high near 78. West wind 10 to 15 mph.
Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 40. Southwest wind around 10 mph becoming north.
Saturday: Sunny, high near 69. North wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 39.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66.
Wednesday: High, 60; Low 32
 Precip: Wed. 0.00 inches
 Month: 0.00 inches
 Year: 25.19 inches
 Normal: 19.95 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 7:18 a.m. 5:37 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

KU chancellor visits area alumni

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who already have strong roots in their hometowns and plan to go back when they graduate, she said. Colby has students in the medical program.

"There is a clear recognition that providing health care professionals to the state is a high priority," she said. "Our medical centers are heavily dependent on KU grads."

Another issue on Gray-Little's plate is state budget cuts. Kansas has cut its contribution to higher education by 12 percent and more cuts may be in store next year.

"It's part of everyday discussion," she said. "It's a

frustrating situation."

Gray-Little said the university has eliminated some program, reduced faculty recruiting and made other small cuts to try and combat the shortfall. The university is looking at establishing a furlough policy for professors if need be, she said. And programs might have to reduce the number of students to maintain required student-teacher ratios.

However, she said, there are some more encouraging points. Enrollment is up and, for all their concerns, the alumni and parents she's talked to have said they believe the student experience at KU is high quality.

Former Kansas governor dead at 98

TOPEKA (AP) — William Avery, a one-term Republican governor in the 1960s and former member of the U.S. House, has died, the governor's office said Thursday. He was 98.

Gov. Mark Parkinson's office said Avery died Wednesday and ordered flags across the state lowered until Nov. 14.

"Gov. Avery led our state during a time of tragic loss and national attention. Kansas honors his long life and service to our state. Our thoughts and prayers are with his children and family," Parkinson said in a statement.

Born Aug. 11, 1911, Avery grew

up on the family farm near Wakefield. After graduating from the University of Kansas, he returned there to farm and raise livestock.

Avery entered politics as a school board member after a stint as a pilot during World War II. He then served in the Kansas House from 1951-55. After that, Avery began a decade-long career as a congressman from the 2nd District before running for governor.

Avery served his one term from 1965-66, when a governor's term was two years. He was defeated for re-election by Democrat Robert Docking, receiving 44 percent of the vote.

His most notable achievement as the state's 37th governor was recommending the establishment of a state income tax withholding system in 1965. It was part of a package of income and sales tax increases to improve public schools.

After being turned out of office, Avery moved to Wichita, where he became an oil company executive. In 1968, he made a final bid for public office when he lost the GOP primary for the U.S. Senate to Bob Dole.

In 1977, he returned to Wakefield to resume a role with the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Police investigate death at First Street residence

A 35-year-old Colby man died at his home Wednesday after apparently shooting himself in the head.

Police Chief Randy Jones said the Colby Police Department got a report on a possible shooting about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. Four officers, including the chief, went to the home of Kim Kathka, an employee at Alltel Communication, on West First Street.

Jones said Kathka was found

in the basement. He was pronounced dead from a gunshot wound to the head. The department said that investigation and evidence collected at the scene lead them to determine that the wound was self-inflicted.

Agent Mark Kendrick of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and Dr. Darren Matchell, Thomas County coroner, helped investigate the scene, the chief said.

Group starts meal program for area kids

From "BREAKFAST," Page 1

issues and have also chosen to add meeting times during breakfast.

The new program won't replace Bigs in Schools program during the lunch and recess time, the director said.

"It will give us more options for Bigs and Littles to meet," she said,

"and hopefully allow us to match up more kids."

Stithem said they are always looking for Bigs to join their programs and for Littles to be referred for mentoring.

For information about the Bigs in Schools Breakfast program or how you can get involved, call her at 460-9125.

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