

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. South winds around 10 mph shifting to the west after midnight.
Saturday: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light snow. Lows around 17. North winds 10 to 15 mph.
Sunday: Partly sunny in the morning then becoming mostly sunny. Much colder. Breezy. Highs in the upper 20s. North winds 15 to 25 mph.
Sunday Night: Mostly clear. Lows around 12.
Presidents Day: Sunny. Highs in the lower 30s.
Monday Night and Tuesday: Mostly clear. Not as cool. Lows around 17. Highs in the mid 40s.
Tuesday Night Through Thursday: Partly cloudy. Lows around 20. Highs in the mid 40s.
 Thursday: High, 49; Low 13
 Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches
 Month: 0.07 inches
 Year: 0.56 inches
 Normal: 0.52 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Saturday 7:39 a.m. 6:19 p.m.
 Sunday 7:37 a.m. 6:20 p.m.
 Monday 7:36 a.m. 6:21 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby High scholars head to state competition

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stressful, though, when the rounds were close. It was easier when we pulled ahead by a lot of points in the middle of the round."
 The team's success in pool play landed them a No. 1 seed in the championship pool. They met Clearwater High School, the No. 1 seed from the other pool, in the first round. Garretson and the team were nervous but confident.
 "We knew it was possible to beat the two teams from our pool, but we didn't know what to expect from the other pool," she said.
 Clearwater was the toughest round of the day, but Colby prevailed by a 10-point margin. They swept the other teams in the championship round after that, qualifying for the state tournament Saturday in Topeka.
 Part of the team members' jubilation stemmed from the fact that while they had done well previ-

Golden Plains sends team to state

By Megan Zodrow

Golden Plains High School

On Friday, Feb. 5, the Golden Plains High School Scholars Bowl team traveled to Tribune for the regional tournament with Brewster, Weskan, Triplains, Healy, Wheatland-Grinnell, Greeley County, Wallace County, Cheylin, Dighton and Deerfield high schools.
 There were two pools, with the top three teams from each pool advancing to championship round-robin play. Coming out of Pool A were Golden Plains, Wallace County, and Weskan. Wallace County led the round 5-0, followed by Golden Plains with one loss, and Weskan with three wins and two losses. Moving on from Pool B were Deerfield 3-1, Triplains 3-1, and Cheylin 2-2.
 Throughout the day, Golden Plains had several close rounds, but always came back for a win ex-

cept for two lost to Wallace County (once in the pool and once in the round robin). Golden Plains ended the championship round with a 4-1 record to win the regional championship.
 "We were concerned about our losses to Sharon Springs," Jonathan Broeckelman said, "but we were able to win out in the finals to take the championship."
 Cheylin, Deerfield, and Wallace County all tied in wins and losses for second at 3-2. According to the rules, however, Cheylin placed second, Deerfield third, and Wallace County fourth.
 Both Golden Plains and Cheylin will advance to the state tournament in Rosalia on Saturday.
 "We hope to place in the top three at state," said Shaun Gilbert. "We need to study authors and their works to prepare."
 This is the second trip to the state tournament for most of the team, as it also qualified in 2008.

gether the entire day," she said.
 "Usually, we have students who substitute in and out because of absences. We've even had freshmen at varsity meets."
 The team had a strategy that worked well for them, she said. They sat in the same order in each round so they could confer and get into a rhythm when answering questions. Garretson said she hopes that rhythm continues Saturday. The team will have a three-hour practice Thursday evening to work on weaknesses Garretson noticed weakness at regionals. She and the team has set a goal to finish in the top three at state.
 "We are peaking at the right time," Martin said.
 State pool play begins at noon Saturday at Hayden High School near Topeka.
 Team members are seniors Gray Henry, Gunner Gawith and Jake Rose, Madison Gawith and Martin.

Supreme Court denies bid to reopen 2006 school money suit

By John Milburn

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — The Kansas Supreme Court denied a petition Friday from school districts seeking to reopen a 2006 school finance case, saying there is nothing that districts can't accomplish by filing a new lawsuit.
 Attorneys for a coalition of 74 districts argued that Kansas is failing to comply with the court's earlier ruling that state aid

to schools was unconstitutionally low.
 But the justices ruled that while they have the power to reopen a case, it should be used with extreme caution and that there were other issues that must be resolved, including whether the original plaintiffs have standing to sue.
 "The power to recall a mandate is an extraordinary power to be used as a last resort," Chief Justice Robert Davis wrote for the court. "It should only be used to accomplish something that, without it, cannot

otherwise be remedied. That is not the situation here."
 The original case was filed in 1999 by the parents of Ryan Montoy, a student in the Salina school district. Attorneys argued that the formula Kansas used to determine the amount of money legislators were appropriating to schools and how the money was distributed was unconstitutional.
 Legislators responded in the 2005 and 2006 sessions by approving hundreds of millions of dollars in funding over several

years and changing how those dollars were allocated among the 293 districts. The Supreme Court dismissed the case in 2006 without ruling if the changes to the funding formula or the dollar amounts were in compliance with the state constitution.
 Education funding has been reduced over the past year as the state has faced declining revenues. The justices said in that ruling that any new challenge to the school funding formula would have to come in a new lawsuit filed in district court.

Volunteer committee creates Thomas County activity book

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ter Times, Better Days," about modern Thomas County. One of the challenges of that section, she said, was that some of the things she wrote about, such as the proposed wind farm in the southeast part of the county, may change soon after the book comes out.
 One of Imhof's sections is about the small towns that once dotted the county. Some of them, like Brownville and Cumberland, are no longer there. Information on some of these communities is scarce, but for others it is abundant, he said, adding that most kids probably don't know any of

their stories.
 "A lot of adults don't know they were there either," Imhof added. "You could do a whole book on each one."
 In the back of the book are 65 Thomas County trivia questions contributed by long-time resident, and former columnist, Helen Frahm. They cover a wide range of topics, including as "Who was the governor who proclaimed the organization of Thomas County of Oct. 8, 1885," and "What was the name of the last town platted in Thomas County in 1907."
 The book was paid for by the James V. and Betty G. Secret Fund at the Thomas County Com-

munity Foundation, the 125th Anniversary Committee and the Thomas County Historical Society. Colby artist Erma Hamill provided sketches for the covers.

Leroy's Printing is producing the books, which will be done within the next several weeks, and Taylor said she plans to hand them out to every class from kin-

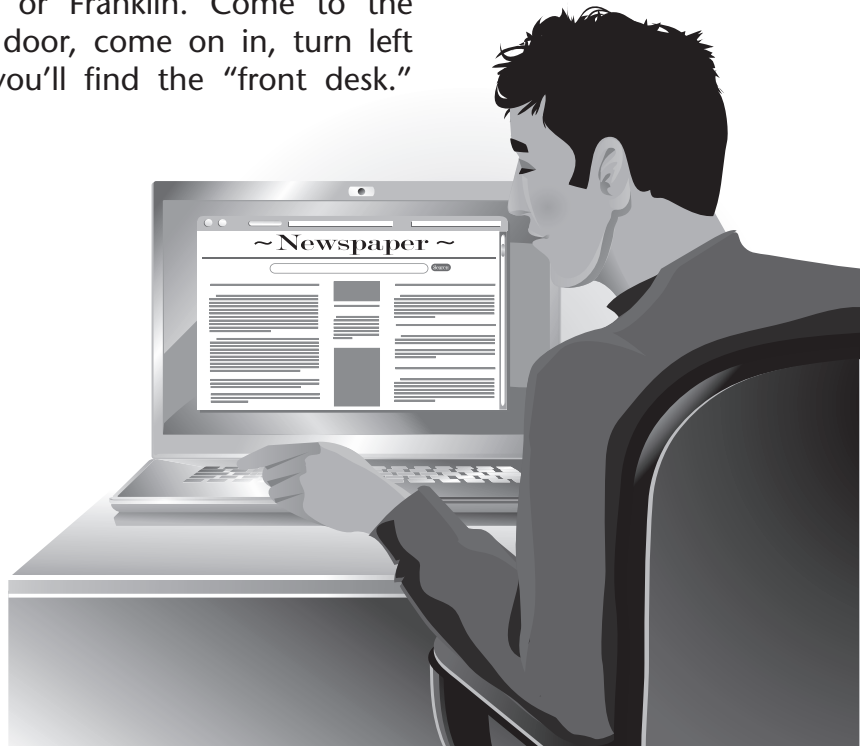
dergarten through seventh grade. Seventh graders have a Kansas history unit, she said, and the book could serve as a good companion to the regular curriculum.

Heart Month

Uncovering family history can help you to better understand your risk for heart disease. If you have a blood relative with heart disease or a risk factor for genetic heart disease, your risk for developing it significantly increases.

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Monday Evening											February 15, 2010	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Bachelor-Love				Castle		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
KBSL/CBS	How I Met	Purpose	Two Men	Big Bang	CSI: Miami		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late			
KSNK/NBC	XXI Winter Olympics								Local	Olympics		
KSAS/FOX	House		24		Local							
Cable Channels												
A & E	Intervention		Intervention		Hoarders		Paranorma	Paranorma	Intervention			
AMC	Dave						The Bodyguard					
ANIM	Wild Recon			Venom in Vegas			Venom in Vegas					
BRAVO	Real Housewives			Kell on Earth		Kell on Earth	Kell on Earth		Mill. Matchmaker			
CMT	Smarter	Smarter		The Singing Bee		The Singing Bee	Cribs	Cribs	The Singing Bee			
CNN	Campbell Brown			Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360			Larry King Live			
COMEDY	Wedding Crashers			Tosh.0	Futurama	South Pk	DailyShow	Colbert	Tosh.0	Martin		
DISC	Dirty Jobs: Egg Farm			Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs: Egg Farm		Dirty Jobs			
DISN	Wizards	Deck		Montana	Wizards-Place	Montana	Wizards	Deck	Suite	So Raven		
E!	Kardashian			Kardas	Kardashian		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Kardas		
ESPN	College Basketball			College Basketball			SportsCenter		NFL Live	Final		
ESPN2	Wm. Basketball			Wm. Basketball			Poker - Europe		SportsNation			
FAM	Secret-Teen			Make It or Break It		Greek	The 700 Club		Make It or Break It			
FOOD	Unwrapped	Unwrapped		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	
FX	Day-Tomorrow						Damages	Damages	'70s Show	'70s Show		
HGTV	Property	Property		House	My First	House	For Rent	The Unsel	My First	House	My First	
HIST	Pawn	Pawn		American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn		
LIFE	Project Runway			Project Runway		Project Runway	Will	Will	Frasier	Medium		
MTV	Life, Liz	Buried		True Life		Buried	Life, Liz	Buried	Life, Liz	Teen Mom		
NICK	Penguins	G. Martin		Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	V: The Final Battle			V: The Final Battle			Monster	Monster	Darkness	Darkness		
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed			Facing Ali			Facing Ali					
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy		Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight	Name Earl	Name Earl		
TCM	The Snake Pit					The Heiress			A Place in the Sun			
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss		Cake Boss		Ultimate Cake Off	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss			
TNT	Bones			Bones		Men of a Certain Age	The Closer		Law & Order			
TOON	TMNT				King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen		
TRAV	Anthony Bourdain			Bizarre Foods		Bourdain	Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain			
TV LAND	Boston Legal			Boston Legal		Boston Legal	Boston Legal		Roseanne	Roseanne		
USA	Westminster Dog Show			WWE Monday Night RAW			Psych		White Collar			
WB	Tool Academy			Celebrity Fit Club		Fantasia	Pep	Peak	Peak	Celebrity Fit Club		
WGN	Funniest Home Videos			Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park		
Premium Channels												
HBO	24/7	Pacific		Death Race			Wanda Sykes	I'ma Be Me		Katie Mor		
MAX	Exit Wnds	I Am Legend				Miss March		Coed	Co-Ed	Coed		
SHOW	Longshots	Fight		Nurse	US Tara	Call Girl	Tracey UI	La La	Call Girl	La La	Tracey UI	