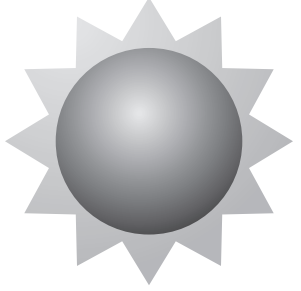


### Weather Corner



**National Weather Service**  
**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. East wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south.  
**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. Windy, with a southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.  
**Thursday Night:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37. Breezy, with a southwest wind 15 to 25 mph becoming increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.  
**Friday:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 52. Breezy, with a north wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.  
**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy and blustery, with a low around 28.  
**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 64.  
**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 32.  
**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 65.  
**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 43.  
**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 75.  
**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 40.  
**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 67.

Monday: High, 80; Low 33  
 Tuesday: High, 90; Low 44  
 Precip: Monday 0.00 inches  
 Tuesday 0.00 inches  
 Month: 1.74 inches  
 Year: 2.61 inches  
 Normal: 1.20 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)

## Area bank president chosen for Leadership Kansas class

Brent Wiedeman, president and chief executive officer of Farmers and Merchants Bank of Colby, has been selected for the 2010 Leadership Kansas class. The nationally recognized program to develop and motivate future leaders in the state is sponsored by the Kansas Chamber of Commerce. It is one of the oldest and most prestigious statewide leadership programs in the country. Only 40 people are selected each year out of 600 nominations.

"Being a member of the class encourages you to get involved," Wiedeman said. "We'll be learning what other cities are doing, so we can take information back to our own community."

During the six-month-long program, class mem-

bers will be exposed to a variety of experts and educational training sessions. Some topics for discussions will be business, education, agriculture, public policy, societal health and development, economics and government. Wiedeman said he expects a lot of the class to focus on manufacturing.

Host communities this year are Garden City, Kansas City metro, Hays, Hutchinson, Wichita, Manhattan, Junction City and Topeka.

Wiedeman joins Chuck Moore, Lon Frahm, Becky White, Mark Beringer, Sue Evans, Sheila Frahm, Kurt Stephens and Dr. Lynn Krieder as leaders from Thomas County to be selected for the program.

## State gives prisoners access to records

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Kansas and seven other states give prisoners access to citizens' Social Security numbers and other personal information despite federal officials' warnings against it, according to a federal audit.

And because of that, the Social Security Administration will propose a law to forbid the practice, the administration's office of inspector general reported in its recent audit. Two pending federal bills also would make it illegal.

The matter raises issues of how far cash-strapped states should go in trying to train prisoners, reduce recidivism and cut costs.

Bill Miskell, a spokesman for the Kansas Department of Corrections, said prisoners learn skills and save public money by doing data entry for the state, cities, counties, courts and nonprofits. The state has used such programs since 1985, he said.

Nationwide, the work often involves student transcripts, employee wage statements or other matters, according to the new audit, and five prisons in Kansas use such workers.

In May 2009, the audit says, a Kansas prison inmate was caught trying to steal names, birthdates and Social Security numbers from one of the programs.

Miskell said staffers search such prisoners when they leave the work areas, and some are occasionally caught making such attempts. As far as officials know, he said, "no one has gotten away with it."

"This is like having the fox practice herding chickens," said Kansas Rep. Pat Colloton, a Leawood Republican and chairwoman of the Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee. "This is a really bad idea."

Colloton said Kansas has a rep-

utation of reducing recidivism by such things as job training. But she did not know of these programs, and she said they go too far.

About 80 percent of prisoners have a drug problem, Colloton said, and identity theft is one of the main crimes of addicts.

She said her committee will study the matter next year and probably will work to end the programs.

Miskell said about 40 screened prisoners are active in the Kansas inmate work programs, and hundreds of others can get such jobs as part of inmate work release.

## House dismisses speaker complaint

By John Milburn  
 Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — A special Kansas House committee dismissed a misconduct complaint Tuesday by Democrats against Republican Speaker Mike O'Neal that alleged he is improperly representing special interests in a lawsuit against the state.

The vote by the panel of three Republicans and three Democrats was unanimous. The six found O'Neal, a Hutchinson attorney, complied with Kansas law and legislative rules when he filed a lawsuit against the state over the taking of fees paid to state agencies.

Democrats contended the lawsuit created a conflict of interest because O'Neal could use his power as speaker to control legislation to benefit his legal clients.

"I'm not upset with the committee members, they did their job. There was never a claim that I did anything wrong," said O'Neal of Hutchinson. "It's good to have it over with."

"I think what's important here

is that we expect our members to abide by the rules and I think it was unanimously concluded that I abided by the rules."

The clients in the lawsuit, which is pending in Shawnee County District Court, are businesses, trade groups and insurance funds. They are suing because the funds were taken by legislators in 2002 and 2003, but promises to repay those funds were delayed in 2009. O'Neal said he would continue to represent the clients following the ruling.

"And I expect a good outcome," he said.

House Minority Leader Paul Davis said despite the dismissal, the committee was clear that what O'Neal was doing gives the public and others the wrong impression of legislators.

The committee ruled that O'Neal followed Kansas law, as well as the approved rules of the Legislature, by voting against the taking of the agency fees, then filing a written protest. Having failed to do so, the committee said, would have been a clear violation.

## Increased sales tax to begin on Thursday

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ber, where it passed with 74 percent of the vote.

The council considered several sites for the new pool, which will include a host of modern features such as slides and a lazy river, fi-

nally settling on property west of Franklin Avenue next to Colby High School.

Cards showing how much the sales tax will be on a purchase are available at Leroy's Printing and the Colby Free Press.

## LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Thursday Evening											April 1, 2010	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	FlashForward		Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		Local	Nightline		Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	Survivor: Hero		CSI: Crime Scene		The Mentalist		Local	Late Show Letterman		Late		
KSNK/NBC	The Office		The Office		The Marriage Ref		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		Late		
KSAS/FOX	Bones		Fringe		Local							
<b>Cable Channels</b>												
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		Fugitive Chronicles		Fugitive Chronicles		The First 48			
AMC	Spaceballs				Blazing Saddles				Spaceballs			
ANIM	Beasts of the Bible				Weird	Weird		Beasts of the Bible				
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Happens	Real		
CMT	Smarter	Smarter	Captain Ron						Captain Ron			
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live			
COMEDY	Larry, Cable		Futurama	Futurama	Ugly	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Martin	Sarah		
DISC	Life		Life		Life				Life			
DISN	The Thirteenth Year		Phineas		Phineas	Montana	Wizards	Deck	Suite	So Raven		
EI	Husbands Who Kill		Hollywood Murder				Chelsea	El News	Chelsea	Hollywood		
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live		
ESPN2	Strongest Man		MLS Soccer				MLS Soccer					
FAM	The Little Rascals				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?		
FOOD	Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Cakes	Cakes	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Iron Chef America			
FX	Fun With Dick & Jane				Just Married				Fun With Dick & Jane			
HGTV	First	My First	Selling N	Nails	House	House	House	First	Selling N	Nails		
HIST	Modern Marvels		Food Tech		Pawn	Pawn	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels			
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Project Runway		Project Runway		Models	Project Runway	Models			
MTV	16 and Pregnant		America's Best Dance		America's Best Dance		Taking	America's Best Dance	Taking			
NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny		
SCI	Casino Royale						Casino Royale					
SPIKE	Halloween		Ultimate Iceman: Chuck Liddell		The Ultimate Fighter		MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers		
TBS	Final Destination 3		Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight		Name Earl	Name Earl	Name Earl	Name Earl		
TCM	Adam's Rib		Mr. Smith Goes				Breakfast					
TLC	Police Women		Police Women		LA Ink		Police Women		LA Ink			
TNT	NBA Basketball						NBA Basketball					
TOON	Total Dra	Total Drama Island	Total	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen			
TRAV	Luxurious Log Homes	Million Yachts		Fantastic Houseboats		Super Yachts		Luxurious Log Homes				
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond			First Love	Roseanne	Roseanne			
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		Burn Notice	In Plain Sight				
VH1	Sober House		Sober House		Sober House		Sober House	Soft-Rock Songs				
WGN	WWE Superstars		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	WWE Superstars			
<b>Premium Channels</b>												
HBO	Fighter		Body of Lies				Real Sex					
MAX	Private Parts				Eagle Eye				Forget Sarah			
SHOW	W.				Penn	Nurse	Tara	The Poker House				

Friday Evening											April 2, 2010	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Wife Swap		Jamie Oliver's Food		20/20		Local	Nightline		Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	Ghost Whisperer		Medium		Miami Medical		Local	Late Show Letterman		Late		
KSNK/NBC	Who Do You		Dateline NBC				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		Late		
KSAS/FOX	House		Kitchen Nightmares		Local							
<b>Cable Channels</b>												
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Fugitive Chronicles		Criminal Minds			
AMC	Courage Under Fire				League-Gentle.							
ANIM	I'm Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I'm Alive			
BRAVO	Mill. Matchmaker		Bad Boys II					Bad Boys II				
CMT	Smarter	Smarter	Ron White: Call Me	Tater Salad	Cable Guy	White-Tater		Cable Guy	Comedy			
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live			
COMEDY	John Oliver		Presents	Presents	Presents	Presents	Comedy	Comedy	Jo Koy: Angry			
DISC	Dirty Jobs		American Loggers		American Loggers		Dirty Jobs		American Loggers			
DISN	Cars		Buttowski	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Deck	Deck	Deck	So Raven		
EI	Pretty	Pretty	Kendra	Kendra	The Soup	Chelsea	El News	Chelsea	The Soup			
ESPN	NBA Basketball						NBA Basketball					
ESPN2	Boxing		Boxing				SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight			
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?		
FOOD	Chopped		Diners	Diners	The Best	Best	Good Eats	Rachael	Diners	Diners		
FX	Fantastic	Fantastic Four			Justified				The Faculty			
HGTV	Property	Property	Home Rules		Buck	Income	House	House	Home Rules			

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 Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper.

HIST	Andrew Jackson		Washington			Andrew Jackson
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy	Project Runway	Project Runway	Models	Will	Frasier
MTV	16 and Pregnant	16 and Pregnant	What a Girl Wants			What Girl
NICK	Big Time	iCarly	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez
SCI	Stargate Universe	Stargate Universe	Merlin		Stargate Universe	Merlin
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn		The Ultimate Fighter	Ways Die
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lord of the Rings			
TCM	Fun on a Weekend		Gidget			Palm Springs Weekend
TLC	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear
TNT	Bones		Pretty Woman			Music and Lyrics
TOON	Ben 10: Alien Force	Star Wars	Star Wars	King-Hill	King-Hill	Clerks
TRAV	Man, Food	Man, Food	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Most Haunted	Man, Food
TV LAND	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Footloose		Roseanne
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS	I Now Pronounce You
VH1	Millennium	Beauty	Beauty	Sober House	Madonna: Sticky and Sweet	Purple Rn
WGN	Risky Business		WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park
<b>Premium Channels</b>						
HBO	The Pacific	Ricky	Life	Real-Bill Maher	Real-Bill Maher	Funny or
MAX	Notorious			Cast Away		Zane
SHOW	Hate Valentine	Nurse	Tara	Penn	Penn	Boxing

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