

## Weather Corner



**National Weather Service**  
**Tonight:** Slight chance of rain and snow showers before 4 a.m. Areas of fog after 4 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 31. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Saturday:** A slight chance of rain and snow showers before 7 a.m., then a chance of rain showers between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. Some thunder possible. Areas of fog before 10 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy; high near 55. Breezy; south wind between 15 and 25 mph; gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent. Little or no snow accumulation expected.

**Saturday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Areas of fog. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 44. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Sunday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 79. Breezy; southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Thursday:** High, 63; Low 30  
 Precip: Thursday None  
 Month: 0.44 inches  
 Year: 0.87 inches  
 Normal: 2.11 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Saturday 7:50 a.m. 7:55 p.m.  
 Full moon at 1:11 p.m.  
 Sunday 7:48 a.m. 7:56 p.m.  
 Monday 7:46 a.m. 7:57 p.m.  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

## House rejects tax repeal proposals

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figures from the state Department of Labor.

Reducing the sales tax rate, which is scheduled to drop to 5.4 percent in 2013, would have cut more than \$390 million from projected state revenues in fiscal year 2012. That would have exacerbated a projected shortfall of \$493 million in the budget that legislators have yet to fill.

"Think about where we would be this year if we hadn't passed the tax increase," said Rep. Ed Trimmer, a Winfield Democrat. "I thought it was the right thing to do. To add more to the deficit is just plain irresponsible."

The second plan defeated in the House would have locked in the sales tax rate increase to pay for phasing out of corporate and individual income taxes. The plan called for reducing income tax rates by an equal percentage in any year that income tax collections exceed projections.

Rep. Tom Burroughs, a Kansas City Democrat, noted that many of the same "special interest groups" that campaigned against Democrats and moderate Republicans who supported the tax increase last session now were supporting keeping the rate in place.

He said voting to make the rate permanent was "not going to settle

well" with constituents who voted for candidates on the promise of repeal.

Legislators raised the state sales tax last year to 6.3 percent in an effort to close a budget deficit. However, state revenue collections have barely kept pace with expectations since the increase took effect. As a result, Republican Gov. Sam Brownback on March 11 was forced to impose \$56.5 million in spending cuts to balance the current budget.

Brownback campaigned on reforming the Kansas tax code to improve the business climate and attract new workers. He has proposed a plan to give a five-year income tax abatement to residents moving from out of state to any Kansas county that has experienced double-digit population declines over the past decade.

The governor did not advocate for legislators to repeal the sales tax increase as part of his first-term agenda.

House members did approve one Brownback plan that grants greater tax credits for the expensing of capital purchase by businesses. The measure also winds down several tax credit programs in a move to reform how the state encourages economic growth.

Final action on that bill was scheduled for today.

## Repealer taking requests

TOPEKA (AP) — Kansans can now submit online suggestions for laws or regulations they want repealed.

Gov. Sam Brownback on Friday announced the launching of the new web site for public submissions on unwanted laws. It's www.repealer.ks.gov.

Brownback earlier named Kan-

sas Department of Administration Secretary Dennis Taylor as the state's first repealer. Taylor said his office will run a cost-benefit analysis on each law or regulation submitted for review.

Laws picked for repeal will then be sent to the originating body in the Legislature.

## Motorcycles to race again at Thomas County Free Fair

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In other business:

• Leilani Thomas and Bob and Susan McLemore were at the meeting to reserve campground spaces for the Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass Festival, which will be Friday through Sunday, July 15 to 17. The board agreed to guarantee all but 12 spaces, allowing more as they become available.

• Fair Book copy needs to be turned in by April 1 so it can be printed by June 1, said Extension agent Clint Milliman. Small animal weigh-in for the fair will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at the fair grounds.

• The Buildings and Grounds committee is working on a grant

for about \$21,000 from the Western Prairie Resource, Conservation and Development Council for heating and air conditioning at the 4-H building. That would include new air-handling equipment and a three-phase electrical line to the building.

• The board authorized Ron Kogler to take the mower to Colby Implement for servicing for the summer.

• The Colby Community College rodeo team contract was brought up, with questions of responsibility for the barns. The team makes a damage deposit, but the board was unsure whether some reported problems were caused by damage or by normal wear.

The board voted to lease the

arena to the team for the next school year for \$3,000 plus a \$500 deposit, with half due July 31 and the rest due Dec. 31. The board will spend \$500 on wood to fix up the barn and have the college do the work.

• The board voted not to sponsor a Diamond Rio concert being arranged by Rich Epp in conjunction with the fair, but to allow the use of the Thomas County Free Fair name and general advertising. The concert will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 24, at the Colby Community Building.

• The board decided to invite comic hypnotist Mike Reeves for a show on Wednesday, July 27, as part of family night during the fair.

### Rawlins County Health Center

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Monday Evening										March 21, 2011	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Dancing With Stars				Castle		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	How I Met	Mad Love	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late		
KSNK/NBC	Chuck		The Event		Harry's Law		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late		
KSAS/FOX	House		The Chicago Code		Local						
<b>Cable Channels</b>											
A & E	Intervention		Intervention		Heavy		Heavy		Intervention		
AMC	Speed					Speed					
ANIM	I'm Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I'm Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		
BRAVO	Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Bethenny Ever After		Bethenny Ever After		Housewives/OC		
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard		Rock Star				Cribs		Smarter	Smarter	
CNN	In the Arena		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight		
COMEDY	American Pie		Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	Comedy Central Roast		
DISC	Two Weeks in Hell		Secret Service		Bermuda Triangle		Surviving the Cut		Secret Service		
DISN	Chicken Little		Deck		Phineas	Phineas	Wizards	Wizards	Hannah	Hannah	
E!	E! Special		E! Special		Fashion	The Soup	Chelsea	E! News		Fashion	
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		NFL Live	NBA	
ESPN2	Wm. Basketball		Wm. Basketball					College Basketball			
FAM	Pretty Little Liars		Secret-Teen		Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?	
FOOD	Unwrapped Candy		Diners	Diners	Meat	The Best	Ice Briga	Good Eats	Diners	Diners	
FX	Tropic Thunder						Tropic Thunder				
HGTV	House	Property	Property	Hunters	House	Hunters	First	First	Property	Hunters	
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	
LIFE	One True Thing		Raising Helen				How I Met		Chris	How I Met	
MTV	Library	RJ Berger	Jersey Shore		Skins		Skins		RJ Berger	Library	
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Being Human		Being Human		Stargate Universe		Being Human		Stargate Universe		
SPIKE	UFC Fight Night			Unforgiven							
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Lopez Tonight		
TCM	Kings Row				Caught				A Summer Place		
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	19 Kids	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	
TNT	Bones		Bones		The Closer		HawthoRNe		CSI: NY		
TOON	Adventure	Regular	King-Hill	King-Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen	
TRAV	No Reservation		No Reservation		No Reservation		No Reservation		No Reservation		
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Ace Ventura				Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	
USA	NCIS		WWE Monday Night RAW				Law & Order: SVU		Terminator 3		
VH1	Wedding Wars		Wedding Wars		Fabulous	Hip Hop	Wedding Wars		Fabulous	Hip Hop	
WGN	Chris	Chris	Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	
<b>Premium Channels</b>											
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher		Triangle, Fire		The Pee-wee Herman Show		The Ricky Gervais Show				
MAX	Coming to America				The Book of Eli				Dark Fantasies		
SHOW	Everybody's Fine		Shameless		Californ.	Californ.	Episodes	Episodes	Shameless		