

Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 89. South wind around 5 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 92.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85.

Wednesday: High, 83; Low 67

Precip: Wednesday None

Month: 0.00 inches

Year: 17.95 inches

Normal: 16.36 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Thursday 6:47 a.m. 8:52 p.m.

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use

Wednesday 1,734,000 gal.

(Colby Public Works)

Colby College plans yearly block party

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expect to learn about local businesses and what kinds of services are available in the area. Whitaker said students can pick up job applications from local businesses, find out when church services are, learn about volunteer opportunities and sign-up to get involved in the community or on campus.

"When students arrive to the block party, they should first stop off at the display booth co-sponsored by the chamber and the CVB," Whitaker said. "They

will receive a welcome packet and a punch card. Students are encouraged to visit every display table and get a punch. Completed punch cards will then be used in the drawing for a prize."

The welcome packets will be provided by the visitor's bureau and the prize drawing will be provided by the college.

"We already have 27 spots reserved and we are encouraging even more participation from local businesses, civic groups and churches," said Whitaker. "It is free to participate, but we do ask that participating vendors bring

their own tables, chairs and anything else they need to set up."

Whitaker recommends vendors bring something to hand out to students such as informational literature, coupons, job applications or a free give-away item. In the past, Whitaker said that businesses have given away candy, smoothies, bottled water, back massages and key chains.

Anyone interested in having a free display table at the block party should contact Whitaker at the chamber office at 460-3401. Set up will begin at 10:45 a.m. and should be finished by 11:15 a.m.

Registration is open until the day of the event. However, Whitaker said, once participants have reserved a spot, their name will be included on the college

website where students register for classes. She said that registration will only be taken online this year, and so the sooner vendors make their reservation, the sooner their name will be up where students can see it.

She said businesses and organizations who can't physically attend the block party can participate by including something in the welcome packets that she will be giving to students. Whitaker said she needs enough items to fill 300 packets, and the deadline for that is next Thursday.

For information contact Whitaker at 460-3401. Items for welcome packets can be dropped off at the chamber office, 350 South Range, Suite 10.

Enrollment Dates

Sacred Heart Catholic School: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the school. New students will need to bring a physical forms, social security card, birth certificate and immunization records. For information, call Principal Dave Evert at 460-2813.

Heartland Christian School: Open enrollment, kindergarten through 12th grade. Preschool will be 8:10 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday for 3-year-olds and 8:10 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday Friday for 4-year-olds. For information, call 460-6419 or visit www.hcscolby.org.

Colby Public Schools: New student enrollment was to be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in each building; returning student enrollment from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday in the High School commons area. For information, call 460-5000.

Golden Plains Schools: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at the Rexford and Selden buildings. First day of school is Wednesday, Aug. 24. Preschool for 3-year-olds will begin Monday, Aug. 30, and preschool for 4-year-olds will begin Tuesday, Aug. 29. Back to school night will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22, in both buildings.

Union files lawsuit over retirement plan

TOPEKA (AP) - A union has filed legal and administrative actions seeking to delay Gov. Sam Brownback's proposal to offer a voluntary retirement program for state employees.

The Kansas Organization of State Employees filed the complaints Wednesday against Brownback's proposal, which Secretary of Administration Dennis Taylor announced a day earlier. It asked a Shawnee County judge to block the plan until administrative reviews are completed.

In a filing with the Kansas Public Employee Relations Board, union leaders argued that the state is required to discuss the proposal with the union before implementing it.

"KOSE had hoped to discuss our members' concerns with the State during meet and confer, with the objective of developing a program that could meet the State's objectives while also ensuring employees, citizens, and KPERS were not negatively im-

pacted," said executive director Jane Carter.

Taylor said the plan would save the state millions of dollars, but didn't have an estimate for the savings. Some independent estimates for early retirement programs suggest Kansas could save close to \$25 million a year.

The Topeka Capital-Journal reports that the union says it's not opposed to a voluntary retirement plan, but wants state officials to follow state law and the labor agreement.

Taylor said the state tried to meet with the union ahead of the announcement as part of the work agreement, but that the first available date for both parties is Wednesday. He said the retirement program didn't need legislative or union approval to be implemented.

"Meet and confer means we meet and confer," he said. "It doesn't mean it prevents us from proceeding."

Vets pass through on long bicycle ride

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fairs Secretary Eric Shinseki in St. Louis.

Talking about homeless veterans Kreider said in a lot of people's mind they think of those who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, but said the younger soldiers coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan have become the new homeless.

Kreider said the Vet Hunter Project is the idea of Joe Leal, and grew out of his passion for helping homeless veterans in the Los Angeles area. Kreider said the national statistics about homeless veterans show 11 percent live in the Los Angeles area.

He said sometimes it is good to have a veteran talking to a homeless veteran to have the bond of service help open the communications and find ways to help the person find their way out of the homeless trap.

"This is not a veteran issue," Todd said. "This is an American citizen issue. I am not a veteran, but I believe it is up to all of us to find ways to help the homeless."

Kreider said they had a good reception from the VFW, and were given a donation of \$50 toward their project.

"As we move forward we want to be sure all our veterans are getting their benefits," Todd said, "and taking care of those who are homeless and want to get out. We include everybody because we see this as a basic humanitarian effort for all our citizens who are in this situation.

"We realize we cannot stop those who keep drinking, doing drugs or do not want any help, but members of our group can

talk to the vets from a personal perspective and maybe get them to open up and that is the first step."

Kreider said they rode down the beautiful bike path along Cherry Creek in Denver and found some homeless Native Americans under one of the bridges. He said while the riders were talking with the homeless guys some Denver policemen walked up.

"I thought here we go," Kreider said, "but the police were very friendly and said they work with the homeless and try to get them into shelters. The police said they do not want to see the homeless become victims of crimes."

While doing the interview a film crew was taping the session as part of an effort to document the whole trip. Film crews and photographers taped and took photos of both interview sessions.

Kreider said the film crew is not getting paid, but they have a passion for the project.

He said the bike riders are a mixed group of veterans - including three active duty people - friends of veterans and relatives of veterans.

The tired riders spent the night at the armory, and delayed their departure from Goodland until the afternoon. They rode east through Colby and somewhere east of Colby took a break at a Dairy Queen where the owner gave them a \$20 donation. A bit further east they found a homeless family of a female ex-soldier and spent time helping get her into housing.

The group can be followed on Facebook at The Vet Hunter Project, and online at www.vet-hunter.org.

Briefly

Students raising money to go to Washington D.C.

Colby students Lynnsey Elling and Hayden Reinert will hold a garage sale from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at 1490 Pioneer Dr., four miles west of Colby. Proceeds will help the students attend the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. in September. For information, call James Elling at 443-0783.

Get free pool admission at Saturday event

The City of Colby will hold its Big Splash Event at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Colby Community Building. The event will begin with Learning Tree activities and a 10-minute Energy Bandit skit. The first 400 people to complete the activities get in free to a barbecue at 12:30 p.m. at the Colby Aquatic Center. The first 200 people get free pool admission. For information, call 460-4400.

Country group to play at Saturday dance

There will be a singles and couples dance from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Meadow Lake Golf Course clubhouse. Music will be provided by Swing 'N' Country. For information, call Lue Duffey at (785) 269-7057.

High School team plans Monday meeting

The Colby High School football team will have a meeting at 8 p.m. Monday in the high school auditorium. Any players wishing to try out for the team should attend along with their parents. For information, call Coach Chris Gardener at 443-3081.

Get your yearbook at enrollment Monday

Colby High School will distribute 2010 yearbooks during enrollment Monday at the school. There are a limited number of extra copies for those students who forgot to order one, which will be available for \$50. For information, call 460-5300.

Hospital offers diabetes support class

Citizens Medical Center will offer a free diabetes class "Journey for Control" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the hospital. The topic of this session will be monitoring blood glucose. For information or to register, call Jeanene Brown at the hospital Education Department, (785) 460-4850.

Group plans talk on wage and hour laws

The Western Kansas Human Resource Management Association will hold a free wage and hour law presentation from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Colby Community College student union. Jeanette Aranda with the U.S. Department of Labor will speak about employment issues. Lunch will be provided. For information or to register call Melanie Fortin at 460-4677.

Secretary to keep going on voting laws

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will use on election day and when people register to vote.

For example, the rules will tell election workers what to do when photos on people's IDs look nothing like them.

Kobach said the task force has also found areas where efficiencies and uniform practices can be implemented, such as common forms or envelopes used by all 105 counties.

"This gives us a chance to sort of revisit all these basic issues," Kobach said.



Table with columns for TV channels and times (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) for Saturday Evening, August 6, 2011.

American Profile advertisement: "We Celebrate Hometown Life. Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper." Includes a grid of TV listings.

LOCAL TV Listings

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