

Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers. Cloudy, with a low around 44. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Cloudy, with a high near 68. South wind around 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. East wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 79. North wind around 5 mph becoming east.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 81.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 80.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 80.

Wednesday: High, 60; Low 38
Precip: Wednesday 0.10 inches
Month: 0.16 inches
Year: 16.21 inches
Normal: 16.36 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 7:26 a.m. 7:51 p.m.
Moon: waning, 84 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Get tests done at Wellness Fair

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thyroid screenings.

Unlike prior years, lab results will not be sent to the person's medical provider and planners are encouraging people to pick them up at the expo to receive additional explanation and allow for questions to be answered. Sessions to explain laboratory values will be held the morning of the expo at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Some screenings require fasting; contact Jeanene Brown at the Citizens Medical Center regarding the reduced-price options at 460-4850.

In addition to the aforementioned screenings, other tests that will be offered include screenings for skin cancer, oral cancer, vision and hearing, colorectal and tests for respiratory assessment, balance, posture and blood pressure. Cost for these tests, and more, are included in the \$5 entry fee.

Stroke Detection Plus, a non-affiliated company of the expo, will be available by appointment only to offer stroke, vascular and osteoporosis screenings, as well. Call

(877) 732-8258 to schedule an appointment. It is \$90 to take all of the Stroke Detection Plus tests, or individual exams are \$45 each.

"The tests and screenings have always been a staple for the expo, but this year we've added fitness classes, nutrition talks and a scavenger hunt with prizes, which are encompassed under the new Healthy Lifestyle Expo title," explained Diann Gerstner, expo volunteer and Family and Consumer Science expert at Kansas State University Research and Extension office in Colby.

"Starting at 9 a.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the college, participants can try out new fitness exercises, or they can just watch," said Gerstner. "Representatives from Nicole's School of Dance, Ashly's Dance Center and the Recreation Department will show off some of their services for fitness. Courtney and I will also provide answers to popular questions in a Q&A session at 9:30 a.m."

"We want people to learn more," stressed McCarty. "There are so many options in the area, for all age ranges, that many people are

unfamiliar with. The expo will give people the opportunity to become familiar with the services being offered and will hopefully lead to positive changes in their lives."

A scavenger hunt will finish up the expo, which will reward participants with prizes for visiting with all of the vendors.

"We have a lot of businesses that will be available to teach people how to lead a healthier life and showcase their services," said Gerstner. "The scavenger hunt is a new feature to the expo and there are some great health-related prizes that have been donated."

Prizes include free massages, punch cards to attend fitness classes, memberships to gyms, cash and more.

"To be entered in the drawing to win a prize, participants must attend a class, turn in their exam evaluations and visit with the booths," said Gerstner.

Proceeds from the expo will benefit community wellness programs and activities. To learn more about the expo, visit www.thomascountywellness.org.

Lawyers, districts prepare for trial

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districts to increase class sizes, delay pay increases and eliminate support staff.

"It has to be done eventually," he said of the deferred expenses.

Attorney General Derek Schmidt says the \$1 billion in cuts were a legislative decision based on the state's economic conditions and declining revenues. He contends decisions about funding the close to \$3 billion public school system should be settled in the Statehouse, not a courtroom.

"We're committed to defending the state's school funding system as enacted by the state's elected representatives, either as it stands now or as it may change over the coming months,"

Schmidt said. "This is critical litigation for the state."

The attorney general said he is using his staff and a Wichita law firm to prepare and defend the state's position.

Robb said the case could be delayed further depending on what happens during the 2012 legislative session. Gov. Sam Brownback has said that he would like the state to rewrite the funding formula, make it less expensive for the state and avoid future lawsuits. The framework for the formula was put in place in 1992 and modified over the past two decades.

"For every year the state can delay the lawsuit, it saves them a billion dollars," Robb said. "There's no incentive to get it done sooner."

County receives 2010 audit report

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delegate; Commissioner Byron Sowers was nominated as Christiansen's alternate.

• Approved Emergency Management Director Susan McMahon to move forward with plans for the county Christmas party. A catering bid was accepted from Bob Amos.

• Discussed how to provide medical services at the Colby Community College rodeo this weekend. \$105,000. He said they currently have a list of 150 people awaiting assistance in northwest Kansas and that the typical wait is roughly five years.

New transition courses for certified emergency medical training classes were also discussed as well as the need to hire additional staff.

• Heard Ruth Lang and Jerry Michaud from Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas give a presentation on the organization's annual report. Michaud thanked commissioners for giving financial support, especially since their budget had recently been cut \$105,000. He said they currently have a list of 150 people awaiting assistance in northwest Kansas and that the typical wait is roughly five years.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Commissioners will be at 9 a.m. on Monday in the Thomas County Courthouse. The public is welcome to attend.

Hutchinson prisoners making dog beds

HUTCHINSON – Some recycling efforts at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility have really gone to the dogs.

For more than a year, inmates at the local prison have been dismantling mattresses that would have otherwise ended up in area landfills.

The steel from the springs and the cotton batting in the mattresses are recycled, generating money for prison operations. Wood from the mattresses has been fashioned into flower boxes and benches. Through recycling, the metal and cotton from old mattresses has made more than \$49,000 for the prison's general fee fund, said Steve Schneider, spokesman at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility.

And now, inmates are using the foam and material from the mattresses to make dog beds.

The beds are being donated to animal shelters and sold in a Topeka veterinary clinic to sustain the Hutchinson Correctional Facility's dog training

programs, according to Beth Mechler, a program consultant for the Kansas Department of Corrections.

"It helps subsidize the programs and helps the community," Mechler said of the dog beds. "Every part of the mattresses is being recycled, which is awesome."

The dog beds made from recycled mattress materials are already being used by the Lucky Dog program, where inmates train dogs and prepare them for adoption, and by the prison's Canine Assistance Rehabilitation, Education and Services program, where dogs are trained to be service dogs, said Chandy Wylie, activities specialist who coordinates the two dog programs at Hutchinson Correctional Facility.

So far, only a few inmates at the Hutchinson prison have been working to make the beds, which they started doing about three months ago.

Hillsboro, Kansas

42nd Arts & Crafts FAIR

Sat., September 17, 2011
9am - 5pm

The Midwestern Creative Art Market Exhibitors from across the nation.

For More Information:
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Briefly

Saturday trail ride to benefit St. Jude's

There will be a trail ride to raise money for the St. Jude's Children's Hospital at 2 p.m. Saturday on the nature conservancy 15 1/2 miles south of Monument. Donations will be accepted to go to the hospital. For information, call Marshall Rhea at (785) 672-2538.

Church plans dinner to help pastor and family

The Brewster United Methodist Church will hold a "Potatoes for the Pastor" fund raiser from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the church, 202 Nebraska in Brewster. Baked potatoes and toppings will be served along with dessert. Donations will be accepted to help Pastor Dorine and Lorry Chambers with medical expenses. For information, call Nadine Kammer at (785) 694-2456.

College pool to close next week for upgrades

The Colby Community College swimming pool will be closed Monday to Friday, Sept. 19 to 23, to allow workers to install new boilers to heat the water and building. A new ventilation system and an automatic pool cover will also be installed later. For information, contact Kipp Nelson at 460-5476 or Athletic Director Ryan Sturdy at 5548.

American Red Cross plans two-day drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, and 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Colby Community Building. For information, call Vaughn, Red Cross blood drive coordinator, at 462-3861 or 443-1467.

Health department to hold flu clinic


The Thomas County Health Department will hold a Mass Flu Clinic from 3 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the Thomas County 4-H building. No appointments are necessary. Pick up paperwork prior to the clinic at the health department. We will be accepting cash, check and insurance (be sure to bring a copy of your card). Cost is \$25 per shot or mist. For information, call the Flu Information Line at 460-4599.

Oakley corn cook-off set for Friday, Oct. 7

Show off your corn cooking skills at the Open Class Corn Cook-Off from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at The Cave in Oakley. Bring a favorite recipe to be judged in one of three classes: side and main dish; breads and baked goods; or snacks, candies and desserts. The dish must have some form of corn in it. For information, call Judith at (785) 671-4525 or Rosa at (785) 671-3608.

Colby Head Start looking for new kids

Head Start, a tuition-free preschool, is accepting applications for its 2011-2012 school year. The school accepts applications all year long for kids 3 and 4. For information, or to get an application, call 460-6067.



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HIST	Dirty Harry	Top Shot	Top Shot	Dirty Harry
LIFE	Enough	The Perfect Roommate	Enough	Jersey Shore
MTV	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Still Waiting...
NICK	iCarly	Victoriosa	Ninjas	iCarly
SCI	Casino Royale	Quantum of Solace	Alphas	Alphas
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed	UFC Fight Night Live	BlueMount	Deadliest Warrior
TBS	Wedding Crashers	I Love You, Man	American	American
TCM	Mildred Pierce	Kismet	All Brothers	All Brothers
TLC	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life
TNT	Shawshank R.	True Lies	True Lies	True Lies
TOON	Who Framed	Oblongs	King-Hill	Fam. Guy
TRAV	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures
TV LAND	AllFamily	AllFamily	Raymond	Raymond
USA	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS
VH1	Basketball Wives LA	You Got Served	New Jack City	New Jack City
WGN	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs



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KAKE/ABC	Extreme Makeover	20/20	Local
KBSL/CBS	The Good Wife	The Good Wife	CSI: Miami
KSNK/NBC	Football	NFL Football	Local
KSAS/FOX	Emmy Awards	Local	Dateline NBC

A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	U-571	Breaking Bad	Breaking Bad	The Killing	The Killing	The Killing	The Killing	The Killing	The Killing
ANIM	Tanked	River Monsters	Handfishin'	Handfishin'	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ
CMT	CMT Made	Extreme Makeover	Extreme Makeover	Extreme Makeover	Extreme Makeover	Extreme Makeover	Extreme Makeover	Extreme Makeover	Extreme Makeover
CNN	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan Tonight	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight
COMEDY	Drillbit Taylor	Daniel Tosh: Happy	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0
DISC	Curiosity	Killing bin Laden	SEAL Team 6	Curiosity	Killing bin Laden	Killing bin Laden	Killing bin Laden	Killing bin Laden	Killing bin Laden
DISN	Shake It Up!	Good Luck [ANT Farm	Shake It Up!	Random	Good Luck	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Kardash	Kardash	Kardash	Kardash	Kardash	Kardash	Kardash	Kardash	Kardash
ESPN	MLB Baseball	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter
ESPN2	SportsCtr	NHRA Drag Racing	NASCAR Now	NASCAR Now	NASCAR Now	NASCAR Now	NASCAR Now	NASCAR Now	NASCAR Now
FAM	50 First Dates	Paul Blart: Mall Cop	Funniest Home Videos	J. Osteen	Ed Young	Ed Young	Ed Young	Ed Young	Ed Young
FOOD	Challenge	Food Truck Race	Iron Chef America	Chopped	Food Truck Race	Food Truck Race	Food Truck Race	Food Truck Race	Food Truck Race
FX	Monsters vs. Aliens	Monsters vs. Aliens	Monsters vs. Aliens	Ex-Girfriend	Ex-Girfriend	Ex-Girfriend	Ex-Girfriend	Ex-Girfriend	Ex-Girfriend
HGTV	Holmes Inspection	Handyman	House	Hunters	Design Star	Handyman	Handyman	Handyman	Handyman
HIST	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Top Gear	Hunters	Ancient Aliens	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers	Ice Road Truckers
LIFE	The Perfect Roommate	Drop Dead Diva	Against the Wall	Against the Wall	Against the Wall	Drop Dead Diva	Drop Dead Diva	Drop Dead Diva	Drop Dead Diva
MTV	Teen Mom	Teen Dads	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Nick News	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Pirates-Worlds	Pirates-Worlds	Pirates-Worlds	Pirates-Worlds	Pirates-Worlds	Pirates-Worlds	Pirates-Worlds	Pirates-Worlds	Pirates-Worlds
SPIKE	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue
TBS	Meet the Fockers	Meet the Fockers	Meet the Fockers	Meet the Fockers	Meet the Fockers	Meet the Fockers	Meet the Fockers	Meet the Fockers	Meet the Fockers
TCM	Citizen Kane	The Power and the Glory	The Power and the Glory	Metropolis	Metropolis	Metropolis	Metropolis	Metropolis	Metropolis
TLC	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss
TNT	Shawshank R.	The Da Vinci Code	The Da Vinci Code	The Da Vinci Code	The Da Vinci Code	The Da Vinci Code	The Da Vinci Code	The Da Vinci Code	The Da Vinci Code
TOON	Gumball	Looney	Delocated	Childrens	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Robot Chicken	Robot Chicken
TRAV	Truck Stp	Truck Stp	Vegas Insiders	Jaw-Dropping Rentals	ResidentSea	Vegas Insiders	Vegas Insiders	Vegas Insiders	Vegas Insiders
TV LAND	Cleveland	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU
VH1	Hip Hop Mmts	Hip Hop Mmts	Planet Rock: Hip Hop	Planet Rock: Hip Hop	Hip Hop Mmts	Hip Hop Mmts	Hip Hop Mmts	Hip Hop Mmts	Hip Hop Mmts
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News/Nine	Replay	Monk	Monk	Monk