

Weather



National Weather Service  
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 49. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Breezy, with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 38. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 74. Calm wind becoming south between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 46.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 79.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52.

Sunday: Sunny and breezy, with a high near 82.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 82.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 81.

Monday: High, 85; Low 42  
Tuesday: High, 86; Low 44  
Precip: Monday None  
Tuesday None  
Month: 0.43 inches  
Year: 16.41 inches  
Normal: 16.36 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)  
Sunrise and Sunset  
Thursday 7:38 a.m. 7:30 p.m.  
Moon: waxing, 8 percent  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

# Grantees recognized with ribbons

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nately no longer in existence, so of course there isn't a place to hang their ribbon."

Olson is asking those who receive a ribbon to display it until Friday, Nov. 11. This date, she explained, is a personal deadline the foundation has set for themselves to reach a \$1 million endowment.

The first ribbon delivered by the foundation went to the Thomas County Health Department. The health department received

\$1,600 in 2006 from the City of Colby Police Special Law Enforcement Fund to purchase a community breastfeeding scale and chair for the clinic.

"Most first time mothers have no idea how much their baby is getting when they eat," explained Kathy Ryan from the health department. "The scale is used to help determine if the baby is actually eating or not, which is extremely reassuring to the mother to know her baby is getting the nourishment it needs."

The breastfeeding scale is placed in a comfortable private room and is available at no cost. An appointment to use the scale is preferred but not required.

"We are extremely appreciative of the foundation for helping us provide this free service to mothers in Thomas County," said health department director Kasiah Rothchild. "And I'm happy to display our ribbon so people can see how much they've contributed to Thomas County."

# Benefits have little effect on marriage

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family stability reduces poverty and increases earning potential of Kansas residents. Opponents of the governor's plan question the focus on social issues and religious overtones of the message, including intent to increase faith-based initiatives.

During Tuesday's hearing, conservatives questioned the validity of what they called "subjective" responses from agency staff and clients contained in the audit.

"Sometimes the way you ask questions can have a big effect on the responses you get," said Sen. Mary Pilcher Cook, a Shawnee Republican.

She suggested that auditors go back and rephrase their questions "with a different premise." She said program staff and participants should be asked that if the eligibility criteria were to be changed, would they consider it be an incentive for marriage.

Rep. John Grange, an El Dorado Republican and chairman of the committee, suggested those questions be the subject of

a future audit, if necessary.

Lawhon said auditors tried to get as many responses from across Kansas, but it was difficult under privacy laws to get some information. Lawhon noted that 31 staff members in two agencies and 23 clients agreed to be interviewed for the audit.

He also said some clients simply refused to talk to state officials about their marital status or decisions.

The overall results of the audit, he said, were a "mixed bag" with no conclusive results that program rules were hindering marriage.

"If we would have interviewed more staff, we would have gotten a larger mixed bag," he said.

Sen. Terry Bruce, a Hutchinson Republican, said the audit shed light on the issue, but agreed it was incomplete and unscientific because of the small pool of interviews.

One Democrat said the lack of cooperation was likely because people simply didn't want to talk to state officials about such matters.

"People don't want people prying into their own personal business," said Sen. Anthony Hensley, a Topeka Democrat.

Responding to the findings, Social and Rehabilitation Services Secretary Rob Siedlecki said either the auditors should have made more efforts to interview additional staff and more clients or that portion of the audit should have been dropped.

Siedlecki said the audit's finding that there were disincentives to getting married in eligibility requirements in 29 of the 36 programs was not surprising.

"The audit validates the department's internal findings and supports the policy changes to eligibility criteria to reduce those disincentives," he said.

Social services recently announced a series of eligibility changes aimed at treating applicants the same whether they are married, single or in other relationships. The changes include counting all household income in determining benefits, including live-in boyfriends or girlfriends and illegal immigrants.

Siedlecki said the changes, including others that would require clients to look for work while on temporary assistance, could save his department as much as \$20 million that could be reinvested in agency programs.

Social services also has applied for a federal grant that would offer marriage counseling and related information to clients. The program is part of the administration's goal to encourage marriage, reduce the number of divorces in Kansas and reduce childhood poverty through stable families.

Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary Robert Moser said states had some flexibility in administering Medicaid programs to the poor and elderly, though eligibility requirements are generally set at the federal level.

"To the extent permitted by federal statute and regulations governing certain programs, Kansas should consider how those disincentives could be removed," Moser said.

# Century-old capsule opened in Hutchinson

By Mary Clarkin

The Hutchinson News

HUTCHINSON (AP) - Storing mementos in a lead-sealed copper box surrounded by stone is a good method for preserving them for a century.

"Talk about good condition. Oh my goodness," said Reno County Museum's Chief Curator Jamin Landavazo as she looked inside the 100-year-old time capsule taken from the cornerstone at Memorial Hall.

More than 250 people attended a re-enactment Monday afternoon of the laying of the cornerstone for the hall - an event presided over on Sept. 26, 1911, by U.S. President William Howard Taft.

The hall, which opened in 1912, was originally named Convention Hall. It has served as the venue for plays, meetings, concerts, sporting events and weddings.

After listening outside the hall to a faithful rendition of the speeches delivered a century ago, the crowd entered and watched Landavazo and assistant curator Lynn Ledebor carefully lift with gloved hands the items from the copper box.

Found were a small bound "Holy Bible," one-cent coins from 1907 and 1910, a couple of Hutchinson newspapers, a small silk

U.S. flag and Presidential flag, a platform admission ticket for Hutchinson Mayor Frank Vincent, apparent rosters for local Masonic groups, and a history booklet of Hutchinson.

An old description of what had been placed in the time capsule was generally accurate, but Ledebor observed there were "plenty of bonus items."

For example, Martin Carroll Company, in the concrete business, had a business card inside. There was a brochure for the Santa Fe Demonstration Train, a page-long typed account of railroad progress in the past 30 years and an image of a railroad engine. An envelope bearing the name "M.L. Grimes" had "Lyons" crossed out as the Kansas city and Hutchinson written in its place.

Postcards of older Hutchinson buildings and properties were inside, as well as a photo of the city's founder, C.C. Hutchinson.

"I think it's really, really awesome," said Jennifer Henderson of the re-enactment ceremony. The Hutchinson mother brought two children, ages 14 and 7, to the event.

Dorothy Couch is among local residents who still refer to the building as Convention Hall. She attended partly because she is a fan of the building and is grateful the city did not tear down the hall in prior years.

"That warms my heart," Landavazo said of the turnout.

Three cars belonging to members of the Hutchinson Collector Car Club ferried the dignitaries from the Masonic Temple to Memorial Hall. Wearing top hats and appropriate garb were: President Taft, portrayed by Doug McGovern, a member of the Hutchinson Landmarks Commission; Mayor Frank Vincent, portrayed by today's Hutchinson Mayor Ron Sellers; and Masonic Grand Master Alex Sharp, portrayed by Kansas Masonic Grand Master Tracy Bloom.

The Hutchinson Municipal Band Brass Quintet played "Hail to the Chief," and Taft spoke about Constitutional law and municipal government. He closed with congratulations "on the evidence of prosperity" here.

McGovern did not carry Taft's left, but he had a walking stick and sported a handlebar mustache. "From Wichita," McGovern said, when asked about the mustache.

"You look fabulous, by the way," Landavazo told McGovern.

The time capsule's contents will go on display in April 2012 at the Reno County Museum, across the street from Memorial Hall. Also in April, when the anniversary of the hall's opening is marked, a new time capsule will be put into the cornerstone.

# Briefly

## Retreat organizers to open pumpkin patch

Shepherd's Staff will be operating a pumpkin patch and corn maze from 3 to 7 p.m. every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October at the paintball park, one half mile east of Rexford. Cost is \$7 per person or \$5 each in groups of four or more. For information, or to schedule a special event, call (785) 687-2565.

## Come meet the artists at reception on Sunday

Colby Community College artists whose work is currently on display at the Prairie Museum will be available to meet the public from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Light refreshments will be served. The college art exhibit is on display through October. For information, call the museum at 460-4590.

## School plans book fair for two days next week

Sacred Heart Catholic School will have its annual book fair from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, in the school gym. Proceeds will go to the school library. For information, call Principal Dave Evert at 460-2813.

## Health department to close for flu clinic

The Thomas County Health Department office at 350 S. Range Ave. will close all day next Wednesday so staff can run the flu clinic at the 4-H building. The office will open again Thursday, Oct. 6. For information, call the office at 460-4596.

## Trash trucks will not pick up grass until spring

The Colby Sanitation Department will stop picking up grass separately on Friday, Oct. 7. Residents may continue to put grass clippings in with regular trash throughout the winter. The department will notify people in the spring when they should separate the grass from the trash again. For information, call the Public Works Department at 785-460-4420.

## 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.

## Get blood tests this week

2011 Wellness Fair discounted laboratory blood tests will be drawn from 6 to 9 a.m. through Saturday in the front lobby of Citizens Medical Center. The Wellness Fair will be from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 8, at Colby Community College. Skin cancer screenings will only be available beginning at 9 a.m. For information, call Jeanene Brown at 460-4850.

# License offices get new tech

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authenticity. "We are constantly searching for ways to make the process of getting a driver's license more convenient and secure for Kansans," said Director of Vehicles Donna Shelite. "This upgrade is another step in the right direction."

This year, the Revenue Department plans to have the new technology and software installed at all 111 county and state offices that issue driver's licenses.

The new technology will help make Kansas compliant with the federal Real ID Act, which requires states to adhere to tighter security measures for issuing state identification cards.

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Thursday Evening September 29, 2011										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Charlie's Angels	Grey's Anatomy	Private Practice	Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Gentleman	Person of Interest	Local	Late Show Letterman	Late				
KSNK/NBC	Community	Parks	Office	Whitney	Prime Suspect	Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late		
KSAS/FOX	The X Factor				Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48						
AMC	No Country			No Country						
ANIM	Swamp Wars	Handfishin'	Tanked	Handfishin'	Tanked					
BRAVO	Matchmaker	Matchmaker	Matchmaker	Matchmaker	Matchmaker					
CMT	Strictest Parents	Angels Among Us	Angels Among Us	Angels Among Us	Angels Among Us					
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	John King, USA	Piers Morgan Tonight					
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	
DISC	Sons of Guns	American Chopper	American Underworld	American Chopper	American Underworld					
DISN	Wizards	16 Wishes	ANT Farm	Wizards	ANT Farm	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	
E!	Sex-City	Sex-City	Mean Girls 2		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea			
ESPN	College Football		SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight					
ESPN2	MLS Soccer		Baseball Tonight	Catching Hell						
FAM	Sweet Home Alabama	Two Weeks Notice	The 700 Club	Whose?	Whose?					
FOOD	Chopped	Chopped Champions	Sweet Genius	Iron Chef America	Chopped Champions					
FX	Two Men	Two Men	Sunny	Archer	Sunny	Archer	Sunny			
HGTV	First	First	Selling	Property	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Selling	Property
HIST	Targeting Bin Laden		IRT Deadliest Roads	Modern Marvels	Targeting Bin Laden					
LIFE	Project Runway	Project Runway	Dance Moms	Russian	Project Runway					
MTV	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore					
NICK	Family	My Wife	George	George	Friends	Friends	'70s Show	'70s Show	George	George
SCI	Dawn of the Dead	Dead Silence	House on Hill							
SPIKE	Unleash	Jail	IMPACT Wrestling	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers				
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office	Office		
TCM	Hullabaloo Over George		Sword	Adventures	The Courtesans of Bombay	Autobiog.				
TLC	Lottery Changed	Undercover Boss	Prison Diaries	Undercover Boss	Prison Diaries					
TNT	Bones	Bones	Bones	CSI: NY	CSI: NY					
TOON	Regular	Problem	King-Hill	King-Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Childrens	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Man, Food	Man, Food	Truck Stp	Truck Stp	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Truck Stp	Truck Stp	
TV LAND	AllFamily	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Three's Company			
USA	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	Burn Notice	Good Luck Chuck				
VH1	You Got Served		Planet Rock: Hip Hop		Hip Hop Mmts					
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	
Premium Channels										
HBO	The Latino List	Hereafter			Real Sex	REAL Sports Gumbel				
MAX	Ocean 11	Due Date			Cradle 2 the Grave					
SHOW	South of Pico		The Big C	Weeds	The Big C	Gigolos	Scream 2			

We Celebrate Hometown Life

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

Friday Evening September 30, 2011										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Family	Middle	Pan Am		20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	A Gifted Man		CSI: NY		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	All Night	Whitney	Dateline NBC				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	Kitchen Nightmares	Fringe			Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds				
AMC	U-571				Top Gun					
ANIM	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive	I Shouldn't Be Alive					
BRAVO	Rachel Zoe Project	Rachel Zoe Project	Meet the Parents		Meet the Parents					
CMT	Starsky & Hutch				Beer for My Horses					Truck
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	John King, USA	Piers Morgan Tonight					
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Comedy	Kevin James	Comedy	The Comedy Central Roast	South Pk			
DISC	Man, Woman, Wild	Man, Woman, Wild	Bermuda Triangle		Bermuda Triangle					
DISN	Wizards	ANT Farm	Jessie	Phineas	PrankStar	Good Luck	Charlie	Shake It	Wizards	ANT Farm
E!	Sex-City	Sex-City	Kendra	Kardash	The Soup	Fashion	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	College Football		SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight					
ESPN2	High School Football		Rise Up		AFL Premiership					
FAM	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club	Whose?	Whose?			
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Heat Seekers		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FX	How I Met	How I Met	Pineapple Express		Superbad					
HGTV	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	House	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
American Profile										
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American	American	American	American	The History of Sex	Pawn	Pawn	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba
MTV	The Real World	Jersey Shore	American Pie							
NICK	SpongeBob	Bucket	George	George	Friends	Friends	'70s Show	'70s Show	George	George
SCI	WWE SmackDown!		Haveen		Alphas		Haveen			
SPIKE	Gangland		Gangland		Gangland		Gangland			Flip Men
TBS	MLB Baseball		MLB Baseball							
TCM	Point Blank		Tension-Rock							