

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 42. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 83. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. Breezy, with a north wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 41.
Monday: Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high near 66.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 39.
Tuesday: Sunny and breezy, with a high near 59.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 62.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 39.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 67.

Thursday: High, 75; Low 36
 Precip: Thursday None
 Month: 2.53 inches
 Year: 19.00 inches
 Normal: 17.78 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
 Saturday 7:54 a.m. 7:06 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 89 percent
 Sunday 7:55 a.m. 7:04 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 82 percent
 Monday 7:56 a.m. 7:03 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 74 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Algae warning lifted for some Kansas lakes

TOPEKA — Kansas officials have lifted advisories about high levels of blue-green algae in some lakes, but warnings remain in place for others.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment says algae levels have declined at Milford Lake, Dillon Park Lake near Hutchinson, Harvey County Camp Hawk Lake and Augusta's Santa Fe Lake.

Warnings remain in place for Memorial Park Lake in Great Bend, Harvey County West Lake and Warnock Lake in Atchison County. Additionally, advisories remain for the Augusta City Lake, Harvey County East Lake and Logan City Lake in Phillips County.

Blue-green algae become a problem when they bloom in massive amounts and release toxins that may cause rashes, vomiting, nausea and other symptoms. The summer's extreme heat and drought caused abnormal levels of the toxin.

Education funding overhaul outlined

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He said Brownback would consider provisions in the new law that would protect some districts from facing large property tax increases to maintain academic programs. Such provisions have been included in previous funding revisions, including those implemented when the current formula's framework was put in place in 1992.

Use of a local option sales tax for schools is also being considered. Fulmer said it would work much like the local option for property taxes, allowing residents in each school district to vote on a tax increase that

would be used to help fund schools. Districts in counties approving the sale tax would keep a percentage of the new revenue, with the remainder being sent to the state to reallocate to other Kansas districts.

"You'd have to buy in," Fulmer said. "If you have a better idea, let me know."

Randy Weseman, interim superintendent in the Tonganoxie district, said the sales tax idea would be difficult to administer because district boundaries crossed county lines.

"It sounds like what he's proposing is a really bad idea because of the way school districts overlap in counties," Weseman said.

Mike Mathes, president of the Kansas School Superintendents' Association, said any new formula would "unquestionably" be challenged in court.

The state is facing a lawsuit brought by a coalition of school districts over recent cuts in education funding. A three-judge panel is expected to start hearing the case in the summer of 2012. The case follows a 2005 Kansas Supreme Court ruling that the state's school funding formula was unconstitutional, prompting legislators to increase funding by \$1 billion over several years.

Topeka offers to help attorney with caseload

By John Milburn
 The Associated Press

TOPEKA — The city of Topeka, which was criticized this week when it repealed an ordinance against domestic violence, offered Thursday to assist the county whose district attorney had decided to stop handling misdemeanor domestic cases because of budget cuts.

Interim City Manager Dan Stanley met with Shawnee County Commission Chairwoman Shelly Buhler, extending an offer for Topeka to handle all remaining misdemeanor cases filed within the city in municipal court. The intent would be to free time and resources for District Attorney Chad Taylor to review and prosecute domestic battery misdemeanors that occur within the city limits.

The back-and-forth began after Taylor said in September that budget cuts were forcing him to stop prosecuting misdemeanors that occur within the city of Topeka, including domestic violence cases. That prompted the city to repeal its domestic battery ordinance Tuesday in a

move aimed at requiring Taylor to backtrack and so that the city wouldn't have the bill for the cases. Those decisions sparked concerns that domestic violence cases would go unprosecuted.

Stanley said district court was the appropriate place for people to seek justice for alleged domestic crimes rather than municipal court. He said the city's intent wasn't to minimize the seriousness of the crimes, but to provide adequate prosecution of the cases.

Taylor announced Wednesday that his office would accept sole responsibility for all domestic battery case sent there and that he would review and prosecute the cases on their merits, despite having his budget cut by about \$350,000. He also said he would be laying off up to 12 staff members by the end of the year because of the reduced funding.

Buhler said there was no discussion Thursday about additional funding for the district attorney's office or if the city would be willing to help offset expenses. She and Stanley agreed to ask Taylor to provide more information about the

costs of operating his office and prosecuting additional cases.

"I think we are glad that the matter has been settled, at least as far as the domestic cases," Buhler said. "We are going to push for a little more of the actual numbers. I think that will give us a better understanding."

Taylor's spokesman, Dakota Loomis, said the district attorney was pleased the city and county are still discussing the situation and hopes the underlying funding issues can be resolved.

"Our office is open to working with all parties to address this issue and will cooperate fully with any and all requests the Shawnee County Commission submits," Loomis said.

Kari Ann Rinker, state coordinator for the Kansas National Organization for Women, said the decision by Taylor to review the cases showed that the public's voice was heard. However, she still was concerned about how many cases will be prosecuted because of scarce resources.

"He still doesn't have adequate funding. The reason he chose not to review the cases

Panel wants to suspend ex-attorney general

By John Hanna
 The Associated Press

TOPEKA — A professional ethics panel recommended Thursday that former Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline have his state law license suspended indefinitely over his conduct during criminal investigations of abortion providers, saying he was "motivated by dishonesty and selfishness."

The three-member panel of the state Board for Discipline of Attorneys said Kline repeatedly misled other officials or allowed subordinates to mislead others, including a Kansas City-area grand jury, to further investigations of abortion providers. The panel also said Kline made a false statement to the office investigating the misconduct claims against him and even attempted to mislead the panel itself as it considered his case.

Kline has strongly disputed the allegations against him and called the complaint politically motivated.

legations in a complaint against Kline didn't represent violations of the state's rules for attorneys. Those included key criticisms of Kline and his subordinates over their handling of abortion patients' private medical records.

Yet the panel concluded Kline "engaged in a pattern of misconduct" while serving as Kansas attorney general in 2003-07 and as Johnson County district attorney for two years after he lost his bid for re-election to the state office.

"The Respondent's (Kline's) dishonest and selfish motives aggravate the misconduct in this case," the panel wrote in its 184-page report. "The Respondent failed to take any responsibility for his misconduct."

The recommended sanction from a three-member panel of the state Board for Discipline of Attorneys reflects the board's belief that Kline repeatedly violated the state's rules for attorneys. It stopped just short of recommending that he lose his law license, something state Disciplinary Administrator Stanton Hazlett had proposed in pursuing the case.

Hazlett didn't comment on the panel's decision, only summarizing its contents and noting that the Kansas Supreme Court will have the final say on whether Kline will face sanctions. It will be at least six months before the court hears Kline's case.

An attorney whose license is indefinitely suspended can file a petition to have it reinstated,

but such an action by the court is rare.

Kline's investigations of the late Dr. George Tiller, of Wichita, and a Planned Parenthood clinic in the Kansas City suburb of Overland Park led to criminal charges. Tiller eventually was acquitted; the Planned Parenthood case is pending.

Kline is now a visiting assistant law professor at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., founded by late evangelist the Rev. Jerry Falwell. His Kansas law license has been inactive since October 2010.

Abortion opponents, however, have called the disciplinary process unfair. Five of the seven Kansas Supreme Court justices were appointed by Democratic governors who supported abortion rights, and the court sug-

Briefly

Retreat organizers operate corn maze
 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.

Organizations to collect food items for Genesis
 Several youth organizations will go door to door in Colby to collect non-perishable food for the Genesis-Thomas County food bank from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday. The groups will include Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Catholic Youth Organization and several Colby Community College sports teams. Anyone not at home during that time can leave items in a sack by their door or take items to Genesis at the Thomas County Office Complex. For information, call Mint Culver at 460-6005.

School district to hold combined concert
 Colby Public Schools will hold its annual "District Music Concert" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Colby Community Building. It will feature musicians from the Grade School, Middle School and High School. There is no cost to attend. For information, call music instructor Jennifer Koel at 460-5100.

Sacred Heart auction planned for Oct. 21, 22
 The 14th Annual Sacred Heart Parish Auction will begin at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at City Limits Convention Center. Tickets are \$30 each or \$220 for a table of eight. Auction items have been donated by local people and businesses. A preview of the items will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at City Limits. For information or tickets, call the church rectory at 462-2179.

Grade school musical set for Tuesday, Oct. 25
 Colby Grade School second graders will perform "Temples and Tombs" a musical about Egypt at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, in the grade school auditorium. There is no cost to attend. For information, call music instructor Jennifer Koel at 460-5100.

Prairie Museum showing college artwork
 An exhibit at the Prairie Museum of Art and History through October is a selection of works from the art department at Colby Community College. The pieces, created by art instructor Rebel Jay and students from several classes, utilize a variety of media including acrylics, chalk, clay and found objects. The museum, at 1905 S. Franklin Ave., is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1 to 5 p.m. on weekends. There is no charge to view the exhibit. For information, call 460-4590.

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| Monday Evening | | | | | | | | | | October 17, 2011 | | | | |
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| | 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 U | 2 Broke G | Two Men | Mike | Hawaii Five-0 | | Local | Late Show Letterman | Late | | | | | |
| KSNK/NBC | The Sing-Off | | | | Prime Suspect | | Local | Tonight Show w/Leno | Late | | | | | |
| KSAS/FOX | Terra Nova | | House | | Local | | | | | | | | | |
| A & E | Family Jewels | | Family Jewels | | Jewels | Jewels | Family Jewels | | Family Jewels | | | | | |
| AMC | Survival of the Dead | | | | The Hills Have Eyes | | | | | | | | | Mimic 2 |
| ANIM | Animal Cops Houston | I Shouldn't Be Alive | | | I Shouldn't Be Alive | | Animal Cops Houston | | I Shouldn't Be Alive | | | | | |
| BRAVO | Real Housewives | Real Housewives | | | Most Eligible Dallas | | Happens | Real Housewives | Eligible | | | | | |
| CMT | The Singing Bee | | The Singing Bee | | Invitation Only | | | Top Secret Recipe | Trick My What? | | | | | |
| CNN | Anderson Cooper 360 | | Piers Morgan Tonight | | Anderson Cooper 360 | | E. B. OutFront | | Piers Morgan Tonight | | | | | |
| COMEDY | South Pk | South Pk | Sunny | Sunny | Sunny | Sunny | Daily | Colbert | South Pk | South Pk | | | | |
| DISC | American Chopper | | American Chopper | | American Guns | | American Chopper | | American Guns | | | | | |
| DISN | PrankStar | | Halloweentown | | ANT Farm | Shake It | PrankStar | Vampire | Wizards | Wizards | | | | |
| E! | Sex-City | Sex-City | E! Special | | Fashion | The Soup | Chelsea | E! News | Chelsea | | | | | |
| ESPN | Countdown | | NFL Football | | | | | | SportsCenter | | | | | |
| ESPN2 | SportsCtr | | Pan American Games | | | | SportsCtr | Football | Baseball | Awards | | | | |
| FAM | The Lying Game | | The Lying Game | | The Lying Game | | The 700 Club | | Whose? | Whose? | | | | |
| FOOD | Unwrapped | Crave | The Best | The Best | Diners | Diners | Diners | Diners | The Best | The Best | | | | |
| FX | Iron Man | | | | | | | | Iron Man | | | | | |
| HGTV | House | House | First | First | House | Hunters | House | Hunters | First | First | | | | |
| HIST | Pawn | Pawn | American Pickers | | Pawn | Pawn | Hairy Bik | TBA | Pawn | Pawn | | | | |
| LIFE | Unsolved Mysteries | | We Have Your Husband | | | | Against the Wall | | Unsolved Mysteries | | | | | |
| MTV | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Death | Friend'd | Ridic. | Death | Friend'd | | | | |
| NICK | My Wife | My Wife | George | George | George | '70s Show | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | | | | |
| SCI | Scare | Scare | Scare | Scare | Scare | Scare | Urban | Urban | Scare | Scare | | | | |
| SPIKE | Kill Bill | Kill Bill: Vol. 2 | | | | | | | The Chronicles of Riddick | | | | | |
| TBS | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Conan | | Office | Office | | | | |
| TCM | Horror of Dracula | | | | House on Haunted Hill | | | The Tinger | | House | | | | |
| TLC | Lottery Changed | | Lottery Changed | | Cake Boss | Cake Boss | Lottery Changed | | Lottery Changed | | | | | |
| TNT | Law & Order | | Law & Order | | The Closer | | CSI: NY | | CSI: NY | | | | | |
| TOON | Adventure | Secret | King-Hill | King-Hill | Amer. Dad | Amer. Dad | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Chicken | Aqua Teen | | | | |
| TRAV | Bizarre Foods | | Bizarre | Cook Tour | No Reservation | | No Reservation | | Bizarre | Cook Tour | | | | |
| TV LAND | Married | Married | Scrubs | Scrubs | Raymond | Raymond | Raymond | Raymond | Roseanne | Roseanne | | | | |
| USA | NCIS | | WWF Monday Night RAW | | | | Law & Order: SVU | | NCIS | | | | | |
| VH1 | Basketball Wives LA | | La La | T.O. Show | Basketball Wives LA | | La La | T.O. Show | Basketball Wives LA | | | | | |
| WGN | 30 Rock | 30 Rock | 30 Rock | 30 Rock | WGN News at Nine | | 30 Rock | Scrubs | Scrubs | Sunny | | | | |
| Premium Channels | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HBO | Real Time/Bill Maher | | Bored | Enlighten | Sing Your Song | | | | | | | | | |
| MAX | Robin Hood | | | | Dinner for Schmucks | | | | | Sin City Diaries | | | | |
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