

# Weather



National Weather Service

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 36. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. Windy, with a south wind 20 to 25 mph increasing to between 30 and 35 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. Breezy, with a west wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 53. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 29.

**Monday:** A 30 percent chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 51.

**Monday Night:** Rain likely. Cloudy, with a low around 34. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

**Tuesday:** A chance of snow. Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a high near 44. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 29.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 49.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 29.

Thursday: High, 46; Low 16  
Precip: Thursday None  
Month: 0.18 inches  
Year: 19.56 inches  
Normal: 20.03 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)

**Sunrise and Sunset**  
Saturday 8:16 a.m. 6:39 p.m.  
Moon: waxing, 78 percent  
Sunday 7:18 a.m. 5:38 p.m.  
END DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
Moon: waxing, 86 percent  
Monday 7:19 a.m. 5:37 p.m.  
Moon: waxing, 91 percent  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

# Company to renovate hospital

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day to Thursday, 1 to 9 p.m. Friday and 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. From July 1 to 31, the pool will be open from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 1 to 9 p.m. Friday, 1 to 8 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday. From Aug. 1 to 19, the pool will be open from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 1 to 9 p.m. Friday and 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. On Aug. 25 and 26 and September 1 to 3, the pool will be open from 1 to 6 p.m.

Armstrong said the pool didn't see enough traffic June and September to warrant keep-

ing it open late.

Fees will stay the same, except the 14 day pass, which will no longer be offered.

Armstrong and council members also met with the Colby Swim Club, who is proposing building a small storage shed on the north side of the pool near the diving boards. Armstrong said that if the city poured the concrete, the club would build the building. Hufles asked that they make sure it blends in with the other buildings at the pool.

The city has also set up an Aquatic Park Scholarship through the Thomas County Community Foundation so that

people can donate money to help low- to middle-income kids get passes to the pool. Armstrong said kids on free and reduced lunch at Thomas County schools can apply at City Hall to be considered for a 10-day pool pass. Preference will be given to kids on free lunch.

- Approved a contract to acquire real estate around the airport for the expansion project. The council decided to allow the current lessee to keep farming the land until the city is ready to begin the project.

- Approved hiring Northwest Kansas Planning and Development as grant administrator for

the \$100,000 block grant prize from the Take Charge Challenge. Since the money comes from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, the city will have to ensure it meets several requirements, such as the Davis-Bacon Act, which requires that workers on the project be paid the prevailing wage. A grant administrator would deal with these requirements so the city staff won't have to.

Armstrong said that Colby Community College would like to use some of the old street lights to light its parking lot.

# State board to get briefed on proposal

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However, Brownback said recently that it would be difficult for the state to pay the additional costs, citing a soft state economy and concerns about reductions in federal spending.

Kansas will learn Friday how much revenue it can expect to collect for the remainder of the fiscal year and the next budget year. A group of economists and researchers will

issue the revenue forecast, which is used by the governor and legislators to build the state budget. As of October, revenues are running about \$61 million ahead of what was projected in April.

Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan said Monday that policymakers "need to continue to focus on fiscally responsible spending, so the state is in a position to accommodate unanticipated revenue events."

School officials from Buhler said they

hoped that legislators would fund at least some of the additional education costs.

"We know that the Legislature is looking at reducing taxes, but hopefully they will use some of (the surplus revenue) to defray some of this," said Todd Stephenson, the district's business manager.

Brownback is expected to announce his tax proposal in the coming weeks, along with proposed changes in Medicaid programs.

# County may lose grant over late mapping

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hurry and get me the photos within the next two weeks, then I have to file an extension with the grant awardee and hope they give it to me."

The county is so concerned with the quality of the photos that the commissioners approved paying R&S Digital \$3,000 to ensure the product from Sanborn is good.

"The photos have to meet specific standards and we can't afford any errors," Cech said. "Just having leaves on the trees can cause all kinds of problems because it obstructs the view of landmarks on the ground."

Approval was also given to sign a distribution agreement with R&S Digital for revenue sharing. The company maintains a parcel layer for Thomas County in a geographical information system, which uses the orthophotography pictures and geographical data.

Thomas County will get a cut of profits when the information

is bought by other companies. Data could be used to help with land development, watershed management, crop science and other purposes.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Authorized Thomas County Health Department director Kasiah Rothchild to purchase a vision machine, which she said will be used about 100 times per year or more. Right now, the health department uses letters on a piece of paper to check vision. Children and adults who may have vision problems are referred to an eye professional for follow-up care.

- Signed contracts with the state of Kansas and Penco Engineering regarding 4,800 feet of road improvements on U.S. 83 in front of the McCarty Dairy. Dale Owings of Penco said the project could start as early as March 1 or as late as April 1 barring weather conditions.

- Approved Emergency Medical Services to spend \$1,016.70 for six new tires on the ambu-

lance plus \$60 for front end alignment. Three local bids were received and commissioners approved a recommendation from medical services assistant director Don Morton to purchase silent armor tires from Great Western Tire.

"I think we ought to go with his recommendation, with his expertise being a former tire salesman," said Commissioner Paul Steele.

- Heard an update from Custodial Services Director Gayla Davis. She said she had just become aware that probation officer Daren Organ has people do community service at the courthouse. She said there was an incident last week when an unsupervised probationer left a puddle of water on the floor and people slipped.

"I'd like to be informed when people come do community service so I can supervise," she said.

Davis also said that former custodian Darren Bell has offered to teach her how to use cleaning equipment to strip the floor. She said there is a problem with the burnisher.

- Discussed drainage issues at the fairgrounds. Road and bridge supervisor Clair Schrock explained that dirt washes from the arena onto Range Avenue and into storm drains.

"When a pond fills up, they pump the water out onto Range with dirt and everything. We fixed the problem once before by

putting the hose in a bucket, so it would only suck out water and that helped. But, when we get a big rain like when we got that 2 1/2 inches it sucks all kinds of junk out," Schrock said.

"I think that if we get a little grass established, it'll push it back north and alleviate the problem on the northeast corner."

- Signed a contract with Stockton Restoration Company to do maintenance work on the steps of the courthouse. An agreement for the company to restore the west and north side of the exterior was tabled.

"I want to see how they do on the steps before we sign a contract for the rest of the building," said Steele.

- Heard from Commissioner Byron Sowers, who said he has been getting a lot of complaints about improvements that were recently made to the Mingo road. It needs reworked and people were having problems slipping in places. Schrock said they came back and patched in with hot mix on the south lane.

"People have told me we shouldn't pay for it and I don't know about that, but I would like documentation showing they will be back in the spring if we are not satisfied," Sowers said. "And I want it before we pay the bill."

Schrock said company doesn't want their name associated with a bad job and an agreement will be drawn up.

# Briefly

## Berean Church to hold benefit supper

The Colby Berean Church will hold a benefit soup supper for Ron and Pam Boller from 4:30 to 8 p.m. today at the Colby Community Building during the college basketball game. Donations will be accepted to help the Bollers with medical expenses. For information, call 460-2763.

## Pets available at clinic for adoption

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has a spayed, fawn-colored female boxer mix and two rat terriers, a 1-year-old male and a 2-year-old female, available for adoption. Lost or strayed animals are often brought to the clinic. Call or stop by 810 E. Fourth St. All animals have current shots, and costs are minimal. For questions, call 460-8621.

## Food sign up open at insurance office

Prairie Land Food sign up is open until Monday at the State Farm Insurance office, 905 E. Fourth St. The food will be delivered at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Sacred Heart School gym. For information, call Gene Griffin at 460-3579.

## College students plan soup supper Saturday

The first-year dental hygiene students at Colby Community College will hold a soup supper from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Meadow Lake Country Club to raise money for the Students of the American Dental Hygiene Association. Money raised will be divided among the clinic on campus, the community and the association. For information, call (785) 735-4524.

## Catholic church to cook turkey dinner

Sacred Heart Catholic Church will have an old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday in the church basement. Dinner will include turkey, ham, potatoes, corn and homemade pie. Donations will be accepted. To schedule a Meals on Wheels delivery, call 462-2179 until 5 p.m. Friday and 460-2813 on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

## Church to celebrate 125th anniversary

The First Presbyterian Church will celebrate its 125th anniversary with activities on Saturday and Sunday at the church. There will be an ice cream social at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, with a special history program at 1 p.m. For information, call 462-6342.

## Seniors plan potluck

The group More Fun Together plans a potluck for people 50 or older who are alone, widowed, divorced, separated or who have partners in nursing homes at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverage will be provided. For information, call 462-6342.

# University of Kansas med school expanding

LAWRENCE (AP) — As the need for more doctors increases, the Kansas University School of Medicine has expanded to produce more physicians, especially for under-served areas.

But more needs to be done, said Barbara Atkinson, executive vice chancellor of the KU Medical Center and dean of the School of Medicine.

"We are barely keeping up," Atkinson said. "We would like to see the addition of more students to our class."

But producing more doctors will require more money and that may be difficult given Gov. Sam Brownback's desire to build budget reserves and cut both taxes and spending.

In recent years, the KU School of Medicine, based in Kansas City, has opened a new campus in Salina and expanded its school in Wichita. Much of this has been financed with private donations and tuition.

Prior to 2011, each incoming class had 175 students, all of whom completed their first and second years at the main campus at Kansas City. For the third and fourth years of training, 55 would go to the Wichita campus. But through expansion, this year's incoming class is 191 students with eight

first-year students in Salina and eight in Wichita.

Starting next school year, the incoming class will consist of 211 students: 175 in Kansas City; 28 in Wichita and eight in Salina. The Salina campus is the smallest four-year medical education site in the country, and KU officials hope that it will become a model for producing rural doctors.

With the number of qualified applicants KU receives, Atkinson said the university could have taken 100 more medical students this year, if it had the resources.

But funding problems are on the horizon.

A medical school loan program that has produced doctors for rural areas needs cash, Atkinson said. KU is seeking \$1.9 million to allow the program to be maintained at 120 loans per year, which is the same number of loans that has been offered for at least the last 10 years.

Under the program, a student receives tuition, fees and a monthly stipend. The loan can be repaid by entering a primary care specialty, and practicing in an under-served country for one year for each year of loan support. Failure to satisfy the service commitment requires repayment of the loan plus a 15 percent interest penalty.

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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				Rock Center		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late					
KSAS/FOX	Terra Nova		House		Local									
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A & E	Hoarders		Hoarders		Monster	Monster	Intervention		Hoarders					
AMC	Rocky					Rocky II								
ANIM	Fatal Attractions		Fatal Attractions		Fatal Attractions		Fatal Attractions		Fatal Attractions					
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Happens	Housewives/Atl.	Real					
CMT	Ron White: Call Me Tater Salad		Ron White: Call Me Tater Salad				CMT Music							
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EI	Sex-City		Sex-City		EI Special		Chelsea	EI News	Chelsea					
ESPN	Countdown		NFL Football						SportsCenter					
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FAM	Along Came Polly		Dodgeball: Underdog				The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?				
FOOD	Bobby Flay		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners				
FX	Live Free-Die						Pelham 123							
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HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Hairy Bik	TBA	Pawn	Pawn				
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NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends				
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TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Office	Office				
TCM	This Gun for Hire			The Blue Dahlia					The Postman Always Rings Twice					
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Lottery Changed		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	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 Foods		No Reservation		No Reservation		Bizarre Foods					
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