National Weather Service

Winter Storm Warning

Tonight: Snow and wide-

spread blowing snow. Low

around 26. Windy, with a north

wind between 25 and 30 mph,

with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Chance of precipitation is 100

percent. New snow accumula-

Saturday: Snow likely and

areas of blowing snow before

noon, then areas of blowing

snow and a chance of snow after noon. Cloudy, with a high

near 32. Breezy, with a north

wind between 15 and 25 mph,

with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Chance of precipitation is 70

percent. New snow accumula-

tion of less than a half inch pos-

Saturday Night: Partly

cloudy, with a low around 16.

North wind between 10 and 15

Sunday: Sunny, with a high

Sunday Night: Mostly clear,

Monday: Sunny, with a high

Monday Night: Partly cloudy,

Tuesday: A 20 percent

Wednesday: Mostly sunny,

Wednesday Night: Mostly

Thursday: Sunny, with a high

Night: Mostly

0.24 inches

0.24 inches

0.93 inches

7:49 a.m. 6:08 p.m.

7:48 a.m. 6:09 p.m.

7:47 a.m. 6:10 p.m.

chance of snow. Partly sunny,

cloudy, with a low around 16.

clear, with a low around 16.

Thursday: High, 57; Low 33

Month:

Normal:

Year:

Precip: Thursday 0.24 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Moon: waxing, 89 percent

Moon: waxing, 94 percent

Moon: waxing, 98 percent

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

near 33. Northwest wind be-

tween 5 and 10 mph.

with a low around 17.

with a low around 16.

with a high near 32.

with a high near 38.

Tuesday

near 41.

Saturday

Sunday

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sible.

mph.

near 38

tion of 3 to 7 inches possible.

Area/State

Weather Director wants to improve service

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Hickert went on to say that he will be ordering new monitors for the ambulances in the next two weeks and presented the commissioners with two models he was considering.

The first is a Zoll E-series defibrillator monitor that has several beneficial features for emergency medical technicians and hospital employees, such as bluetooth technology that transmits the information the monitor receives about a patient and sends it to the hospital. The cost of one of these monitors is on the low end of \$20,000.

The other monitor is a Physio Control LifePak 12, which is the model the department currently uses, but the ones he is looking at are refurbished, so they cost \$12,748 each.

"It has everything that this other one has; it weighs a little bit more," Hickert said. "... This will seamlessly transition into the ER because they have LifePak 12s also. Now, the reason why that's good is we don't have to have little connector things that get lost."

The other area, he said, where there's a conflict between the two designs is in measuring end title carbon dioxide, which is the amount of carbon dioxide that is exhaled by a patient. Hickert said that is important when it comes to asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and cardiac arrest patients.

"COPD and asthma patients generally put out a lot more carbon dioxide than normal healthy people," he said.

The way the LifePak 12 measures carbon dioxide output is easier to coordinate with the hospital's machines than the way the Zoll monitor does.

The other major difference, he said, is that the LifePak 12 can use Bluetooth technology to transmit patient information like the Zoll does, but the department would have to purchase a data package in order to use that technology. Zoll's data package would come free with the purchase of a monitor and Hickert said he doesn't know how much Physio charges for that service.

Christansen asked if Hickert recommended going with the refurbished LifePak 12's and Hickert said he thought it was the right choice for right now. He said Physio tends to discontinue models more often than other companies, so they may have to look at a different model within five to 10 years.

"Just realize that's in the future, but right now, I seriously think this is probably the way to go," Hickert said.

Christansen then asked how many Hickert would need and Hickert said he needs four. Christansen said Hickert has the monev to buy these monitors, which totals to \$50,992.

However, Hickert said he would prefer that the commissioners wait until the next meeting to approve the purchase of the monitors so that he can check on the price of Physio's data package.

Hickert ended his department update by having the commissioners review and sign an Emergency Medical Services Program Provider and Education Plan. The plan was approved as submitted by Hickert.

cy management. "But we are

The emergency commit-



Dance planned at Meadow Lake

A dance from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Meadow Lake clubhouse will feature music by Ray Gerver. For information. call Lue Duffey at (785) 269-7057.

Legion baseball plans meeting Sunday

An information meeting for American Legion baseball is set for 3 p.m. Sunday at the Colby American Legion Hall, 1850 W. Fourth St. For information, call Jeff Krzycki at 443-2542.

Women's group to sell soup for preschool

Kappa Upsilon, a women's service group, has postponed its annual soup supper originally scheduled for tonight to benefit Puddle Duck Preschool. The supper will be rescheduled at a later date. For information, call teacher Amy Jennings at 460-2603.

Comments sought on school walk routes

Everyone is invited to attend a Safe Routes to School community meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the Pioneer Memorial Library. Members will talk about the program and review the data it's collected. Sponsors says they hope an open discussion will produce suggestions and opinions. For information, call Megan Carmichael at 465-9103.

Free help with taxes offered by senior group

Free tax preparation will be available from experts trained by the American Association of Retired Persons' Tax-Aide program, by appointment only, on Wednesdays through April 11 at the Colby Community College library. For an appointment, call Earle Rice at 462-2990.

Brewster schools offer free screening for kids

The Brewster schools plan a free early childhood screening for children up to age 5 on Monday at the Brewster Community Church. Screenings include vision, hearing and motor, thinking and speech and language skills. Call Susan Schmidt at (785) 694-2236 Tuesday through Thursday to schedule an appointment.

Colby schools plan book fairs this month

A Scholastic Book Fair is planned at Colby Grade School from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday. A fair at Colby Middle School will be open during school hours and parentteacher conferences Tuesday through Monday, Feb. 13. For information, call Kelly Draper at 460-5200.

Therapist assistants offering massages

Committee prepares for emergencies

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ing, explained McMahan.

A conditional approval was received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which is typical from the agency, said McMahan, and the group will work harder to obtain more information needed for full approval on a Debris Management Plan.

plan, and it was a 10-month process last year," she said.

explained that the formation of gency response to accidental or

a presidential and congressional substances. They also provide preparing for and responding to response to a methyl isocyanate citizens and local governments spill in Bhopal, India, in 1984. Forty-four tons of the dangerous chemical escaped, killing 2,500 people and injuring nearly 305,000 more.

McMahan said the incident led to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, also known as the Super-"We did really well on the fund Amendments and Reauthorization Act, Title III of 1986.

The objectives of the commit-After the meeting, McMahan tee are to improve local emer-

committees across the U.S. was unplanned release of hazardous veloping an emergency plan for chemical emergencies in Thomaccess to information about haz- as County," said McMahan, who ardous substances located in the is also the director for emergencommunity, she said.

She explained that hazardous also charged with responsibility materials are becoming more to handle all hazards.' and more prevalent due to new manufacturing businesses and tee meets quarterly. It includes drilling for crude oil. In 2008, members from law enforcement, she said there were only 47 re- civil defense, fire fighting, first ports of having more than the aid, health-care, transportation, allowed-amount of hazardous communications media, elected materials. Today, there are 102 officials and other industry exreports.

"LEPC is responsible for de-

Labor Department changes child labor plan

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children from performing common farm and offer a separate comment period on Division will apply current laws that ban tasks like rounding up cattle on horseback, those changes. The agency will continue to children from performing certain hazardous operating a tractor, or cleaning out stalls with a shovel and wheelbarrow.

Solis said the Labor Department would propose the modified rules this summer the Labor Department's Wage and Hour review more than 18,000 comments it has occupations. already received.

Until the new exemption is made final,

perts.

Kansas lawmakers warned by prosecutor to keep records

By John Hanna

Associated Press

TOPEKA - A local prosecuthe sessions violated the state's investigation. open meetings law. Shawnee County District Attorney Chad Taylor sent a letter to all 40 state senators and all 125 House members, directing them to preserve not only their records, electronic files and

the administration's information fying the public. The governor's wrote. "This not only includes technology director.

He expected all of the letters tor is warning Kansas legislators to be distributed Friday, ahead and Gov. Sam Brownback to of an afternoon news confer- cial gatherings and Brownback tervening to prevent loss due to preserve records and electronic ence he scheduled to discuss his admonished legislators to avoid files about gatherings at his of- investigation. Brownback and discussions that would violate ficial residence as "potentially legislative leaders planned news the law. The Topeka Capital- erally prohibits a voting majorrelevant evidence" in an inves- conferences on other topics but Journal, which has reported ity of a legislative body from tigation into complaints that could face questions about the extensively about the meetings, discussing government business The Associated Press obtained a copy of the letter Thursday evening from a legislative side of preservation" when it ter, not a criminal one. A person source who did not want to be

identified because copies of the

Statehouse, had not been distrib-

Brownback invited GOP

uted to all lawmakers.

secretary of administration and January, without formally noti- exception or limitation," Taylor violate the Kansas Open Meetings Act because they were soasked Taylor to investigate

staff has said the events did not refraining from any acts that may alter or destroy relevant information, but also includes inroutine operations."

The Open Meetings Act genwithout giving the public notice Taylor said in his letter that or access to the meetings. Allegislators should "err on the leged violations are a civil matcomes to preserving records. He found to have broken the law is



"tangible items," but the same materials for their staffs. Taylor said Thursday night that he also lawmakers from 13 legislative must begin immediately, without records. sent it to Brownback's office, his committees to seven dinners in

also noted that electronic files subject to fines of up to \$500. letter, while delivered to the include e-mails, voice mails and instant messages.

Brownback spokeswoman Sherriene Jones-Sontag noted "Your efforts to identify and state law already requires the preserve relevant information governor's office to retain its

The Colby Community College Physical Therapist Assistant Club will offer massages by appointment from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in Room 804 of the Health Science Building. Cost is \$12 for 30 minutes and \$22 for 60 minutes. For information or an appointment call Marie Wolkomir at 460-4797.

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