

Weather



National Weather Service Red Flag Warning until 8 p.m. this evening. A fire weather watch remains in effect through Saturday evening.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 43. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 85. Breezy, with a west wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50. Breezy, with a south wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. Very windy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 35 and 40 mph. Winds could gust as high as 55 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy and windy, with a low around 51.

Monday: Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high near 65.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 38.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 37.

Thursday: A 40 percent chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a high near 58.

Thursday:	High, 79; Low 35
Precip:	Thursday None
Month:	0.07 inches
Year:	0.96 inches
Normal:	2.11 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)	
Sunrise and Sunset	
Saturday	7:52 a.m. 7:54 p.m.
Moon:	waning, 23 percent
Sunday	7:50 a.m. 7:55 p.m.
Moon:	waning, 15 percent
Monday	7:48 a.m. 7:56 p.m.
Moon:	waning, 8 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Grant will help group fight fat

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tum to a tipping point as communities come together to make ours a healthier nation."

The U.S. has the highest rate of obesity among all developed nations, the initiative says. At current rates, three in four Americans will be overweight or obese by 2020.

"Collaborate for Healthy Weight is a unique initiative that fosters innovative local partnerships across the nation to make a real difference in the battle against obesity and health inequity," said Mary Wakefield, administrator of the federal agency. "We look forward to spreading the ideas generated

through these projects to other communities throughout the country."

Collaborate for Healthy Weight is supported through the Prevention and Public Health Fund under the Affordable Care Act, and made possible by a cooperative agreement from the health administration. The national initiative leads a coalition of partner organizations that manage all program logistics and oversee the work of participating teams.

The 50 teams now participating in this initiative are focused on areas as small as a single town and as large as an entire state, in all corners of the country, the initiative says.

Paper wins award in statewide arena

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Cynthia Haynes, chief financial officer for the group, won third place for column writing. Her columns also appear in the *Free Press*.

At the Goodland paper, ad designer Jessica Corbin got first place in three advertising categories: best grocery ad for the Cowboy Corner Express on Sept. 20, best health care ad for Barotz Dental on Oct. 11 and best professional service ad for Assured Occupational Solutions Sept. 27. She also won third place in best automotive ad for Finley Motors on March 11.

Former Goodland Editor Tom Betz got third place in editorial

writing. Over the course of the year, Betz wrote opinion pieces on truck noise, the post office, budgets and firefighters. He continues to write for the paper while working for the company part time.

Other company awards include:

- *The St. Francis Herald*, third place in feature photography for Karen Krien.

- *The Oberlin Herald*, third place for best specialty ad for a Dales Fish N Fun ad by Crista Sauvage.

The awards will be presented at the Kansas Press Association annual convention April 20 and 21 in Overland Park.

State budget at \$14.2 billion

TOPEKA (AP) – The Kansas House is preparing to debate a proposed \$14.1 billion state budget that has drawn bipartisan criticism over withholding of some education funds.

The measure on Friday's House agenda sticks closely to many of Republican Gov. Sam Brownback's spending recommendations for the fiscal year that starts July 1. It would cut overall state spending by about 4 percent, or \$616 million.

But it doesn't include \$29 million sought by Brownback to cover higher-than-expected costs incurred by school districts in the current academic year. Without that money, districts would have to use their reserves.

Republicans backing the bill defend it as responsible. It could leave the state with more than \$500 million in cash reserves at the end of June 2012, depending on how much are cut taxes.



STEVE HAYNES/Colby Free Press

With the road closed, a crane and a backhoe were poised to begin demolition of the old bridge on K-25 south of Colby this morning.

Construction closes K-25 south of Colby

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Grain trucks and others were using the road this morning. County officials pointed out that trucks can use I-70 to the Mingo exit and come back to K-25 on a paved county road in wet weather. County roads to the west also can be used to get around the bridge.

Access to Russell Springs is available by using county roads, including the mail road running south from U.S. 40 east of Winona.

County Commissioner Paul Steele said earlier that the state had given the county \$100,000 to improve the detour, which is on a township road.

Simon Contractors of North Platte, Neb., and Cheyenne, Wyo., has the \$550,000 contract to rebuild the bridge. The work includes replacing the pavement through the project with new asphalt.

The old steel bridge over the

usually dry "river" will be replaced with a new concrete span designed to handle expected flood flows.

Eric Oelschlager, area engineer for the Transportation Department in Atwood, will supervise the bridge job. He said the contractor has 105 calendar days to complete the work.

The old bridge is not restricted for heavy loads, he said, but the steel deck is rusting out. At 60 years, though, the span probably was a bargain. The new bridge, Oelschlager said, will be wider and have a better deck.

Mr. Steele said when the project is done, the county still will have an improved alternative route south of town.

The bridge project is part of T-Works, the \$8 billion transportation program passed by the Legislature two years ago. It and other upcoming road construction projects may be viewed at www.ksdot.org/tworks.

Italian town outlaws death

ROME (AP) – Since the start of the month it has been illegal to die in Falciano del Massico, a village of 3,700 people 30 miles from Naples in southern Italy.

Mayor Giulio Cesare Fava issued the tongue-in-cheek decree because the village has no

cemetery and it is feuding with a nearby town that has one – creating a logistical problem about what to do with the deceased.

"The ordinance has brought happiness," he was quoted Tuesday as saying. "Unfortunately, two elderly citizens disobeyed."

Briefly

Colby band to play for Pickin' fund raiser

The Colby country and rock group "The Mama's Boys" will play for a St. Patrick's Day dance and concert at 9 p.m. Saturday at the City Limits Convention Center. A beer and wine tasting will run from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets for the evening, including light snacks and door prizes, are \$25 each at the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau or City Limits, or \$15 for either the tasting only (in advance) or the dance (at the door). All proceeds will benefit the Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass Festival in July. For information, call the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau at (785) 460-7643.

Prom dresses on rack at Presbyterian Church

It is time again for the annual sale of gently-used prom dresses, from 6 to 8 p.m. through tonight at the First Presbyterian Church in Colby. All dresses are \$20 and all proceeds go to Genesis-Thomas County food bank. For information, call Sue Draper at 460-6332.

Fourth graders draw historic building in area

A free exhibit of drawings by fourth graders at Colby Grade School will be on display at the Pioneer Memorial Library from Tuesday through Friday, April 6. The drawings depict buildings important to the area's history. For information, call Ann Miner at (785) 460-4590 or e-mail museum@st-el.net.

College offers class on drawing the figure

A class in drawing a clothed figure will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday and Thursday in room 502 of Ferguson Hall at Colby Community College. Cost is \$5 per session. Students must bring their own materials and be on time. For information, call instructor David Ketchum at (785) 687-2575.

Cemetery decorations need to be removed

All Christmas and nonpermanent decorations need to be removed from Beulah Cemetery by 5 p.m. next Friday to allow for spring maintenance. For questions, call caretaker Deb Henry at 462-3188.

Aging board, advisors meet Tuesday in Oakley

The board and advisory council of the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Colonial Steakhouse in Oakley. For information, call Glenna Clingingsmith at the agency at (800) 432-7422 or (785) 628-8204.

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 college library. For an appointment, call Earle Rice at 462-2990.

Senator blocks secretary's citizenship bill

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supposed to be able to automatically transfer electronic copies of birth certificates and other documents proving citizenship to election officials.

Initially, officials said the second phase of the upgrade should be done by June, but the committee learned Wednesday – at its second-to-last meeting of the year – that it wouldn't be completed until Aug. 1.

"That was the big issue," Huntington said. "We

waited until the last minute, until we could find out the latest information regarding the computer system."

Kobach came to Thursday's meeting with proposed amendments to his bill that he said would make the computer upgrade's status irrelevant. But testimony from opponents of his bill took up most of the committee's hour-long meeting, preventing members from considering the changes.

Kobach's measure is HB 2437.

Rawlins County Health Center

RAWLINS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>St. Patrick's Day March 17</p>				<p>1 Dr. Reeves Podiatry</p>	<p>2 Dr. Reeves Podiatry</p> <p>Nuclear Medicine Cardiac Rehab MRI's</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5 Dr. Rubowitz Oncology</p> <p>Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab</p>	<p>6 Dr. Frederick C. Miller Cardiology</p> <p>DEXA Bone Density</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Cardiac Rehab MRI's</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Mammograms</p>	<p>14 Dr. Frankum Surgery</p> <p>Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Nuclear Medicine Cardiac Rehab MRI's</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab</p>	<p>20 Dr. Frederick C. Miller Cardiology</p>	<p>21 Dr. Curtis Cardiology</p> <p>Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Cardiac Rehab MRI'S</p>	<p>24</p>
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TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A VISITING PHYSICIAN, PLEASE CALL (785) 626-3211 Cheryl Banister, RN Specialty Clinic Director

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Monday Evening										March 19, 2012	
	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	2 Broke G	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late		
KSNN/NBC	The Voice				Smash		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late		
KSAS/FOX	House		Alcatraz		Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Intervention		Intervention		Intervention			Intervention		Intervention	
AMC	Shawshank R.							Shawshank R.			
ANIM	North Woods Law		Rattlesnake Republic		Rattlesnake Republic		North Woods Law		Rattlesnake Republic		
BRAVO	Bethenny Ever After		Bethenny Ever After		Love Broker		Bethenny Ever After		Love Broker		
CMT	Legends of the Fall				The Rookie						
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		Sons of Guns		American Chopper		Sons of Guns		
DISN	Doc McSt.	Beverly Hills						ANT Farm	Wizards	Wizards	
E!	Fashion Police	Khloe	Khloe		True Hollywood Story		Chelse	E! News	Chelse	Chelse	
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	Women's College Basketball		Wm. Basketball					Women's College Basketball			
FAM	Pretty Little Liars	Secret-Teen		Pretty Little Liars			The 700 Club		Prince	Prince	
FOOD	Heat See.	Heat See.	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	
FX	Iron Man										
HGTV	Love It or List It		House	House	House	Hunters	My House	First	House	House	
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn		American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	
LIFE	The Ugly Truth				No Reservations				The Ugly Truth		
MTV	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Jersey Shore		
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	'70s Show	'70s Show	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	Being Human		Being Human		Lost Girl		Being Human		Lost Girl		
SPIKE	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Office	Office	
TCM	This Sporting Life				Billy Liar				Servant		
TLC	Obsession	Obsession	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Obsession	Obsession	To Be Announced		
TNT	NBA Basketball						NBA Basketball				
TOON	Regular	MAD	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Boondocks	
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		No Reservation		Bizarre Foods		
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	The King of Queens		
USA	NCIS		WWE Monday Night RAW				Psych		NCIS		
VH1	Basketball Wives		La La	By June	Basketball Wives		La La	By June	Basketball Wives		
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Death	
Premium Channels											
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher		Arthur				Too Short	Boxing			
MAX	The Eagle				Boogie Nights					Chemistry	
SHOW	Homeland		Californ.	Lies	Shameless		Lies	Californ.	Shameless		

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