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National Weather Service **Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40.

Monday: Sunny, with a high

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 38.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 39.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 69. Wednesday Night: Mostly

clear, with a low around 38.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high

Thursday: High, 77; Low 32 Precip: Thursday Month: None 11.69 inches Normal: 20.03 inches (K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset 8:15 a.m. 6:40 p.m.

Moon: waning, 80 percent 7:16 a.m. 5:39 p.m. Sunday Moon: waning, 72 percent 7:17 a.m. 5:38 p.m. Monday Moon: waning, 63 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Weather Colby author's new novel available for download

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honored for his service to students and the scholastic arena with a lecture series named for him. He and Coplin have also been named in a Coplin and Pickerill Academic Excellence Scholarship at the Thomas County Community Founda-

"It's an honor anytime to be paired with Max Pickerill," said Coplin. "I think he and I were passionate about our respective subjects and passionate about

In addition to getting inspiration from Pickerill and the streets of Colby, Coplin said his significant other, Judith, can also be found in the book as Sheriff Prescott's wife and has assisted him in researching the time periods of 1845 to 1870 for his latest book, "The Planter's Daughter" - which he calls his "magnum

"Judith is the smartest person I've ever known," said Coplin. "Her research for the book has been inspiring. ("The Planter's Daughter") is an epic tale of the dissolution of an aristocratic Louisiana Creole family in the years leading up to and including the Civil War.

each other over the question of slavery, that slow burn growing brighter and more incendiary until the entire country is in

"This isn't 'Gone with the Wind,' a hymn to the Old South. Here is the horrid truth about slavery, the hopelessness, the death-in-life experience of human beings being nothing more than property and treated as such, like a horse or a mule, though often the horse and the mule were far better treated.

"The glamorous Old South of moonlight and magnolias won't be found in this tale. Instead we see the cruelty of a wealthy aristocratic class living the good life while whipping, raping and hanging those very men and women who paid for that good life."

Coplin said the odds of a writer becoming a successful, published writer are about a million to one, and "if you don't hanker after it body and soul, it won't happen."

He says that instead of looking for inspiration, it somehow finds him. And, as it turns out, inspiration has been finding Coplin since he was about 16, when he began publishing columns in his "Here is history brought hometown newspaper. By the alive, the slow burn of section- time he was 30, he had dozens

alism pitting politicians against of stories and articles published in literary magazines, including Playboy and Saturday Evening

> "But I didn't really hit the major leagues until 2004," he said, 'when Putnam published 'Crofton's Fire,' which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

"I'm happy that my breakout moment in writing came when I was living in Colby. There are many wonderful people here who have encouraged me. I think a couple of them even bought the book.

"As I was writing 'Prescott's Law,' I didn't have to look far to find something to write about. It was all around me, all the stuff of human drama, the simple men and women of Colby, Kan., who, if you look closely enough, aren't simple at all." In May 2008, Coplin retired

from teaching English at Colby Community College from a distinguished career that began in

Soon thereafter, he had the manuscript for "Prescott's Law"

While earning a degree from Kansas University, Coplin twice received the Edgar Wolfe Award in Creative Writing. In 1989, he earned a doctorate from the university in contemporary lit-

State legislator predicts challenges for third term

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However, he wants to make sure the proper oversight is in place as the industry expands.

Taxation and regulation are also concerns for Hineman. He thinks the tax system is poorly balanced, and that Kansans rely too much on propalso wants to keep regulations from overburdening people and businesses.

"It shouldn't be as painful as going to the dentist to renew your license plate," Hineman said.

When trying to achieve these goals, he will be

Long lines seen at New York gas stations

"It's going to be a very interesting session because there's been a great deal of changes," Hineman said.

When the state House or representatives come back into session after the election, he said, there will be at least 50 new representatives, and even more of them starting their second term in office.

"They're going to have prior ties and agendas," erty taxes, as opposed to income and sales tax. He he said, "so I don't think anyone has a clear crystal ball as to what is going to come out of this

Although Hineman does not know most of the new representatives, he was optimistic after having spoken with some of those from this part of

we're really, really good, capable people."

working with a large number of new representatives because of the high predicted turnover dur-"We may be small in number," he said, "but ing this election.

By Eileen A.J. Connelly and Meghan Barr

The Associated Press

NEW YORK – Motorists infumed in long lines at gas stations and screamed at each other today as fuel shortages in Superstorm

Meanwhile, a backlash ap-

Sandy's wake spread across the

metropolitan area.

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Mayor Michael Bloomberg's decision to hold the New York East disrupted by storm damage City Marathon on Sunday as scheduled. Four days after Sancreasingly desperate for a fill-up dy slammed the mid-Atlantic gasoline became a precious com-

> and included two boys who were livelihoods. torn from their mother's grasp by rushing floodwaters in Staten

peared to be building against bodies were found Thursday.

With fuel deliveries in the and many gas stations lacking electricity to run their pumps,

Some drivers complained of waiting three and four hours in Island during the storm. Their line, only to see the pumps run

out when it was almost their turn. Cars ran out of gas before they reached the front of the line. Police officers were assigned to gas stations to maintain order. In Queens, a man was charged and the Northeast, the U.S. death modity, especially for those who Thursday with flashing a gun toll climbed past 90 in 10 states, depend on their cars for their at another motorist who complained he was cutting in line.

Methodist Church plans turkey supper

Come for dinner and give your offering for missions at the annual turkey supper from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Brewster United Methodist Church, 202 Nebraska Ave. For information, call Colleen Rall at (785) 694-2791 or 692-3522.

Early voting ends at clerk's office Monday

If you'd like to vote early, stop by the Thomas County clerk's office from 8 a.m. to noon Monday. The office will close at noon that day so employees can run final roster books and set up the Community Building for the election. Bring your photo ID. For questions, call County Clerk Shelly Harms at 460-4500.

Group plans dance at Meadow Lake

A singles and couples dance is planned for 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Meadow Lake Golf Clubhouse. Gary Phipps will provide music. Everyone welcome. For information, call Lue Duffey in Rexford, (785) 269-7057.

Vet-Tech students will wash pets Saturday

The Student Veterinary Technician Association at Colby Community College will hold a pet wash from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Ag/Vet Tech Building. Animals must have proof of required vaccinations. Cost to wash and groom dogs ranges from \$8 to \$14. A brush-out for cats is \$5 and a bath is \$10. To schedule an appointment, call Colleen Maison or leave a message at 460-5462.

Sacred Heart will serve Thanksgiving dinner

An old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday in the Colby Sacred Heart Catholic Church basement. Turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, salads and homemade pie will be served. Home delivery is available; call 462-2179 before Sunday or 443-2298 that day. There is elevator access the basement. For information, call Kim Brier at 462-2179.

Colby Legion Post changes meeting day

The Colby American Legion Post has changed its membership meeting date to the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday. For information, call Monte Lewis at (785) 953-1061.

Booked for Lunch will feature talk by pastor

For Booked for Lunch at noon Wednesday at the Pioneer Memorial Library, Tom Peyton will speak on the books "Seven Miracles That Saved America: Why They Matter and Why We Should Have Hope," and "The Miracle of Freedom: Seven Tipping Points That Saved the World," by Chris and Ted Stewart. Come have lunch with us. For information, call librarian Wilks at 460-4470.

Health Department to offer walk-in flu clinics

The Thomas County Health Department plans walk-in flu clinics from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the Senior Progress Center and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday at the department's office at 350 S. Range. Cost is \$25, or bring a copy of your insurance card. Please remember to complete and print a consent form/voucher from the thomascountyks.com website under the health department tab beforehand. For information, call the department at 460-4596.

County landfill will close next weekend

The Thomas County Landfill will be closed Saturday to Monday, Nov. 10 to 12, for scale maintenance. Call Larry Jumper, landfill supervisor, with questions at (785) 462-8139.

Brewster Senior Center plans breakfast For the first day of hunting season, the Brewster Senior Center plans a

biscuit-and-sausage-gravy breakfast from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10. Hunters and everyone else welcome. Donations will go to the Brewster library and museum. For information, call Betty Baird at (785) 694-2645.

Lutheran Church plans soup supper

A soup and dessert lunch will be served on the opening day of pheasant season, from 11 p.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 217 Main St. in Brewster. Lunch deliveries will be made within Brewster; call 694-2405 that day. Donations will be accepted. For information, call Sharron Knox at 694-2751.

Music department to sponsor gospel show

The Colby Community College music department will sponsor a Hometown Gospel Show as a tribute to veterans from 2 to 4 p.m. Veteran's Day, Sunday, Nov. 11, in the Frahm Theater at Colby Community College. Admission is \$10, but children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. Proceeds will support the Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass Festival. For information, call the Convention and Visitor's Bureau at 460-7643.

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