



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 13. West wind around 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 46. Breezy, with a west wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 18. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 57. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 22.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 54.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 22.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 49.

Friday Night: A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 43.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 44.

Friday: High, 53; Low 13
Saturday: High, 49; Low 16
Sunday: High, 26; Low -3
Precip: Friday None
Saturday None
Sunday None
Month: None
Year: 11.74 inches
Normal: 20.65 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 7:55 a.m. 5:21 p.m.
Moon: waning, 4 percent
Wednesday 7:55 a.m. 5:21 p.m.
Moon: waning, 1 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Obama to push taxes on richest

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Tom Coburn of Oklahoma had already floated a similar idea. Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., has said Obama and Boehner could at least agree not to raise tax rates on the majority of Americans and negotiate the rates of top earners later.

“It’s not waving a white flag to recognize political reality,” Cole said on CNN’s “State of the Union.”

But such ideas face an uphill battle. Many House Republicans say they wouldn’t vote for tax rate hikes under any circumstances. And GOP leadership could lose leverage in the negotiations if it raises the rate on upper-income earners without getting anything substantial in return like entitlement reform.

Democratic leaders have suggested they are unwilling to

tackle entitlement spending in the three weeks left before the fiscal cliff is triggered.

“I just don’t think we can do it in a matter of days here before the end of the year,” Senate Democratic Whip Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said of Medicare reform specifically, in an interview Sunday on NBC’s “Meet the Press.”

“We need to address that in a thoughtful way through the committee structure after the first of the year,” Durbin added.

The “fiscal cliff” refers to rate increases that would affect every worker who pays federal taxes, as well as spending cuts that would begin to bite defense and domestic programs alike. Economists say the combination carries the risk of a new recession, at a time the economy is still struggling to recover fully from the worst slowdown in de-

cades.

The president’s message in Michigan will be that the economy is rebounding and Congress should not risk that progress to save tax cuts for the rich. The president will use the Daimler Detroit Diesel plant where he’ll speak to illustrate his point, noting that the company plans to spend an additional \$100 million to boost production in the U.S.

The president’s re-election campaign also e-mailed supporters today, asking them to call their representatives and urge them to back Obama’s fiscal cliff plan, even suggesting a script they could read. It’s the latest example of the White House trying to put its massive voter database to use during the fiscal cliff negotiations in the same way it did during the presidential campaign.

Obama’s plan would raise \$1.6 trillion in revenue over 10 years, partly by letting decade-old tax cuts on the country’s highest earners expire at the end of the year. He would continue those Bush-era tax cuts for everyone except individuals earning more than \$200,000 and couples making more than \$250,000.

The highest rates on top-paid Americans would rise from 33 percent and 35 percent to 36 percent and 39.6 percent, respectively.

Boehner has offered \$800 billion in new revenues to be raised by reducing or eliminating unspecified tax breaks on upper-income earners. The Republican plan also would cut spending by \$1.4 trillion, including by trimming annual increases in Social Security payments and raising the eligibility age for Medicare from 65 to 67.

Council report sees middle class gains

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WASHINGTON – Nearly two-thirds of the world’s population will live in cities by 2030, with most people middle class, connected by technology, protected by advanced health care and linked by countries that work together, perhaps with the United States and China cooperating to lead the way.

That’s the best case scenario in a report, Global Trends 2030, released today by the U.S. government’s National Intelligence Council.

In the worst case scenarios, rising population leads to conflict over water and food, especially in the Mideast and Africa, and the instability contributes to global economic collapse.

The study is the intelligence community’s analysis of where current trends will take the world in the next 15 to 20 years, intended to help policymakers plan for the best and worst possible futures to come.

The report is broken down into what the National Intelligence Council calls megatrends that are likely to occur and game-changers – the what-if’s that are less certain but would be so significant that they can’t be ignored.

Among the major trends: the rise of a global middle class that is better educated,

connected via technology and healthier due to advances in medicine.

Power will no longer reside with one or two key nations, but be spread across networks and coalitions of countries working together.

In countries where there are declining birth rates and an aging population like the U.S., economic growth may slow. Sixty percent of the world’s population will live in cities.

Yet even with these advances, food, water and energy will be more scarce.

“Nearly half of the world’s population will live in areas experiencing severe water stress,” the report said. Africa and the Middle East will be most at risk of food and water shortages, but China and India also vulnerable.

Among the anticipated crises is the worry of global economic collapse, fighting among nations that don’t adapt rapidly enough to change and the possible spillover of instability in the Mideast and South Asia to the rest of the world.

Technology is seen as a potential savior to head off some of this conflict, boosting economic productivity to keep pockets filled despite rising population, rapid growth of cities and climate change.

The report outlines several “Potential Worlds” for 2030.

Under the heading “Stalled Engines,” oth-

erwise known as the “most plausible worst-case scenario, the risks of interstate conflict increase,” the report said. “The U.S. draws inward and globalization stalls.”

In the most plausible best-case outcome, called “Fusion,” the report said, “China and the U.S. collaborate on a range of issues, leading to broader global cooperation.”

And under another heading, the report describes a world where “inequalities explode as some countries become big winners and others fail.... Without completely disengaging, the U.S. is no longer the ‘global policeman.’”

The report warns of the mostly catastrophic effect of possible “Black Swans,” extraordinary events that can change the course of history. These include a severe pandemic that could kill millions in a matter of months and more rapid climate change that could make it hard to feed the world’s population.

Two positive events are also listed, including “a democratic China or a reformed Iran,” which could bring more global stability.

One bright spot for the U.S. is energy independence.

“With shale gas, the U.S. will have sufficient natural gas to meet domestic needs and generate potential global exports for decades to come,” the report said.

Free outdoor licenses for Kansas seniors to end

TOPEKA (AP) – Hoping to get more federal money for wildlife programs, the state of Kansas in January will end a policy that provided free hunting and fishing licenses to seniors 65 to 74 years of age.

Instead, they’ll be eligible for a new Senior Lifetime Pass, a lifetime hunting-fishing combination license that costs just \$42.50. Those 65 and older also could choose an annual fishing or hunting license at half the

regular price, \$11.50, or an annual hunting-fishing combination license for \$20.50.

The new senior licenses, along with all licenses and permits for 2013, go on sale Friday.

State officials estimated ending the exemption, which began in 1971, will raise \$900,000 to \$1.5 million in fee revenue and by making the state eligible for more federal money, *The Joplin Globe* reported Sunday (bit.ly/YTtkex). Residents 75 and

older will remain exempt from the fees.

Wildlife conservation and management in Kansas is supported by revenue from license sales, not tax dollars, along with federal aid from an excise tax on firearms and ammunition.

The formula used to distribute the federal money is based on the size of the state and the number of licensed hunters.

Mike Miller, spokesman for the Kansas Department of Wild-

life, Parks and Tourism, said the state loses out on some federal aid because up to 30,000 older hunters don’t have to buy licenses, which means that aren’t counted for the federal formula. The problem will get worse because that age group is the fastest growing for outdoor pursuits.

Miller said the state doesn’t want to raise rates on younger hunters and anglers because it is trying to recruit more young people to wildlife activities.

Briefly

Santa City will be open each weeknight

Starting tonight, Santa City, in the Scout Hut at Fike Park, will be open weeknights from 6 to 8 p.m. The winter wonderland also is open from 1 to 5 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday. On Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24, it will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

Seniors plan potluck at Presbyterian Church

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.

Gem Lions to offer pancakes, eggs and pie

The Gem Lions Club plans to hold its annual pancake feed from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Gem Community Building. Come and enjoy lots of pancakes, sausage, eggs, pie and Lions Candy Day mints – and some visiting. Donations will be used for community projects, sight programs and education. Bring eyeglasses and hearing aids to recycle. For information, call Ken Poland at 462-7809.

Big Brothers cookin’ up soup, chili and gumbo

For a \$5 donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County at their second annual soup supper, you can enjoy chili; chicken noodle, ham and bean or cream-can soup; or gumbo, with a cinnamon roll for dessert. Come to the Colby High School basketball game from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Community Building. For information, call Orvella Romine at 460-9125.

Church women are selling holiday nuts

The Colby Episcopal Churchwomen are selling fresh-crop pecans, walnuts and cashews for the holiday season. Almonds, pralines, chocolate covered pecans and mixed nuts are also available. Call Martha Hullett at 462-2505 for delivery or you can make a purchase at Colby Canvas, 285 E. Third St.

Golden Plains to hold annual soup supper

Golden Plains Elementary School invites everyone to celebrate the holidays with its seventh annual soup supper and Christmas concert next Monday in Selden. Teachers and staff will serve homemade chili and chicken noodle soup along with desserts from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Selden Community Building. The program will follow at 7 p.m. at the grade school. Donations will go to the school’s playground fund and the Outdoor Wildlife Learning Site Project. For information, call Traci Bruggeman at the school, (785) 386-4560.

LOCAL

TV Listings

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Wednesday Evening										December 12, 2012	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Neighbors	Mod Fam	Fascinating People			Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	Survivor-Phil.		Criminal Minds		CSI: Crime Scene		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson		
KSNK/NBC	Whitney	Guys-Kids	Take It All		Chicago Fire		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon		
KSAS/FOX	The X Factor				Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Duck Dynasty		Duck D.	Duck D.	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Duck Dynasty		
AMC	Sandy Relief								CSI: Miami		
ANIM	Finding Bigfoot		River Monsters		Gator Boys		Finding Bigfoot		River Monsters		
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Top Chef: Seattle		Top Chef: Seattle		Happens	LOLwork	Top Chef: Seattle		
CMT	Reba	Reba	Fireproof					Fireproof			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight		
COMEDY	Chappelle	Chappelle	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Brickle.	
DISC	Amish Mafia		Amish Mafia		Moonshiners		Amish Mafia		Moonshiners		
DISN	Jessie	Good Luck	Dog	Shake It	Good Luck	Phineas	Austin	Shake It	Wizards	Wizards	
E!	Sweet Home Alabama				The Soup		Chelsea	Chelsea	E! News		
ESPN	NBA Basketball						NBA Basketball				
ESPN2	30 for 30			NFL Live			SportCtr		SportsCenter		
FAM	Santa Clause 3		Nat'l-Christmas				The 700 Club		Christmas Do-Over		
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant Stakeout		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		
FX	Taken				American- Story		American- Story		American- Story		
HGTV	Property Brothers		Buying and Selling		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Brothers		Buying and Selling		

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HIST	American	American	American	American	Invention	Invention	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	American	American
LIFE	The Perfect Holiday				Nothing Like				The Perfect Holiday	
MTV	Jersey Shore		The Challenge		The Challenge		Catfish: The TV Show		Catfish: The TV Show	
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Dark Side	Dark Side	Dark Side	Ghost Hunters	Dark Side	Dark Side
SPIKE	Repo	Repo	Repo Games		Repo	Repo	Repo	Repo	Repo	Repo
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office	Office
TCM	Banjo on My Knee				Remember the Night			The Lady Eve		
TLC	Memorable Moments		Toddlers & Tiaras		Jersey on Ice		Toddlers & Tiaras		Jersey on Ice	
TNT	Castle		Castle		Castle		CSI: NY		CSI: NY	
TOON	Dragons	Ben 10	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Baggage B	Baggage B	Hunt for Misfit Toys		Toy Hntr	Toy Hntr	Man, Food	Man, Food	Hunt for Misfit Toys	
TV LAND	Cosby		Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	Divorced	King	King	King	King
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS	
VH1	Marry	Marry	Basketball Wives LA		Basketball Wives LA		You Got Served			
WGN	Rules	Rules	Rules	Rules	WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Rules	Rules

Premium Channels

HBO	Journey 2-Myst		24/7	Cowboys & Aliens		Witness
MAX	Project X	Garden State		Green Lantern		
SHOW	The Help		Homeland	Dexter	Piranha	

Premium Channels

HBO	Sandy Relief					24/7	Tinker
MAX	Hunted		X-Men: First Class			Zane's Sex Chronicles	
SHOW	Homeland		Inside the NFL		Jim Rome on Showtime	Inside the NFL	Jim Rome on Showtime