

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a high around 20. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west after midnight.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. Northwest wind 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 48. Windy.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25. Windy.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 43.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 23.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 55.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 64.

Thursday: High, 41; Low 18
 Precip: Thursday None
 February: 0.64 inches
 Year: 0.80 inches
 Normal: 0.51 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Saturday 7:15 a.m. 6:38 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 74 percent
 Sunday 7:14 a.m. 6:39 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 63 percent
 Monday 7:12 a.m. 6:40 p.m.
 Last quarter moon at 3:54 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Death penalty costly, emotional for America

From "PENALTY," Page 1

to death if they followed the court's guidelines, and Phillips used the statistics gathered since to show that the death penalty doesn't necessarily deter crime. Phillips's statistics showed that Kansas has not executed anyone since 1976, and has a murder rate of 3.8 for every 100,000 people. Missouri has executed 68 people, and Oklahoma has executed 102, and those states have murder rates of 6.1 and 5.5, respectively. And the Houston area — which Phillips said would be second in the nation for executions if it was a state — has executed 117 people. It has a murder rate of 9.2.

"The rate of murder dropped farther and faster in states that abolished the death penalty than it did in Texas," he added.

One of the justifications for the death penalty is that it stops murderers from killing again, Phillips said, but only a few death row inmates are ever executed. The 1,321 people who have actually been executed since 1976 account for only about 20 percent of the 6,590 death sentences since then.

Phillips argued that the slim

percentage of executions shows that the death penalty is not applied fairly. From 2001 to 2008, for instance, only 5 percent of alleged murderers in the Houston area who were eligible for the death penalty killed white females. But white females were the victims of 27 percent of those actually sentenced to death.

Death-penalty cases can take a decade to complete and usually cost the government \$2 million, Phillips said, but most death sentences are commuted to something lighter, like life in prison, where the convict still lives off the government.

"It's as if we sat down and said, 'How can we create the most expensive system imaginable,'" Phillips said.

Another argument against the death penalty that he presented was the possibility of an innocent person being executed.

In the period since 1976, courts have decided that 142 death row inmates were innocent of their crimes. The use of DNA evidence that was not available in 1976 was the cause of 17 of those reversals.

"It seems a virtual certainty that it does occasionally hap-

pen," Phillips said.

Few people in the audience questioned Phillips. A handful asked questions after the lecture, but most of them had to do with the prison system. Michael Roberson, a former college student from the Colby area, asked if the number of executions performed would affect the crowding in the prisons.

"Well he certainly invoked feelings about the topic," Roberson said after the lecture. "Very informative, lots of statistics... I thought he could have dug a little deeper into the statistics."

Phillips holds membership in the American Society of Criminology, the American Sociological Association and the Law and Society Association. His work has been published in journals including *Law and Society Review*, *Criminology*, *Social Forces* and the *American Sociological Review*.

He received a Bachelor of Arts in history from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, a Master of Arts in sociology from Louisiana State and a doctorate from the University of Georgia, and taught at the University of Houston and Rice University.

College teams getting ready for 2014 reaccreditation visit

From "COLLEGE," Page 1

ment sent to the state Board of Regents.

She said the college met all of the indicators, or goals, it agreed to except one. Washburn said they are having trouble meeting the goal for increasing the number of students completing Allied Health courses which lead to a state certification using distance education. The goal was to have 155 students complete these courses in 2011 and 160 in 2012. Only 126 completed them in 2011 and 143 in 2012.

Allied Health courses are classes in the certified nurse aide and certified medical aide.

However, she said, the college had improvement in most areas, particularly for online enrollment. The report shows data from fall 2011 and spring 2012 and the goals for 2013. She said the college will be writing a new performance agreement due July 15 that will be data from fall 2012 and spring 2013.

Washburn said they need to choose at least three indicators from two areas the regents have given them to focus on in the new agreement, along with three "institution-specific" indicators that will be given to the college.

Leiker asked if there was something they could do to improve completion rates and Dr. Stephen Vacik, college president, said the college already has good completion rates, but there are things they can still do to improve them.

In other business, the board:

- Heard from Barry Kaaz, dean of external affairs, about a survey of agriculture and agribusinesses he put together so the college could target training and education requirements. The college, Kaaz said, will be putting an ad in the newspaper to ask for input and direct people to a website to take the survey. He said they will also take a few hard copies of the survey to implement dealers.

- Trustee Nick Wells offered to put together a mailing list, but Kaaz said right now they're trying to keep it mostly online.

- Heard from Dr. Xuemei Yang, dean of institutional effectiveness, who said her department is developing institutional effectiveness in Decatur County for the reaccreditation process as well as to show the college's accountability. Yang does institutional research for the college by looking at all areas of the campus, including

course delivery, finances, community outreach and online classes. She makes sure the departments are meeting the goals they set and then comes up with ideas to improve, if necessary. Yang also helps make sure students are meeting their goals.

Yang said Brooks Wederski, information technology director, and Penny Cline, administrative assistant to the vice president of academic affairs, had helped her on program review work.

- Heard from Debbie Schwanke, public information director, who recognized several people for their help during Homecoming. She thanked Vacik; Wells; Kaaz; Charles Keefer, director of campus life and residence life; Dr. Keegan Nichols, vice president of student affairs and marketing; Ryan Sturdy, athletic director and the women in the administrative office, among others.

Schwanke added that the college used the new campus alert system when it decided to close during the snow storm last week and said it worked fairly well. The system sends out a mass text message.

See 'Houdini' horse on video

MIDLAND, Mich. (AP) — With her escape-artist antics now caught on video, a horse in Michigan is being dubbed the "Houdini Horse" thanks to her knack for opening stall doors.

The 9-year-old horse named Mariska somehow learned to open latches at Misty Meadow Farms near Midland in central Michigan.

The farm's co-owner, Sandy Bonem, posted a video online of the horse opening numerous locks. It catches how Mariska lets herself out, then unlocking stalls for other horses — just not her mother's.

As of Monday, the YouTube video had more than 760,000 views.

Bonem tells the *Saginaw News* that Mariska, "doesn't like to be locked in."

Briefly

Extension office offers "Fun with Facebook"

Thomas County Extension's "Knowledge at Noon" for Tuesday will feature "Fun with Facebook" from noon to 1 p.m. at the Thomas County Office Complex meeting room. Learn to connect with family, upload pictures and set privacy settings, with time for questions. Bring your laptop or iPad and lunch if you like. Make reservations (not required) at the Extension Office, 460-4582, or email diann@ksu.edu by noon Monday.

Annual formal dress sale begins Monday

It is time for the annual formal dress sale, featuring "gently-used" dresses in an array of colors, styles and sizes. The sale will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through next Friday in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church, 414 W. Fourth St. All proceeds go to support the Genesis-Thomas County food bank. For information, call Sue Draper at 460-6332.

Library to put on murder mystery Saturday

You are invited "To Wake the Dead" at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Friends of the Pioneer Memorial Library Murder Mystery at the library, 375 W. Fourth St. Tickets for dinner and fun, \$25, are on sale now. For information, call Melany Wilks at 460-4470.

Group plans dance at American Legion

A public dance is planned for 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Colby American Legion Hall. Ray and Pauletta Gerver will provide music. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Lue Duffey at (785) 269-7057.

Gem Lions Club to hold winter soup day

The Gem Lions Club will have its annual winter soup day from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Gem Community Building. Donations and recycled eyeglasses and hearing aids go to help people in need. Serving homemade veggie, chili or potato soup and good conversation. For information, call Ken Poland at 462-7809.

Gem 4-H Club will have bake sale Saturday

The Gem 4-H Club will have a bake sale Saturday at the same time as the Gem Lions Club's annual soup day. Come by and get treats that will help raise money for the club. For information, call Carmen Cornell at (785) 217-7094.

Veteran's commission will help with benefits

Veterans can get help obtaining federal benefits at the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Mobile Office, which will be at the Orscheln's parking lot in Colby from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday. Benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs could include disability compensation, improved pensions, death pensions, health care and more. Call (785) 220-8900 for information.

Weather Service to hold storm-spotter class

The National Weather Service and Thomas County Emergency Management will have a storm spotter class at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday downstairs at the Community Building, 285 E. Fifth St. The free class is open to anyone with an interest in weather. For information, call the Goodland weather office at (785) 899-7119.

High Plains Lions plan ham-and-bean feed

The Colby High Plains Lions invite everyone to a ham and bean feed from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at Orscheln Farm and Home in Colby. Donations will pay expenses for two high school band students to attend the Lions' state Band Camp and convention. For information, call Larry Koon at 462-6617.

Wrestling awards potluck set for March 10

The Colby High Wrestling Awards Banquet will be a potluck at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 10, in the Commons at the high school. Bring a covered dish and your own tableware. For information, call Brandi Wark at 460-5300.

Girl Scouts still selling cookies here

Colby Girl Scouts are out selling cookies through Sunday, March 10. This year is the first the girls will have the cookies as they sell. Price is \$3.50 per box and the new cookie this year is called "Mango Crème." For information or questions, call leader Penny Cline at 460-5404.

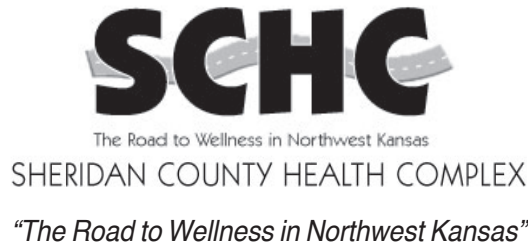
'Kids a Cookin' classes continue in March

Spring sessions of Kids-a-Cookin,' a hands-on food preparation and nutrition class for third through fifth graders, continue Thursdays on March 21 and April 11. Sessions will start right after school, about 3:45 p.m., at the Colby Community Building, sponsored by Thomas County Extension. Sign up by calling the Colby Recreation Department, 460-4440.

CORRECTION

Due to printing errors in our Rural Health section, the following information was incorrect. We hope that this did not inconvenience anyone.

- Number of Beds - 25 as Critical Access Hospital.
- Revenue 2012 - \$38,425,000.
- Net Income 2012 - \$530,387.
- Tax Support - None; operated as a private, nonprofit hospital.
- Doctors - three active physicians, four nurse practitioners, three physician assistants, one certified registered nurse anesthetist, 29 consulting physicians.
- Administrator - Kevan Trenkle.
- Phone - (785) 462-7511.



"The Road to Wellness in Northwest Kansas"

- Beds - 18 as Critical Access Hospital, 35 long-term nursing, eight assisted living apartments.
- Revenue 2012- \$6.5+ million. Fiscal report not available until March 1.
- Profit 2012 - Expected 6.1 percent profit margin. Have had positive profit margins since 2005.
- County money - \$936,312.
- Doctors - Cooperative agreement with Bluestem Medical in Quinter, Dr. Brewster Kellogg of Colby as chief of staff, one nurse practitioner and one physician assistant.
- Administrator - Steve Granzow.
- Phone - (785) 675-3281.



Monday Evening	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	The Bachelor				Castle		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	How I Met Rules	2 Broke G	Mike	Hawaii Five-0			Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	The Biggest Loser			Deception			Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	Bones		The Following		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Gangsters: Most Evil	Gangsters: Most Evil	Beyond Scared Straig	Beyond Scared Straig	Gangsters: Most Evil					
AMC	A Few Good Men			The Fugitive						
ANIM	Finding Bigfoot	Finding Bigfoot	Gator Boys	Finding Bigfoot	Finding Bigfoot					
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.	Real Housewives	LA Shrinks	Happens	Love Broker				Atlanta	
CMT	Reba	Reba	The Karate Kid						Karate Kid II	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan Tonight					
COMEDY	Nathan	I Ben Show	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Ben Show	The Jesel	
DISC	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	The Devils Ride						The Devils Ride	
DISN	Tinker Be	Good Luck	Austin	ANT Farm	Jessie	Good Luck	Shake It	ANT Farm	Wizards	Wizards
E!	E! News	Kourtney-Kim	Burning L	Burning L	After Lat		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Chelsea
ESPN	College Basketball	College Basketball					SportsCenter	SportsCenter		
ESPN2	Wm. Basketball	Tennis					NFL Live	College B	NASCAR	
FAM	Switched at Birth	A Lot Like Love					The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FX	Ghost Rider						Ghost Rider			
HGTV	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List	Love It or List It				
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	Soldier Chall.			Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	The Bible			My Sister's Keeper					The Bible	
MTV	Teen Mom 2	Teen Mom 2	Teen Mom 2	World of Jenks	Teen Mom 2					
NICK	Nick News	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Continuum	Being Human			Lost Girl	Continuum	Being Human			
SPIKE	Dodgeball: Underdog				Kick-Ass				Ways Die	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan			Office	Office
TCM	Goodbye, Mr. Chips			Remember?					When Ladies Meet	
TLC	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss				Undercover Boss	
TNT	Castle	Dallas	Monday Mornings	Dallas	Monday Mornings				Monday Mornings	
TOON	Regular	MAD	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Bizarre Foods	Bizarre Foods	Hotel Impossible	Hotel Impossible	Bizarre Foods				Bizarre Foods	
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King	King	King
USA	WWF Monday Night RAW				NCLIS: Los Angeles	CSI: Crime Scene			Black Ink Crew	
VH1	Love & Hip Hop	Black Ink Crew	La La	La La	Love & Hip Hop				Black Ink Crew	
WGN	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	Funniest Home Videos	Rules	Rules				
Premium Channels										
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher	Battleship					American Wedding			
MAX	New Year's Eve		Chronicles-Ridd						Banshee	
SHOW	Homeland	Californ.	Lies	Shameless	Comedy	Lies	Californ.	Californ.	Shameless	