

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northeast after midnight.

Saturday: A 40 percent chance of showers, mainly after 11 a.m. Cloudy, with a high near 49. North wind 10 to 15 mph becoming east in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Rain showers likely before midnight, then rain and snow showers likely. Cloudy, with a low around 31. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southeast in the evening. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Sunday: A chance of snow showers before 10 a.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow showers between 10 a.m. and noon, then a slight chance of rain showers after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 48. Breezy, with a south wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Sunday Night: A chance of rain showers before 1 a.m., then a chance of rain and snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. Blustery. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 48. Breezy.

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

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 54.

Thursday: High, 75; Low 37
 Precip: Thursday None
 Month: 0.09 inches
 Year: 0.89 inches
 Normal: 2.11 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
 Saturday 7:54 a.m. 7:53 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 23 percent
 Sunday 7:52 a.m. 7:54 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 31 percent
 Monday 7:50 a.m. 7:55 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 40 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Arts and crafts



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press
 The Spring Break Bash, an arts and crafts event organized by the Colby Recreation Department, drew Guy Tubbs and Hayden Bellamy to the basement of the Community Building Wednesday morning. About 15 kids participated.

Coalition discusses Walk Kansas, Art Walk

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Violence Prevention Awareness Week will start Tuesday, April 2, Melikova reported. She is planning activities for that week, such as an anti-bullying presentation.

- The other members were also willing to help when she asked where college students could complete volunteer work. Katrina Sullivan, who owns Tumbleweed Gymnastics, said the school has a meet Saturday, May 4, and could use help there. Megan Carmichael, healthy communities coordinator for the coalition, said that any one who changes the coalition's sign on Franklin and Fourth twice gets to use it once for free.

- In her own report, Carmichael said the Art Walk is on Friday, April 19, and she still needs volunteers to help with the walk from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Pioneer Memorial Library and Movement Connection.

She said she has taken over as healthy communities coordinator and "one of my big goals is to market better."

- Carmichael reported that Walk and Bike to School Day

at Colby schools was on March 6. For the first time ever, she said, it was combined with an assembly where she helped put on skits about the importance of physical activity, demonstrating things such as how much sugar is in soda. She is planning a similar assembly at Colby Middle School to coincide with National Bike to School Day on Wednesday, May 8.

- The coalition members discussed the lack of funding for the Colby Walking and Biking Master Plan. Carmichael said the coalition is filing for an extension for a \$35,000 grant from the Sunflower Foundation for the trail. Since the trail needs to be at least two miles long to be considered for the grant, she said later, the coalition needs more money from other sources in order to get the grant money. The plan is for the trail to connect to the trails north of the Aquatic Park and wrap around the college campus.

- Kasihia Rothchild, director of the Thomas County Health Department, reported that the Thomas County Wellness Challenge recently finished and drew 84 participants. A prize of \$150

will be given to the three top scorers, Rothchild said, and she will probably calculate the winners by next week.

Rothchild also said she would submit an application later that day for a Chronic Disease Reduction grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

The grant is competitive and worth about \$36,000, she said, and she will use the community garden and the Colby Walking and Biking Master Plan to apply for it. The department has been getting the grant for several years.

- Denise Singer, community garden coordinator for the coalition, said the coalition will get a grant from the Extension Office for the community garden, located west of the Southwinds Mall parking lot. The money will pay for a shed, tools, raised beds, compost and, Gerstner added, weed killer. Singer is considering having programs at the garden such as school field trips. She said the produce from the garden goes to the Genesis-Thomas County Food Bank.

Briefly

Museum to hold last Food for Thought

The Prairie Museum of Art and History in Colby will hold its final *Food for Thought* program of the season during the noon hour Thursday in the Garvey Educational Room of the museum, 1905 S. Franklin. Joan Noth-ern, president of the Solomon Valley-Highway 24-Heritage Alliance, will speak on "Converting Pasture Paths to Public Roads." The museum will also provide a free meal in conjunction with this free educational program. For information, call Director Sue Taylor at 460-4590.

Commodities to be given out here this month

U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 25, at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center at Fike Park. This is a second distribution for March and is first come, first-served, but you may send a signed permission slip with another person. You may receive commodities at this distribution if you did not receive them on Monday. Bring a sack or box. Expected commodities include corn, orange juice, mixed fruit, grapefruit juice, potatoes and applesauce. For questions, call the office at 462-6744.

Brewster church will have speaker

Dr. Bill Federer will be speaking this week at the Brewster Community Church. "Change to Chains" will be his topic at 7 p.m. Saturday; "Religion in America" is the subject for 10:30 a.m. Sunday. A hamburger steak supper at 6 p.m. Sunday will precede a third message; donations will go to Water for Life, which drills water wells in impoverished countries. Another message will follow the meal. For information, call Mike Pinkelman at (785) 694-2720.

Missionary to speak at Lutheran Church

The Rev. Dr. Jorge E. Groh will preach at 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 850 E. Fifth St. Groh, a strategist with the Lutheran Urban Mission Association, has spent much of his life in Argentina, with service in Spain, Nicaragua and the Ukraine. A psychotherapist, he will be discussing strategies for ministry with and for Hispanics at meetings, including an adult Bible class at 9:15 a.m. Sunday and a potluck dinner with a question-and-answer session following Sunday worship.

American Legion will celebrate birthday

The Colby American Legion Post is having a potluck to celebrate the national group's birthday at 5 p.m. Sunday. Everyone is invited to help celebrate; three long-term members will receive certificates. For information, call Monte Lewis at (785) 952-1061.

'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 next week and April 11. Sessions start right after school, about 3:45 p.m., at the Colby Community Building, sponsored by Thomas County Extension. Classes are taught by Extension agents Karen Jones and Diann Gerstner. Sign up by calling the Colby Recreation Department, 460-4440.

Retirement party set for county van driver

There will be a retirement party for Thomas County transportation van driver Inez Overton from 2 to 4 p.m. next Friday in the county clerk's office. For information, call Shelly Harms at 460-4500.

Bowling day to raise money for Big Brothers

Come and join the fun at the 2013 "Bowl for Kids Sake" from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the Colby Bowl and Fun Center. Teams collect pledges for Big Brothers Big Sisters. For information or to make a pledge, call Orvella Romine at 460-9125.

Red Cross to hold blood drive this month

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, and 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28, at the Colby Community Building. The Red Cross needs all blood types to maintain a reliable supply. Donors must be at least 17, in good health and weigh at least 110 pounds. Bring a blood donor card, driver's license or two other forms of identification. Ham and beans will be served. For information, call Bev Vaughn at 462-3861.

Hospital plans childbirth classes next month

Citizens Medical Center will offer four weeks of childbirth classes from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursdays starting April 4. Women due to deliver before August should attend with their labor support partner. The next classes will begin July 11. For information or to register, call Jeanene Brown at the hospital Education Department, 460-4850.

State local elections might change

TOPEKA (AP) — The Kansas Legislature is considering bills that would allow partisan politics in local elections and change when they are held.

One bill before the Kansas Senate would allow local elections to be partisan and held in even-numbered years, while another would have them in odd-numbered years.

The House bill calls for the local elections to remain non-partisan and be held in odd-numbered years, *The Lawrence Journal-World* reported (bit.ly/16wNtr2).

Local elections are currently held in the spring of odd-numbered years.

Brad Bryant, deputy assistant secretary of state, said in testimony before the House elections committee that moving the elections to November, when the national general vote is held, would increase voter turnout.

"It's consistent. It's predictable," Bryant said. "The voters would know what to expect. There would be no confusion about if there is election or when it is."

But in response to a question from Rep. John Alcala, D-Topeka, Bryant acknowledged he had no data to prove moving the elections would increase turnout.

In a hearing Tuesday before the Senate elections

committee, Rep. Steve Huebert, R-Wichita, said moving the elections would save state and local governments money because they would not have to open polling places as often.

However, Mike Taylor, director of public relations for the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kan., said he opposed allowing local elections to become partisan contests.

"City issues tend not to be partisan," Taylor said. "They really don't fit in with Republican and Democrat talking points. They're more about potholes or whether we should build a community center; those are the types of issues that are talked about in those races."

Taylor and other opponents also said local elections would not get the attention they deserve if they were held at the same time as the general election.

Kelly Arnold, chairwoman of the Kansas Republican Party, said in written testimony that allowing partisan elections would increase turnout because political parties encourage participation.

Senate minority leader Anthony Hensley, D-Topeka, said on Tuesday that the right wing of the Republican Party wants local elections to be partisan so it can dominate all of the political scene in Kansas.

TV
Listings

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Monday Evening										March 18, 2013	
	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	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	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Bates Motel		Bates Motel	Storage	Storage		
AMC	Lord of the Rings							Lord of the Rings			
ANIM	Mud Lovin' Rednecks	Catfishin' Kings		Catfishin' Kings				River Monsters	Catfishin' Kings		
BRAVO	Real Housewives	LA Shrinks		Real Housewives				Happens	Real Housewives	Shrinks	
CMT	Reba	Reba	Karate Kid II						The Karate Kid Part III		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	South Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront			Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	The Jesel	
DISC	Extreme Smuggling	Shipwreck Men		Bering Sea Gold	Shipwreck Men				Extreme Smuggling		
DISN	Wizards Return: Alex	Jessie	ANT Farm	Good Luck	Good Luck	Jessie	Good Luck	Wizards	Wizards		
E!	Studio E!	Chasing T	Kourtney-Kim	Burning L	After Lat	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea			
ESPN	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball						
ESPN2	Tournament Challenge			Numbers	Nation		SportsCenter	SportsCenter			
FAM	Secret-Teen	You Again					The 700 Club	Prince	Prince		
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	
FX	Megamind			Megamind					Miss March		
HGTV	Love It or List It	Love It or List It		Hunters	Hunt Intl		Love It or List	Love It or List It			
HIST	American Pickers	American Pickers		American Pickers			American Pickers	American Pickers			
LIFE	The Bible			Preachers' Daughters			The Client List	The Bible			
MTV	Teen Mom 2	Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom 2			World of Jenks	Teen Mom 2			
NICK	Full H'se	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	Transporter 3						Crank: High Voltage				
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan	Men-Work	Conan		
TCM	Desire Me				Julia Misbehaves			That Forsyte Woman			
TLC	Gypsy Sisters: Extra	Gypsy Sisters: Extra		Gypsy Sisters: Extra	Gypsy Sisters: Extra		Gypsy Sisters: Extra	Gypsy Sisters: Extra			
TNT	Castle			Dallas	Monday Mornings		Dallas	Monday Mornings			
TOON	Regular	MAD	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Unit	
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Hotel Impossible		Bizarre Foods	Bizarre Foods			
TV LAND	Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	The King of Queens		
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW						NCIS: Los Angeles	CSI: Crime Scene			
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			
Premium Channels											
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher	American Winter			Fight		Cornered	Boxing			
MAX	Road House				Alien vs. Predator			Banshee	Life-Top		
SHOW	Homeland	Californ.	Lies		Shameless		Comedy	Lies	Californ.	Shameless	

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