

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 29. North wind 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. Breezy, with a north wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph decreasing to 5 to 10 mph after midnight.

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

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

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47.

Tuesday: A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 72.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 73.

Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 71.

Thursday: High, 50; Low 25
 Precip: Thursday None
 Month: 0.14 inches
 Year: 2.03 inches
 Normal: 7.21 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Saturday 6:42 a.m. 8:41 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 26 percent
 Sunday 6:40 a.m. 8:42 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 18 percent
 Monday 6:39 a.m. 8:43 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 11 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Fiftieth reunion may be last

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story brick building to accommodate all 12 grades. Plans for the new building had a gymnasium-auditorium with bleacher seating, a kitchen and dining area, modern classrooms and locker facilities for both boys and girls sports.

Excavation for the brick building began in 1922 and on March 1, 1923, 112 elementary and 30 high school students moved into the new building. That spring, the first high school graduation was held for a class of three — Roy Houston, Glenn Klaurens and Ellen Rains.

Two families have the distinction of both sets of parents and all their children attending and graduating from the school. Glenn Klaurens, class of 1923, married Wilma Robb, '27, and their children were Bob, '53, Rex, '61, and Jean Ann, '63. Harvey Steiger, '29, married Vera Blackstein, '34; their children were Patricia, '57, and Robert, '63.

All 12 of Ray and Eva Duffey's children graduated from Menlo, six of them as valedictorians. William and Anna Beckman saw their entire family of nine graduate from the Menlo school. These families will be honored at this year's reunion.

New students came and some moved on, but as near as records indicate, it is likely that high school enrollment peaked at 56 in 1942, when 18 seniors graduated — the largest graduating class. In all, 356 students graduated over the course of the school's 40-year history. About



The red brick building built for the Menlo School was closed in 1963 after 40 years. The building, purchased by a crop duster, fell victim to chemical contamination and was destroyed.

105 are still living. Some of those graduates, now in their 90s, plan to retrace their steps to western Kansas to attend this year's event.

As with many early rural schools, Menlo students were treated to home-style meals that never cost more than 25 cents apiece. Alumni recall that the cooks always had plenty for a second helping. A favorite recess pastime for younger students was roller skating around the building's sidewalks. The custodian always found the time to fix broken skates before the next recess.

For older students, basketball took up any free time; the gym was open during lunch break and after school. Many even came early to get in a few minutes' practice before the first bell. The little school is best remembered for its dynamite basketball teams — both boys and girls.

The boys teams might be considered the KU of high school teams of their day. Word was out

Thomas County Historical Society

that the team was so good they could beat about any other high school team in the area. Thus an invitation was issued for a challenge game with Colby High School — played behind closed doors and not open to the public. Menlo had no trouble beating the Colby team. It was a contest to remember, still talked about by old timers.

Others remember the 1947 to 1950 girls team that experienced only one loss in four years. Many cases full of shiny trophies lined the school's halls, and some will be on display at the reception the day of the reunion.

The small-town school that graduated students to go on to be educators, doctors, lawyers, farmers, soldiers and professionals of many kinds will take its proper place in Thomas County history one more time that day.

For questions or to make a reservation, call Feldt at (785) 677-3070, Joyce Rohn at 460-4234 or Sloan at 460-6696.

Governor spars over gun law

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Oklahoma lawmakers are considering similar legislation.

Supporters of the Kansas law softened it — to say that federal agents wouldn't be arrested or detained while trials were pending — and insist that it will withstand court scrutiny. A federal agent convicted for the first time under the Kansas law could face six months in prison, though probation would be the presumed sentence.

"These hard-working federal employees cannot be forced to choose between the risk of a criminal prosecution and the continued performance of their federal duties," Barry Grissom, the U.S. attorney for Kansas,

said in a statement Thursday.

But Kobach called Holder's analysis "simplistic and incorrect" and said the Kansas law is valid to protect the state's residents against unconstitutional measures enacted by Congress.

"We are very, very confident of our position," Kobach said in an interview. "The state of Kansas is not in any way afraid of a legal challenge."

The office of Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt has already anticipated a potential legal challenge from the federal government, and has asked legislators to increase its budget by \$225,000 over the next two years to cover litigation costs.

Stonking said a dispute could arise after a local gunsmith sells

a firearm manufactured in Kansas to a state resident without complying with federal requirements for a background check on the buyer or registering the gun. Kobach agreed.

"Until that actually happens, there won't be any litigation," Stonking said. "The federal government will have to have some way of finding out."

Supporters of the Kansas law have said they worry about attempts by the federal government to restrict or ban the sale of some weapons — or even confiscate them.

Holder said in his letter that federal law enforcement agencies will "continue to execute their duties to enforce all federal firearms laws and regulations."

"Moreover, the United States will take all appropriate action, including litigation if necessary, to prevent the State of Kansas from interfering with the activities of federal officials enforcing federal law," Holder wrote.

Redistricting ruling may get appeal

By John Hanna
 AP Political Writer

TOPEKA — Secretary of State Kris Kobach said Thursday that he's considering an appeal of a federal court order requiring Kansas to cover \$389,000 worth of attorneys' fees and expenses for parties in a lawsuit over political redistricting.

The lawsuit stemmed from a bitter dispute in the Legislature last year over how to redraw the state's political boundaries to ensure equal representation. Lawmakers failed to pass any plan for revising congressional, legislative and State Board of Education districts, and the panel of three federal judges hearing the lawsuit redrew the lines themselves.

Kobach was a defendant in the lawsuit because he is the state's chief elections officer, and the litigation sought to prevent him from supervising voting with the old districts in place. He was sued by a Robyn Renee Essex, a Republican precinct committee member from Olathe, but the judges allowed 26 other people, including key figures in the legislative impasse, to join her in participating in the case against Kobach.

The secretary of state, also a Republican, had objected to allowing so many people to intervene and argued that it could lead to the state being forced to cover big legal bills. The three judges ruled Tuesday that 15 people were entitled to have a least part of their attorneys' fees and expenses covered by the state.

"This is ridiculous, that these attorneys are being rewarded for piling on this lawsuit," Kobach said during an interview with The Associated Press. "This never should have happened."

Kobach said his office is consulting with

Attorney General Derek Schmidt's office about a possible appeal. Schmidt spokesman Don Brown did not immediately return a telephone message seeking comment.

The secretary of state, a former law professor, said he's researching whether a review of the panel's order would be limited on appeal and whether an appeal would be filed with the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver or directly with the U.S. Supreme Court.

The panel was led by Judge Kathryn Vratil, the chief judge for the U.S. District Court in Kansas and included Senior U.S. District Judge John Lungstrum and Chief Judge Mary Beck Briscoe of the 10th Circuit court.

The panel's decision was defended by state House Minority Leader Paul Davis, a Lawrence Democrat, who intervened in the lawsuit with former state Rep. Bill Roy Jr. of Lenexa. The panel said they were entitled to have about \$46,000 for attorneys' fees and expenses covered by the state. They had sought an award of more than \$101,000.

The dispute over redistricting was especially bitter among majority Republicans in the Legislature, as conservatives and moderates battled over lines that could hurt or help them in last year's elections.

Davis said Democrats had to get involved in the case to protect their interests, noting that both Kobach and Essex are Republicans. Also, Davis, himself an attorney, said the federal judges have wide discretion in settling such issues and predicted there's a "zero percent" chance the ruling will be overturned.

"Kris Kobach has been around the court system, and he should know better," Davis said during an interview.

Prizes promote pothole reporting

HAVERHILL, Mass. (AP) — Report a pothole, win a prize.

That's the idea behind a new promotion by the city of Haverhill.

Mayor James Fiorentini says residents who report a pothole on a city street to the Public Works Department will automatically be entered into a drawing for one of three \$25 gift cards donated

by local businesses. The contest ends May 10.

He tells *The Eagle-Tribune* (bit.ly/11Q0uJF) that the idea is to get the bone-jarring, suspension-rattling holes filled within two business days of when they are reported. He says it's a public safety issue.

Haverhill, like all New England cities, is dealing with

the annual spring rite of dealing with large divots in the roads after a rough winter.



Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the next edition. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

Clinic collecting pet food for animal shelter

Swartz Veterinary Hospital, 1775 W. Fourth St. in Colby, is accepting pet food donations to help the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter in Goodland mark National Pet Week, May 7 to May 10. Help them feed a friend. For information, call Doris Helin at 460-1078.

Master Gardeners reschedule their classes

Because of the snow earlier this month, the Thomas County Master Gardeners have rescheduled several sessions on gardening. At 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Thomas County Extension Office in the county Office Complex on Range Avenue (enter from the south door), John Beckman, Scott County Extension agent, will be giving tips and tricks for growing great tomatoes. After that, Julie Niehage, Golden Prairie District Extension agent, will talk about the Top 40 Annuals for Kansas. For information, call the Extension Office at 460-4582.

Dance planned for Saturday at Legion Hall

There will be a public dance from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion. Swing 'N' Country will provide music. For information, call Lue Duffey at 269-7057.

University Women offering scholarship

The Colby Branch of the American Association of University Women is accepting applications for a two-year scholarship for Thomas County women who will be juniors or seniors in college this fall. Application deadline is Saturday, June 1. Pick up an application at Pioneer Memorial Library or by contacting Patricia Erickson at perickson@st-tel.net or 462-3890.

Spring concert will be Tuesday at college

Colby Community College's free spring music concert will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Cultural Arts Center, featuring the concert and stage bands, concert choir and Sunflower Singers. For information, contact vocal instructor Randy Berls at 460-5520 or instrumental music director Tony Schroer at 460-5519.

City plans spring cleanup for May 6 to 10

Colby's 2013 Spring Cleanup will be Monday to Friday next week, May 6 to 10, offering homeowners a chance to spruce up their yards and have the city remove items that are boxed and bagged, weigh less than 50 pounds and placed at the curb. Call the Public Works office at 460-4410 to schedule a pickup by noon on Friday, May 10. This is for residential customers only.

Diabetes class starts at hospital

Citizens Medical Center will begin a month long weekly series of free educational classes on diabetes, called "Journey for Control," from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the hospital's conference room. Topic for the session will be "On The Road To Better Managing Your Diabetes," on what diabetes is, common myths, blood glucose and insulin, and managing diabetes with healthy eating, activity and medicine. Register by calling by calling Jeanene Brown at (785) 460-4850.

Bike to School Day set for Wednesday

Wednesday is the second annual Bike to School Day. All students are encouraged to ride their bikes to school. For information, contact Megan Carmichael with the Thomas County Healthy Communities Coalition at (785) 460-8177.

Farm Credit to hold Business After 5

Come congratulate Larry Maxwell on his retirement and Randy Wilson, new president of Farm Credit of Western Kansas, at a Business After Five event from 5 to 7 p.m. next Thursday at 1190 S. Range. For information, call Cathy Hawk at 462-6714.

Signup next week for Little League Football

Colby Little League Football will hold an information and registration meeting from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 10, in the Commons at Colby High School for kids who will be in third through sixth grades. Bring your child to be sized for a jersey. Anyone new to the league should bring a photocopy of the child's birth certificate and insurance information. If you have questions, are interested in coaching or are not able to attend, call Amy Wildeman at 460-7815.

LOCAL TV Listings

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Monday Evening		May 6, 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 Voice				Revolution		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon		
KSAS/FOX	Rihanna 777		Bones		Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Bates Motel		Bates Motel		Bates Motel		Bates Motel		Bates Motel		
AMC	The Last Samurai							A Knight's Tale			
ANIM	Wildman	Wildman	River Monsters		Ice Cold Gold		Wildman	Wildman	River Monsters		
BRAVO	Housewives/OC	Housewives/OC	Housewives/OC		Newlyweds: The First Year		Housewives/OC	Housewives/OC	Newlyweds		
CMT	Dog and Beth		Dog and Beth		Guntucky	Guntucky	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Dog and Beth		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Live	Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live		
COMEDY	Key	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Amy Sch.	
DISC	Overhaulin'		Overhaulin'		Tex. Car Wars		Overhaulin'		Tex. Car Wars		
DISN	Cinderella			Good Luck	Jessie	Good Luck	Austin	ANT Farm	Wizards	Wizards	
EI	EI News	Jonas	Jonas	What-Ryan	What-Ryan	What-Ryan	Chelsea	EI News	Chelsea	Chelsea	
ESPN	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	30 for 30			Roll Tide/War Eagle		30 for 30		Nation	Baseball Tonight		
FAM	Secret-Teen		Paul Blart: Mall Cop				The 700 Club		Prince	Prince	
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	
FX	Live Free-Die						Live Free-Die				
HGTV	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	
LIFE	My Sister's Keeper				Dear Mom, Love Cher		Dance Moms		My Sister's Keeper		
MTV	Teen Mom	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	Defiance		Defiance		Warehouse 13		Defiance		Warehouse 13		
SPIKE	The Wolfman		Hulk						Pitch Black		
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Office	Conan	
TCM	The Showpwn Angel				Boom Town						
TLC	Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER		
TNT	NBA Basketball						NBA Basketball				
TOON	Regular	MAD	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen	
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Burger	Burger	New	New	Bizarre Foods		Burger	Burger	
TV LAND	Golden	Golden	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King	
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW						NCIS: Los Angeles		CSI: Crime Scene		
VH1	Love, Hip Hop		T.I.-Tiny	Love, Hip Hop		T.I.-Tiny	The Gospel Game		Master of the Mix		
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Rules	Rules	
Premium Channels											
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher		Mary and Martha				Louis C.K.: Oh				
MAX	K-PAX	Wanderlust			The Watch						
SHOW	Twilight-Dawn				The Big C: Hereafter		Nurse		The Big C: Hereafter	Borgias	