

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 32. West wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. West wind 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. Southwest wind around 5 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north in the afternoon.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63.

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

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 67.

Thursday: High, 58; Low 31
 Precip: Thursday 0.26 inches
 Month: 0.90 inches
 Year: 14.02 inches
 Normal: 19.29 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Saturday 7:59 a.m. 6:59 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 99 percent
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 6:58 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 97 percent
 Monday 8:01 a.m. 6:56 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 92 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

County seeks severance tax

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The commissioners also saw a report from Bruce Webb, the county appraiser.

- Reviewed the University of Kansas strategic plan. The commissioners each got a booklet which explained the university's plan to improve the school's curriculum, doctoral education and facilities, among other things.

- Heard a report on a meeting of the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature, an advocacy group for seniors, which met for its 31st annual session on Oct. 3.

- Talked about a public hearing on the possibility of the lesser prairie chicken becoming an endangered species that will be held by the Kansas Natural Resources Commission from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, and Friday, Nov. 8, at the Clarion Hotel in Garden City.

The commission will discuss a plan by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to put the lesser prairie chicken on the endangered species list. Commissioner Mike Baughn said he felt this is an excuse for the government to get control over land here.

"So they're really gearing up to fight the locals, is what they're doing," he said.

- Steele told the other commissioners that the north basement entrance to the building is crumbling. Chunks have fallen off the roof outside the doorway, exposing a rusted metal beam. He said custodian Gayla Davis has been picking up pieces of the building, and Steele brought a cardboard box to the meeting filled with chunks of limestone.

"Because we might be able to sell this for mementos," he added.

- Agreed to pay health advisor Dr. John Dygert through the accounts payable register. Harms said she has been unable to get a hold of Dygert so they she can find out how to pay him.

- Decided to ask the county's accounting firm, Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball, to prepare an application requesting no-fund warrants to borrow up to \$520,000. At the Aug. 30 meeting, County Attorney Kevin Berens told the commissioners the court system will need \$20,000 to keep operating next year, and \$500,000 for next

Doggone



SAM DIETER
 Colby Free Press
 This male Lhasa-Pekinese is looking for a home, to adopt him, call the Colby Animal Clinic at 460-8621.

Funds sought for tech schools

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than others, such as automotive or welding.

Schools currently receive funding for career and technical programs, previously known as vocational education, based on a formula that counts each student enrolled in the programs as 1.5 students. That means districts receive funding equal to 1.5 times the base state aid per student for those enrolled in career and technical programs.

Dennis said the actual cost of adopting either new funding proposal would be higher than his estimates because they were based on 2011 funding levels.

The 2011 changes to technical education programs were aimed at providing students with

necessary skills to enter the job market after graduation.

Kansas divides the new programs into 16 clusters of courses based on industry groupings and the skills that are involved. Some of the clusters taught in schools include agriculture, business management and administration, health sciences and manufacturing.

The state also has started a program where students can enroll in the clusters and work toward industry certification through enrollment at a state technical college while still in high school. The funding proposals to be offered by Dennis in January apply only to programs school districts offer in their schools.

Shutdown affected us in many ways

From "SHUTDOWN," Page

and Prevention in Atlanta, which furloughed 9,000 of its 13,000 workers, said the shutdown slowed its response to an outbreak of salmonella in chicken that sickened people in 18 states.

Office hours
 At a warehouse, factory or other worksite, a young minority exposed to racial slurs by his boss had one fewer place to turn for help. Federal officials who oversee compliance with discrimination laws and labor practices weren't working, except in emergencies.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission was not issuing right-to-sue letters, so people could not take discrimination cases into federal court, said Peter Siegelman, an expert in workplace discrimination at the University of Connecticut's law school.

Workplaces weren't inspected by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. One result? Employees could operate dangerous equipment even if not trained or old enough to do so.

"The afternoon before the shutdown we got a complaint of

a restaurant where a ... 14-year-old was operating a vertical dough mixer," said James Yochim, assistant director of the U.S. Department of Labor's wage and hour division office in Springfield, Ill. "We (were) not able to get out there and conduct an investigation."

Yochim's office also put on hold an investigation at another restaurant of children reportedly using a meat slicer.

Home safe
 Getting around was largely unaffected. Air traffic controllers were on the job, flights still taking off. Trains operated by local agencies delivered millions of commuters to their jobs.

But if something went wrong, such as the mysterious case of a Chicago "ghost train," people were left in the dark.

On the last day of September, an empty Chicago Transit Authority train somehow rumbled down the tracks and crashed into another train, injuring a few dozen passengers. The National Transportation Safety Board dispatched investigators, and they kept working when the shutdown started the next day because they were "essential." But the agency

furloughed others whose job is to explain to the public what happened.

So millions of commuters used the transit lines without knowing more about what caused the crash.

The CDC slashed staffing at quarantine stations at 20 airports and entry points, raising chances travelers could enter the country carrying diseases like measles undetected.

In the first week of the shutdown, the number of illnesses detected dropped by 50 percent, CDC spokeswoman Barbara Reynolds said. "Are people suddenly a lot healthier?" she wondered.

Study time
 Children learned the meaning of shutdown when they got home and booted up computers to do homework. From the U.S. Census bureau site to NASA maps, they were greeted by alerts that said government sites were down "due to the shutdown."

Linda Koplin, a math teacher in Oak Park, a Chicago suburb, asked her sixth-grade pupils to

use a reliable online source to find the highest and lowest elevations.

"They were able to find all the elevations for the rest of the continent but they couldn't find information for their continent," Koplin said.

It was the same at New Trier High School in Winnetka, Ill., where social studies teacher Robin Forrest said government statistics are more important because of so much dubious information on the web.

"We try to steer our kids toward websites and databases that are legitimate, the same way we would college students," he said.

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Monday Evening										October 21, 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	2 Broke G	Big Bang	Mom	Hostages		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson			
KSNK/NBC	The Voice				The Blacklist		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon			
KSAS/FOX	Bones		Sleepy Hollow		Local							
Cable Channels												
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage		
AMC	Halloween				Halloween II					Halloween		
ANIM	Monsters Inside Me		Monsters Inside Me		Confessions		Monsters Inside Me		Confessions			
BRAVO	NeNe--Wedding		Housewives/NJ		Real Housewives		Happens	Real Housewives	Jersey			
CMT	We Are Marshall							Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		AC 360 Later		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live			
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	Brickie.	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	At Midnig	South Pk		
DISC	Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		To Be Announced		Fast N' Loud		To Be Announced			
DISN	Jessie	Twitches			Jessie	Dog	Austin	ANT Farm	Good Luck	Good Luck		
E!	E! News	Kardash	Kardashian		Kardashian		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea			
ESPN	Countdown	NFL Football						SportsCenter				
ESPN2	World Series		World Series		World Series		SportCtr	Olberrmann	Profile			
FAM	Alice	Twilight					The 700 Club		I Know What			
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners		
FX	Grown Ups						Grown Ups					
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	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens			
LIFE	Missing at 17				Girl Fight				Missing at 17			
MTV	Big Tips Texas		Teen Mom 3		Teen Mom 3		Teen Mom 3		Teen Mom 3		Awkward.	
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Chris	Chris		
SCI	Nightmare-2		Frigh Night						30 Days of Night: Dark Days			
SPIKE	X-Men		X-Men						The Punisher			
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office	Conan		
TCM	Boy				Knife in the Water				The Story of Film			
TLC	Half-Ton Mom		Half-Ton Dad		Half-Ton Killer		Half-Ton Dad		Half-Ton Killer			
TNT	Castle				Major Crimes		CSI: NY		CSI: NY			
TOON	Uncle Gra	MAD	King/Hill	Cleveland	Burgers	Amer. Dad	Family Guy		Chicken	Aqua Teen		
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Hotel Impossible		Hotel Impossible		Bizarre Foods			
TV LAND	Griffith	Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	King	King	The King of Queens			
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW								The Bourne Ultimatum			
VH1	Basketball Wives		CrazySexyCool						CrazySexyCool: The TLC Story			
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		How I Met	Rules	Rules	Parks		
Premium Channels												
HBO	Les Misérables		Life According				This Is 40					
MAX	Lethal Weapon 3				Ted							
SHOW	Homeland		Masters of Sex		Homeland		Masters of Sex		Man on a Ledge			

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