

Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. Blustery, with a northwest wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to 5 to 10 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 60. Breezy, with a west wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 36. South wind around 15 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 54.

Monday Night: Rain and snow likely. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Tuesday: Rain and snow likely. Cloudy, with a high near 38. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Tuesday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 45.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 53.

Thursday: High, 62; Low 36 Precip: Thursday None October: 0.98 inches Year: 14.06 inches Normal: 19.29 inches (K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset Saturday 8:14 a.m. 6:41 p.m. Moon: waning, 1 percent Sunday 7:15 a.m. 5:40 p.m. New moon at 6:51 a.m. Central Standard Time Monday 7:15 a.m. 5:39 p.m. Moon: waxing, 2 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Municipalities league updated

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The league thinks the bill is unconstitutional, Moler said, "but we really didn't want to have to test that in court."

The bill is all-encompassing, he said; any public employee who wants to go to Topeka to represent their city will have to basically take the day off, because they cannot be paid while lobbying. They will also have pay for their own room, board and mileage.

"This was an effort to shut down local input on the process," Moler said.

The next point is to keep local elections in the spring, he said. Another proposed bill would not only move elections into the fall and schedule them during the same years as state and national elections, but also have candidates file by parties. City council and school board members could run with the Republicans, Democrats or another political party.

Moler said that the spring elections are meant to coincide with the farming season, and have been the only way elections for local entities like cities and schools are timed in Kansas since the state was formed. He said people would know less about the local issues if those elections were in the fall, when most of what is in the news concerns statewide and national issues.

Moler discussed other issues, such as the beleaguered Kansas Public Employees Retirement System, which covers many state, county, local and school workers. He said 10 percent of all Kansans — 276,000 people — are members.

When asking the status of the program, he said, "the answer we get from KPERs is that it is solvent, barely."

The system has two branches, he said. The branch for employees of cities and counties is rea-

sonably well-funded, he said. The other branches are for state and school employees. While the state branch has even better funding, the school branch would be insolvent, Moler said, if it had to stand on its own.

In fact, he said, the system has an unfunded obligation between \$7 billion and \$8 billion. And when asked what is being done about this in the legislature, Moler had no specific answer. He said there is talk about providing 401(K)-type coverage for new employees, but none about how to pay the existing obligation. He said the system was founded in the 1960s, and the liability has been steadily growing since then.

He expressed concern that the state might take more money out of the relatively healthy budget for the Kansas Department of Transportation. The league supports the department's work, he said, and calls for more money to go into its connecting links program, which helps improve state highways that go through cities.

The league also supports the "50-year vision" of the state water office, but Moler admitted that water issues are vastly different for cities in different parts of the state.

"Maybe you can't make it to Topeka," Winn said, "but keep in contact with your legislators."

County's ambulances switch

Thomas County emergency medical crews will begin using a different ambulance in Colby after an exchange between the Colby and Rexford stations.

Thomas 1, the ambulance formerly stationed in Rexford, was brought to Colby to take the place of Thomas 3, an ambulance used in Colby.

"This move will extend the useful life of Thomas 3 and better utilize Thomas 1," emergency medical services Director Joe Hickert told county commissioners at a recent meeting.

Thomas 3 recently had extensive repairs and

has an engine known for problems, he said. Repairs included a new fuel injector rack, which required removal of the entire front end.

While the mechanics were working on that, they found unusual wear on the serpentine belt and found that an idler pulley was stuck. Both were removed and replaced.

Though Thomas 1 is older than Thomas 3, it has fewer miles and mechanical problems, Hickert said. Since Rexford needs an ambulance less frequently than the Colby area, the swap should extend the county's ability to use Thomas 3.

Kansas economy fell in October

The Associated Press

The Institute for Supply Management, formerly the Purchasing Management Association, began formally surveying its membership in 1931 to gauge business conditions.

The Creighton Economic Forecasting Group uses the same methodology as the national survey to consult supply managers and business leaders. Creighton University economics professor Ernie Goss oversees the report.

The overall index ranges between 0 and 100. Growth neutral is 50, and a figure greater than 50 indicates an expanding economy over the next three to six months.

Here are some state-by-state results for October:

Kansas: The Kansas index fell to 56.3 in October from September's 60.0. Components of the index were new orders at 58.6, production or sales at 65.2, delivery lead time at 47.4, employment at 57.6 and inventories at 52.9. "Both durable- and nondurable-goods manufacturers expanded for the month. A decline in export orders restrained overall business activity," said Goss.

Missouri: The October overall index for Missouri declined to 54.3 from 55.6 in September. Components of the index were new orders at 55.1, production or sales at 58.8, delivery lead time at 52.9, inventories at 53.6 and employment at 51.1.

Nebraska: After moving above growth neutral for two straight months, Nebraska's overall index dropped under growth neutral. The figure was 47.0 in October, compared with 52.0 in September. Components of the index were new orders at 41.7, production or sales at 46.3, delivery lead time at 50.7, inventories at 50.0 and employment at 45.6. "Pullbacks in construction activity and weaker conditions in agriculture negatively influenced manufacturing firms linked to these two sectors. Food processors continue to experience healthy business conditions," said Goss.

Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the following day, space available. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

Hospital holds classes on diabetes

Citizens Medical Center will begin a month-long series of free classes on diabetes, "Journey for Control," from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Monday in the hospital's conference room. Other classes will be Mondays Nov. 11, 18 and 25. To register, call Jeanene Brown at (785) 460-4850.

Group plans dance at American Legion

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

Christmas open house this weekend

The opening of a photography exhibit at the Prairie Museum of Art and History will double as a Christmas open house beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday. At 2 p.m., photographer and videographer Audrey Kalivoda will talk about her film "Kansas: The Center of It All." Guests will receive discounts in the gift shop until 5 p.m. Contact Ann Miner at 460-4590 or go to www.prairiemuseum.org.

Church to serve turkey dinner Sunday

An old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday in the basement of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, which has elevator access. Come for turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, salads and homemade pie. Home delivery is available by calling 462-2179 through Friday or 443-2298 after hours and on the weekend. Donations will be accepted.

Adoptive, foster families focus of service

Adoptive and foster families and children are invited to Orphan Sunday this weekend at the Colby Wesleyan Church. The church will honor these families at its 10:45 a.m. service, with a "kid-friendly" lunch to follow. Contact Joy Rothfuss at 462-8391.

Deadline Monday for Hall of Fame luncheon

The Colby Community College Hall of Fame luncheon to honor 2013 inductees Dr. Larry and Joyce Washburn, Darvin Strutt, Bruce Siemens and Joyce Hansen will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, in the Student Union. Cost is \$10 per person; everyone is welcome. For reservations, call Kathy Britton at 462-3984 or Penny Cline at 460-5404 by Monday.

Chamber Diplomats plan women's luncheon

The Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce invites area women to the Colby Diplomats Annual Ladies Luncheon, a come-and-go event from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, at the Colby American Legion Hall. Registration deadline is Wednesday. Call the Chamber office at 460-3401.

Business After 5 at Duffey clinic Wednesday

Duffey Chiropractic Care will be the host for the Colby-Thomas County Chamber's Business After 5 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. The business is holding open house all week to celebrate its second anniversary. For information, call Cindy Duffey at 460-3224.

Kiwanis invites vets to lunch next Thursday

The Kiwanis Club of Thomas County invites veterans to lunch at noon Thursday during the club's regular meeting at the Colby Community College Student Union, Room 106. To make reservations, call Kenton Krehbiel at 443-3437.

Church women selling holiday greenery

The Colby Presbyterian Women are selling fresh Christmas greenery — wreaths, garlands and centerpieces — as a fund raiser for their mission projects. Orders are due by next Friday. For information or to order, contact the church at 462-6342 or JoAnne Sunderman at 460-2476. Delivery will be the first week of December.

Sign up now for holiday food basket

The Genesis-Thomas County Food Bank plans to distribute food baskets for Thomas County families for the holidays. Those who'd like a basket should pick up a form at the Genesis office, 350 S. Range, Suite 13, from 10 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, or call 460-7930 and leave a message. Forms are available at the Pioneer Memorial Library, the Thomas County Health Department and the state Department for Children and Families office.

Rawlins County Health Center RAWLINS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER COMMUNITY CALENDAR 707 Grant Atwood, KS 67730 (785) 626-3211 Bringing Specialized Healthcare To Your Community November 2013 To schedule an appointment with a visiting physician, PLEASE CALL (785) 626-3211 Cheryl Banister, RN Specialty Clinic Director LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS Monday Evening November 4, 2013 KAKE/ABC Dancing With Stars Castle Local Jimmy Kimmel Live Nightline KBSL/CBS How I Met | 2 Broke G | Mike | 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 Gangsters: Most Evil Gangsters: Most Evil Gangsters: Most Evil Gangsters: Most Evil Gangsters: Most Evil AMC Above the Law Hard to Kill ANIM Monsters Inside Me Monsters Inside Me Monsters Inside Me Monsters Inside Me Monsters Inside Me BRAVO Real Housewives Real Housewives Happens Vanderpump Rules Real CMT Ghostbusters Cops Rel. 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 Brickle. South Pk Daily Colbert At Midnig South Pk DISC Fast N' Loud Fast N' Loud Hunters Hunters Fast N' Loud Hunters Hunters DISN Jessie Frenemies Shake It Good Luck ANT Farm Dog Good Luck Good Luck E! E! News Eric & Je Fashion Police Kardashians Chelsea E! News Chelsea ESPN Countdown NFL Football SportsCenter ESPN2 World Series SportCtr Olbermann NBA FAM Last Song The Princess Diaries The 700 Club Prince Prince FOOD Diners Diners Diners Diners Diners Diners Diners Diners Diners Diners FX Salt MTV Teen Mom 3 Teen Mom 3 Teen Mom 3 Teen Mom 3 Teen Mom 3 NICK Full H'se Full H'se Full H'se Full H'se Full H'se Friends Chris Chris SCI Adjustment Bureau The Bourne Ultimatum Star Trek VI: Undiscovered SPIKE Cops Cops Cops Cops Cops Cops Cops Jail Jail TBS Fam. Guy Fam. Guy Fam. Guy Big Bang Conan Pete Holm Conan TCM My Brilliant Career Picnic-Hanging Alice in TLC Secretly Pregnant Secretly Pregnant Secretly Pregnant Secretly Pregnant Secretly Pregnant TNT Castle Major Crimes CSI: NY CSI: NY TOON Steven MAD King/Hill Cleveland Burgers Amer. Dad Fam. Guy Fam. Guy Chicken Aqua Teen TRAV Bizarre Foods Bizarre Foods Hotel Impossible Hotel Impossible Bizarre Foods TV LAND Andy Griffith Show Raymond Raymond Friends Friends 30 Rock King King King USA WWE Monday Night RAW Covert Affairs NCIS: Los Angeles VH1 Love & Hip Hop Chrissy Black Ink Crew Love & Hip Hop Chrissy Black Ink Crew WGN Funniest Home Videos Funniest Home Videos WGN News at Nine How I Met Rules Rules Parks Premium Channels HBO Wrath of the Titans Tales From the Organ Trade Eastbound 2 Days Boxing MAX Broken City Prometheus Strike Back: Origins SHOW Homeland Masters of Sex Homeland Masters of Sex Time of Death ©2009 Hometown Content, listings by Zap2it