

Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before.

Baptist Church invites all to lunch

Come and bring a friend to a free "Joyful Blessings" meal from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, Webster and Grant. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Radonda Buford at 462-2804.

Church women selling fresh nuts

The women of Ascension Episcopal Church are selling fresh holiday nuts, including pecans, walnuts, cashews and variety packs. For delivery, call Martha Hullett at 462-2505, or pick some up at Colby Canvas.

Foundation grant applications due

The Thomas County Community Foundation will accept applications for its fourth-quarter grant cycle until Tuesday. Grant areas include children, education, literacy, cultural, senior citizen services, beautification and more. Go to www.thomascountycitycommunityfoundation.com for an application or call Executive Director Melinda Olson at 460-9152 if you have questions.

Trash crew off for New Year's Day

Colby city and Thomas County offices will be closed New Year's Day and workers will be off. The residential trash route for Wednesday will be collected Thursday. For information, call Omar Weber at the Public Works Department, 460-4420.

The Thomas County Landfill will be closed Wednesday also, reopening at 9 a.m. Thursday. For information, call Larry Jumper at 462-8139.

Foster parenting classes set

Foster parenting classes by TFI Family Services will begin Monday, Jan. 6, in Colby, with the time and location to be determined by interested families' schedules. Call Vicki Beiser at (785) 443-0650 or (800) 279-9914.

Church offers class for women

A 10-week program of hope, healing and support for women experiencing divorce will be offered from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday evenings from Jan. 6 through March 10 at the Colby United Methodist Church. Women of all faiths are welcome. Call Lynette Ball at (785) 675-8606 to enroll or for information.

Art Club offers movie on Rockwell

The High Plains Art Club will serve free hot chocolate and popcorn to those who attend a movie about the life of illustrator Norman Rockwell at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, in the upstairs meeting room at the Pioneer Memorial Library. Call Marj Brown at 462-3515 for information.

Fifth graders to sing Jan. 28

The Colby Grade School fifth graders will present a free musical production, "On the Radio," at 2 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, at the school auditorium. Everyone is invited. For information, call teacher Jennifer Otten at 460-5100.

Wellness Challenge to kick off

Dr. Doug Gruenbacher, a Quinter physician, will speak at the kickoff for the Thomas County Wellness Challenge at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, in the multipurpose room at the Colby Community College Student Union. Blood will be drawn for lab tests from 6 to 9 a.m. Thursday to Saturday, Jan. 9 to 11, and Monday, Jan. 13, in the front lobby of Citizens Medical Center, 100 E. College Dr. The Challenge itself begins Monday, Jan. 13. For information, call the county Health Department at (785) 460-4596.

Head Start looking for kids

Head Start, a development program for 3- and 4-year-olds and their families, is taking applications. Services, including education, nutrition, health, disability services and family support, are free to those who qualify. Children must be 3 on or before Aug. 31. For information or to schedule an appointment, contact Head Start at 460-6067 by Tuesday, May 20.

Ethanol plant gets a visit

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The plant does not simply turn grain into ethanol, Torluemke said. Any organic material can be turned into ethanol, including manure, dead hogs or leftover food. He said the plant recently processed a truckload of unwanted Coca-Cola products.

"We can take all that stuff and throw it in there," he said.

After passing through the plant's automatic control room, the governor

and his friends were shown a room filled with a mountain of paunch — the undigested food from inside a cow's stomach. They were hit with a wave of odor a lot like an outhouse.

A chute at the other side of the room pushed out what was left after the manure and paunch had been processed into ethanol. The black manure-like substance makes good fertilizer, Piene said.

Nearby were ponds of organic ma-

terial with hoses attached to them, collecting the last remaining traces of gas. They also passed through rooms where pieces of dirt are filtered out of the manure, and where water is separated from the gas. Torluemke said that about 65 percent of the paunch that the plant uses is water, which is sold to surrounding farms.

At the end of the tour, Brownback said he would try to help the plant with regulation problems.

Career for public to conclude

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bills were set to the Senate's schedule and work with the minority leader to make the Senate ran smoothly. For this organized, detail-oriented senator, the position was a good fit.

She served on several committees, including Agriculture, Commerce, Education and Rules and Regulations. She considers her committee assignments "lucky," she said, because they gave her a good chance to see many aspects of government.

Frahm said she was "terrified" every time she entered a new position, not knowing exactly what to expect, but she gave each job her best efforts.

Her first senate office was small, she remembered, but she was fortunate to get her own secretary since House members had to share secretaries. Her majority leader's office seemed huge, just off the Senate chamber and with several staff members.

In 1994, she ran for lieutenant governor with Bill Graves of Salina, the Republican candidate for governor. Graves has been secretary of state.

She remembered sitting with Graves in her family's home, looking at Pizza Hut across the street, when he asked her if she would run with him. She said yes, and their campaign

was successful, earning her another office upgrade at the Capitol.

While she was lieutenant governor, she said, she also served as the Secretary of Administration, managing several state departments.

In 1996, U.S. Sen. Bob Dole resigned to focus on his presidential campaign, giving only a few hours' notice to Gov. Graves.

Graves, who could have left his position as governor to fill the Senate seat himself, asked Frahm if she would like to take it.

She said she was warned not to take the appointment but try to run for the Senate on her own, since there were only a few months left in Dole's term, but she tried it anyway.

Within a few months, she hired a staff, closed her lieutenant governor's office, raised \$1.5 million for a re-election campaign and moved to Washington, returning to Kansas each weekend.

When she entered the Senate, she said, she became the 1,828th senator since the founding of the republic.

"I have great appreciation for government," she said.

Frahm lost the election, but said her time in the Senate seat was an experience she would not trade.

"Some of the senators were awe-

some and some were incredibly difficult," she recalls. "It's human nature."

When Frahm returned to Kansas, a college trustee she knew suggested she become the executive director of the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, a position she took in 1997.

In this role, she represented Kansas' 19 community colleges, which were incorporated into the state's higher education structure while she was held that job.

She served as executive director until 2009. In 2005, she became a member of the Postsecondary Technical Education Authority, a group that focuses on work-force training for students of all ages.

It was this group from which Frahm just retired. For the first time in many years, she said, she now has no reason to travel to Topeka.

Frahm said she and her husband, married for 48 years, are retiring from farming. They plan to travel and spend time with their three daughters and two grandchildren.

"My husband has been extremely supportive," she said, adding that this is another transition of many they have experienced.

"What a ride I've had," she said. "I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Voter ID law under scrutiny

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The separate ACLU lawsuit contends Kobach has no authority to create a dual registration system.

"There's nothing the Legislature needs to do in regard to the proof-of-citizenship law, and I won't be asking them to do anything," Kobach said. "At this point, it's down to my legal staff to defend these laws in court."

Kobach said many of the prospective voters are waiting to provide proof of citizenship until the August primary or November general election because, "It's human nature for a lot of people to put things off."

Kobach promoted the law as an anti-fraud measure preventing non-citizens from voting, particularly those living in the U.S. illegally. During a December federal court hearing, he said his office had found the names of 20 noncitizens out of 1.7 million registered on the state's voter rolls.

"We know that the law is having its intended effect," he said.

Critics of the proof-of-citizenship law contend it creates a new burden for prospective voters, far out of proportion to the problem it's purporting to solve. State Sen. David Haley, a Kansas City Democrat who serves on the chamber's elections committee,

said the policy should be repealed, calling it an attempt to "repress voter participation."

House Elections Committee Chairman Scott Schwab, a conservative Olathe Republican, said the proof-of-citizenship rule still has broad public support.

"It wasn't a mistake, and it was what people wanted," Schwab said. "The problem was the administration of the law."

Schwab places part of the blame on the state Department of Revenue, which earlier this year announced it had dropped plans to require anyone renewing a driver's license to present citizenship documents — which then could be forwarded to election officials.

Secretary Nick Jordan has said the department was responding to concerns about the potential inconvenience for motorists and to cues from federal officials that such a step wouldn't be required under a federal anti-terrorism law.

Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 61. Breezy, with a southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: Patchy blowing dust before 3 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 14. Windy, with a north wind 25 to 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 27. Blustery, with a north wind 15 to 20 mph becoming east 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 15.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 20.

New Year's Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 47.

Thursday: High 55; Low 20

Precip: Thursday None

Month: 0.03 inches

Year: 14.47 inches

Normal: 20.86 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Saturday 8:04 a.m. 5:29 p.m.

Month: waning, 19 percent

Sunday 8:04 a.m. 5:29 p.m.

Month: waning, 11 percent

Monday 8:04 a.m. 5:30 p.m.

Month: waning, 5 percent

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Conservation program sign-up deadline nears

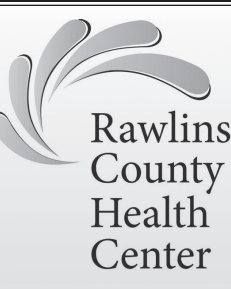
Kansas farmers and ranchers have less than a month to sign up for a federal conservation program which help landowners conserve the natural resources on their property.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service is taking applications for the fiscal year 2014 Conservation Stewardship Program until Fri-

day, Jan. 17. Part of the federal farm bill, the program can help farmers and ranchers put in place practices such as nozzles to reduce pesticide drift, rotational feeding areas and monitored grazing areas and modified water facilities.

The service has a checklist for landowners to decide if the program

fits their ranch or farm. Stop by the county U.S. Department of Agriculture office, or go to the Conservation Stewardship Program website at www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/csp/.



RAWLINS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

707 Grant Atwood, KS 67730 (785) 626-3211

Bringing Specialized Healthcare To Your Community

January 2014

Calendar table showing dates from Sun to Sat with medical appointments for various services like Ultrasounds, Cardiac Rehab, Diabetic Clinic, MRI's, etc.

To schedule an appointment with a visiting physician, PLEASE CALL (785) 626-3211 Cheryl Banister, RN Specialty Clinic Director

LOCAL TV Listings

TV Listings table for Monday Evening, December 30, 2013, listing channels like KAKE/ABC, KFSL/CBS, KSNK/NBC, etc. and programs like Charlie Brown, Breaking Bad, Finding Bigfoot, etc.