

Cold day for repair



It was a bitter cold day earlier this month when city crews had to begin repairs on a water line on Main Street near Central Elementary. The line has now been fixed and the bricks replaced. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

Governor wants more money for tech schools

TOPEKA—Career and technical educators and stakeholders joined Kansas Governor Sam Brownback earlier this month to announce his plan to boost the percentage of students who are career and college ready upon high school graduation.

“Career and Technical Education programs are a great way for high school students in Kansas to obtain real-world knowledge and skills that will help them immediately -- whether that’s to begin their career after high school or to get a job that will help pay their way through college,” Brownback said.

The Governor’s proposal would provide a little more than \$20.5 million for:

- Student tuition
- School transportation costs
- Incentives to high schools for certificates earned in key occupations
- Marketing to increase participation

“With the help of Governor Brownback and our Kansas Leg-

islators we can build a seamless pathway for students to learn and earn while moving from one level of education to another,” said Rob Edleston, the president of the Kansas Association of Technical Colleges. “The choice of college or work will no longer be the case. The choice has become what kind of college degree I should get in order to ‘Learn a Living.’”

Linda Fund, executive director of the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees said, “We applaud the Governor’s support of a Career and Technical Education System which provides workers for economy-driving jobs faster than any other educational system. Kansas Community Colleges provide the vast majority of the current technical education in Kansas and support putting resources into a skilled workforce to make Kansas more globally competitive. Creation of a skilled workforce that can fill the needs of our business and industry partners is critical to Kansas economic recovery.”

Legislature working on water proposals

This past summer Governor Brownback had a Kansas Water Authority Task Force meeting at Colby, Kansas, directed toward conservation of water to protect the Ogallala Aquifer for future generations.

The results of the stakeholder task force representing the Kansas Water Authority produced points of interest:

- HB-2451: Amend the appropriation act to eliminate “use it or lose it” in areas closed to new water rights development.
 - SB-272: Amend multi-year flex accounts to expand water management in five year periods.
 - SB-310: (LEMA) Local Enhancement Management Plans that would provide a process for proactive conservation plans with local decision making controls and could provide corrective measures and mandatory water use reductions.
- Other discussions were to amend current laws to allow additional Water Bank development and support making the pilot Water Transition Assistance Program (WTAP) a permanent program. Uncork Kansas is a rising movement of more



Ralph Ostmeyer
state senator

than 1,700 businesses, Chamber of Commerce, local trade associations and thousands of consumers with a common goal, to allow grocery and convenience stores to give consumers the ability to choose where they purchase beer, wine and spirits.

I need to hear from all businesses involved, liquor stores and grocery stores. This issue does not seem to go away. Proponents feel they have made compromises that should satisfy all involved. I have some grocery stores that are interested but very few liquor stores in the community. Then there is some interest in selling Class A, the sale of beer only and Class B, the sale of wines and beer.

The only way to sell Class C, the sale of

beer, wine, and spirits, would be to purchase a license from an existing liquor store that would sell license beginning Jan. 1, 2013, until Jan. 1, 2016, after which the cap would be lifted, and the number of licenses available for purchase from ABC will be restricted. A couple other points, starting Jan. 1, 2013, existing liquor stores will be allowed to sell any other goods or services, and 3 percent of the liquor enforcement tax revenues will be distributed to cities and counties that lose sales tax revenue due to reduced sales of cereal malt beverages beer.

Kansas Wildlife, Parks and Tourism filed a bill to do away with hunting and fishing license exemptions for 65-plus. Stay tuned and we will report more information later.

Finally, if you are a student who would like to page this session, call my office and schedule a Monday. You must be 12 to 17 years old. I have scheduled Mondays, Feb. 15 and March 5.

Call my office soon at (785) 296-7399.

Local agency issues new rules reminder

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It won’t be long till planting time for spring seeded crops. The deadline to report spring planted acres was moved to July 15. Visit the office immediately after completing spring planting to report these acres to avoid any conflict with wheat harvest.

- The sign up to enroll in the 2012 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program and the Average Crop Revenue Election began Jan. 23

and ends June 1. The Farm Service Agency is encouraging farmers to call or stop by the office to schedule an appointment.

The farm bill does not provide for any advance payments for 2012, so the full year’s payment will be issued after Oct. 1. The office is looking to complete the program signups by mid March.

For information, call the office at 899-3070 to schedule an appointment.

Colby Community College planning transition to four-day school week

Colby Community College plans to go to a four-day class week beginning in the fall, allowing students more time for jobs and, hopefully, requiring less for commuting.

Classes will meet on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday, officials said, and all class periods will be the same length.

“In addition to the four-day class week, the college will be offering more evening and weekend classes to accommodate students,” said Joyce Washburn, dean of academic affairs. “We will also be implementing several classes that will meet only on Friday and/or Saturday.”

After researching information from colleges that have implemented the four-day class schedule,

she said, the college decided to go forward with the change beginning in August.

“When I was in Alabama and Mississippi, both institutions moved from a five- to four-day class schedule, and the results were very well received,” said Dr. Steve Vacik, college president. “Students had an extra day to work at their jobs or visit with faculty to gain valuable assistance. Faculty and staff had a day when meetings and professional development could be scheduled with little fear of overlapping with instructional time.”

The new schedule will provide increased flexibility for students who commute to campus or those who work weekends, he noted.

“We believe the new schedule will be attractive for prospective students,” Dr. Vacik said. “In addition to convenience, students who are involved in athletics and other activities requiring travel will be absent fewer days. The four-day class schedule is just one of the initiatives at the college that makes CCC different and better with a purpose.”

Although classes will meet Monday through Thursday, faculty and staff will continue to work the traditional five-day week.

For information about the schedule, contact the Admissions Department at 460-4690.

Bomb found in McDonald last week

A bomb was found in McDonald on Jan. 23. Ryan Murray, emergency management for Rawlins, Cheyenne and Sherman counties, was notified by the Rawlins County Sheriff Department about 11 p.m. that a suspicious device had been found at a residence in McDonald. The sheriff department officers secured the area and they waited for additional resources through the Kansas Highway Patrol. Also involved were the

Rawlins County McDonald emergency medical service and the McDonald fire department.

Upon the arrival of the highway patrol’s specialized team, the area was searched and one bomb was found and rendered safe at 4:45 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Murray reported that the incident remains under investigation and no further information is available at this time.

February Consultant Schedule

ALLERGIST**	Jeffrey Rumbyrt, M.D.	February 20
CARDIOLOGIST	Barry Smith, M.D.	February 8 & 22
CARDIOLOGIST	Vijay Subbarao, M.D.	February 9
CARDIOLOGIST**	Christine Fisher, M.D.	February 13
COUNSELING SERVICES		Thursdays by Appointment
DIETITIAN	Sarah Linton, RD, LD, CDE	Tuesdays by Appointment
EARS, NOSE, THROAT	Alfred N. Carr, M.D.	February 9, 10 & 24
ENDOCRINOLOGIST	Gerald Poticha, M.D.	February 9, 10, 23 & 24
GASTROENTEROLOGIST	Jeffrey D. Huston, M.D.	February 7, 20 & 21
GENERAL SURGEON	David D. Beck, M.D.	February 2 & 16
GENERAL SURGEON	Jeffrey Cross, M.D.	February 9 & 23
GYNECOLOGY	Laura Rokosz, M.D.	February 8 & 22
NEUROLOGIST	Steven J. Gulevich, M.D.	February 1, 8 & 22
OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY	David Forscher, M.D.	March 21
ONCOLOGY	Prakash Neupane, M.D.	February 3, 10, 17 & 24
ONCOLOGY/HEMATOLOGY	Martin Rubinowitz, M.D.	March 6
OPHTHALMOLOGIST	Brian Joondeph, M.D.	February 15
OPHTHALMOLOGIST	Ronald Wise, M.D.	February 3, 17 & 22
OPHTHALMOLOGIST**	Eric Fry, M.D.	February 10
OPHTHALMOLOGIST	Robert Fante, M.D.	February 24
ORTHOPEDIST	Tim Birney, M.D.	February 13
ORTHOPEDIST	Armond Hatzidakis, M.D.	April 2
ORTHOPEDIST	James Holmes, M.D.	February 20
ORTHOPEDIST	Edward Parks, M.D.	February 27
ORTHOPEDIST	Raj Bazaz, M.D.	February 13
ORTHOPEDIST	Kevin Nagamani, M.D.	February 1 & 29
ORTHOPEDIST	Gareth Shemesh, M.D.	March 8 & 9
PATHOLOGIST	Pathology Services P.C.	Call for Availability
PODIATRIST	Erik Ouderkirk, D.P.M.	February 8
PODIATRIST	Daniel Mallett, D.P.M.	February 22
PULMONOLOGIST	Ken Weisiger, M.D.	February 16 & 23
RADIOLOGISTS	Professional Radiology Services	WEEK DAYS
SPEECH THERAPY	Crystal Schultz	Monday – Thursday
UROLOGIST**	Kevin McDonald M.D.	February 14
UROLOGIST**	Wallace Curry, M.D.	February 28

For an appointment please call 785-890-6030

**For an appointment with the Allergist please call 1-888-849-8424

**For an appointment with Dr. Fry please call 1-800-526-3937

**For an appointment with Dr. Fisher please call 1-888-625-4699

**For an appointment with Dr. McDonald or Dr. Curry please call 1-877-312-1619

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Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Walk-in Clinic M-F 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m./Saturday Clinic 9-11 a.m.

Dr. Mohedine Shafei (Out of office on Monday)

Dr. Travis Daise (Out of office on Wednesday)

Dr. David Younger (Out of office on Thursday)

Dr. Lisa M. Unruh – Pediatrician (Out of office on Tuesday)

Jackie Jorgensen, ARNP (Out of office on Friday)

Kathy Wiley, APRN (Out of office on Wednesday)



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Level: Beginner

Like puzzles? Then you’ll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!