

Weather Corner



Lows 43 with highs near 75

The forecast
Tonight — Clear with a low around 43. North northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.
Saturday — Mostly sunny with a high around 76. Calm wind becoming south southeast between 12 and 15 mph.
Saturday night — PA 20 percent chance of showers after 1 a.m. Partly cloudy with a low near 50. South wind around 11 mph.
Sunday — A 20 percent chance of showers after 1 a.m. Partly cloudy with a high around 76. South southwest wind between 8 and 15 mph.

Sunday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 46.
Monday — Mostly sunny with a high around 77.
Monday night — Mostly clear with a low around 44.
Tuesday — Mostly sunny with a high near 77.

Temperatures
 Thursday's high, 74
 Low this morning, 39
 Records for this date, 94 in 1921, 24 in 1893
 Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
 November's precipitation, 1.97
 A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Board stands firm on issue of head lice

LAWRENCE (AP) — Moderates and conservatives on Kansas' State Board of Education fight a lot, but most agree public schools should remain tough on head lice.

Crossing ideological lines, most board members said Wednesday that they aren't itching to see changes in a state regulation requiring children with head lice to stay home until the lice and their eggs are gone. They took that position even though a top health official told them there's no medical reason to quarantine children for up to five days once they've had lice. Some parents also support the tough-on-lice standard.

"I'm no expert because we've never had to deal with it, but I've heard that they're really hard to get rid of," said Sally Mayer, a Lawrence parent of two school-aged children. "All I know is I don't want my kids to get it."

The board had the debate during its regular monthly meeting, in Lawrence, because member Bill Wagoner had heard from a doctor that quarantining children with lice at home for up to five days wasn't necessary.



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Share delivery next week

Heartland Share delivery is Saturday, Oct. 22 at 10:30 a.m. in the Colby Sacred Heart School gymnasium. The Share menu includes Canadian bacon, pork ribs in barbecue sauce, beef-a-roni, chicken nuggets, chicken breast fillets, cabbage, carrots, lettuce, potatoes, apples, pears, plums, peaches and pasta dinner. A share is \$18.50 plus two hours of volunteer service of our choice. There are a few shares left. If interested, call 460-3579 or 460-8640.

Appointment needed for disposal

The Thomas County Household Hazardous Waste Site will be open by appointment only next week, said Sandy Swob, director. Anyone with household hazardous waste items is urged to call her at either 460-4526 or 460-3438 (evenings) to make an appointment.

Commissioners to meet

The Thomas County commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the courthouse. Items on the agenda include road supervisor Clair Schrock loader bids, Rod Rodenbeck of Colby Glass with a presentation on air lock installation at the Thomas County Office Complex and a request from fair board secretary Audrey Hines to be appointed to the board.

Girl Scout food drive Sunday

The Colby Girl Scouts are once again planning their "Trick-Or-Treat-So-Others-Can-Eat" food drive from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday. Youth from the Colby community join together for this event by going door-to-door collecting food for Genesis before the winter months set in, a spokesperson for the Girl Scouts said today. For those who will not be home or for convenience, items may be left in a bag on the porch for the scouts to pick up.

Red Cross to sponsor potato bar

The Thomas County Chapter American Red Cross will sponsor a potato and dessert bar Sunday, Oct. 23, at Fairview Estates. Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a free will donation accepted to carry on humanitarian activities in Thomas County.

Baked potatoes with toppings, along with dessert, will be served. Everyone is welcome. For questions, call Pat Sloan at 785 460-7495.

Old cell phones wanted

Colby Grade School is collected old cell phones with proceeds going toward the purchase of new playground equipment, said Tami Brown, coordinating the project. Drop-off

sites are located at Gavons Electronic, 1870 S. Range; the service desk at Dillons, 1605 S. Range; Unicef, 1933 S. Range; Beringer Hardware, 165 W. 4th or at the grade school, 210 N. Grant.

In addition to helping the school, she said, those donating will also be helping the environment through recycling efforts. For questions, call 460-5100, ext. 1305.

Music program date changed

The Colby Grade School fifth grade music program will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at the Colby High School auditorium. This is a change from the Thursday, Oct. 20 date listed in the Colby Eagle Activities calendar.

Adult flu clinics begin Thursday

The Thomas County Health Department is offering an adult flu clinic on Thursday, Oct. 20 at Brewster Senior Center from 9 to 11 a.m.; the Colby Senior Center, 1-3 p.m.; and Meadowlark Manor from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.

The clinics continue Friday, Oct. 21 at Fairview Estates in Colby from 10-11 a.m. and at the Thomas County Courthouse for county and city employees from 1 to 3 p.m. Other dates and times will be announced in a future edition. For questions, call the county health, 460-4596.

Emporia senator jumps into race for governor

TOPEKA (AP) — A doctor who's spent much of his time as a state senator working on health issues now hopes to be the Republican nominee for governor next year.

Sen. Jim Barnett, of Emporia, announced Thursday that he intends to run for the right to challenge Democratic Gov. Kathleen Sebelius. The 51-year-old Barnett was first elected to the Senate in 2000 and re-elected last year.

"One of the difficult balancing acts for Jim is going to be navigating the division within the Republican Party," said Senate Majority Leader Derek Schmidt, R-Independence. "Jim has the ability to appeal to both factions, but sustaining that will be very, very hard."

Barnett said he's been considering a gubernatorial campaign for about six months.

"I think the recurring theme is that Kansas can do better," Barnett told The Associated Press. "We have a great state but we're falling behind, and we're falling behind because we don't have the leadership we need to move forward."

Barnett joins House Speaker Doug Mays, of Topeka, and former

lobbyist and House Speaker Robin Jennison, of Healy, in the GOP race.

Two other candidates also have filed: Dennis Hawver, an Ozarkie attorney who was the Libertarian candidate for governor in 2002, and Richard Rodewald, a retired automotive engineer from Lawrence who has been a perennial candidate for state and federal office.

"I think Jim will be a strong candidate," Schmidt said. "He's a bright, affable senator with substantial health policy experience."

But Barnett likely faces opposition from some conservatives. He supported the \$148 million school funding plan approved by legislators in July during a special session to meet a Kansas Supreme Court mandate. Mays did not. Also, the Kansas Taxpayers Network, which opposes higher taxes, has given Mays a lifetime rating of nearly 80 percent on various votes, compared to less than 28 percent for Barnett.

"I think his voting record contrasts pretty well with mine," Mays said of Barnett. "Up to now, we really haven't had a moderate in the race. He would be the first person from the left to run."

Barnett said the economy will be a major issue because Kansas is losing private-sector jobs. He also described Sebelius as sitting out debates this year over education funding because she didn't offer a plan, having watched her proposal for one funded with higher taxes fail last year.

"I believe that people are tired of having leadership that is sitting on the sidelines on the major issues," Barnett said.

Sebelius' administration has said repeatedly that the economy is improving, pointing to monthly employment statistics that show job growth from 2004.



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