


Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Clear, with a low around 47. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 90. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Saturday Night: Clear, with a low around 57. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Sunday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 100. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Sunday Night: Mostly clear and breezy; low around 63.
Labor Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92.
Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.
Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 83.
Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 56.
Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 89.
Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 59.
Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 86.

Thursday: High, 78; Low 39
 Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches
 Month: 0.00 inches
 Year: 17.05 inches
 Normal: 17.71 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
 Saturday 7:15 a.m. 8:10 p.m.
 Sunday 7:16 a.m. 8:09 p.m.
 Labor Day 7:17 a.m. 8:07 p.m.
 Tuesday 7:18 a.m. 8:06 p.m.
 Wednesday 7:19 a.m. 8:04 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use
 Thursday 2,612,000 gal.
 (Colby Public Works)

Bikers stop here on 4,000-mile trip

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24 through most of the state and plan to keep following it through Colorado. They stayed in Hoxie on Tuesday. Colby was a light ride of only 30 miles, the men said, but sometimes the riders do 90 or more.

Loaded up with 50 pounds of gear, including at least four water bottles each, they average can about 13 mph, depending on wind and terrain.

The riders stay wherever they can, mainly in motels and fire stations. Colby's brand new fire station is probably the best they've ever stayed in, Allen added.

"Normally being in a fire station is like being in a college dorm," he said, "but here we each had our own room."

Tennessee was the most difficult state so far, Gilliam said, because of the bad mountain roads. Kansas has its own challenges, he said, especially the wind. Head winds can slow the riders down and crosswinds can be dangerous while riding on narrow shoulders.

Phillips said they have to hold steady each time a large semi-trailer truck passes them or they might get blown over. For the

entire month they've been on the road, Gilliam said, they've been told by many people how different Kansas would be.

"We're not used to seeing things that go on as far as the eyes can see," Gilliam said.

The road here, Gilliam said, is not nearly as flat as people told them it would be. While the terrain may be open, the road goes up and down a lot.

"We were told it would be flat as a pancake out here," he said. "It's not."

Allen, who hails from Scotland, said he is amazed at how big the country is. The group has traveled 1,300 miles, which Allen said is twice the length of Scotland, and there are plenty of other differences.

In the United Kingdom, he said, drivers are taught to slow down around bikes. The driving tests there include exams to see how aware drivers are of bikers on the road.

In America, he said, people often don't slow down, and sometimes speed up to get around the trio. It hasn't been a problem on the plains, he said, where drivers can see them miles ahead, but the riders have encountered a lot of



Landon Phillips let the children at Kids Port help them change one of their tires before they took off for Colorado on Thursday. It took three kids – or one with a little help – to lift one of the tires.

blind corners and reckless drivers. Gilliam said he'd make another

cross country ride for his cause, but wouldn't undertake something so strenuous otherwise. Phillips

and Allen agreed, adding that the ride has made them want to do other adventurous things.

State pension system still faces deficit

TOPEKA (AP) – Improved returns on investments helped reduce the shortfall in the state's public employee pension system, but it is still facing a \$7.6 billion deficit.

A prominent Kansas lawmaker who heard the report on Thursday said the system's budget problems will be one of the Legislature's top priorities during the next session.

Glenn Deck, executive director of the Kansas Public Employee Retirement System, told a joint House-Senate committee that Wall Street gains last year reduced the KPERS deficit by \$602 million.

The difference between KPERS' assets and future obligations to retirees peaked at \$8.2 billion the end of 2008.

The system, which has a portfolio of \$11.2 billion, covers 250,000 teachers and government employees. The unfunded liability doesn't jeopardize current payments to retirees.

Senate President Steve Morris, R-Hugoton, and chairman of the House-Senate Committee on Pensions, Investments, and Benefits, said lawmakers must make the pension problems a priority next year.

"We are not in a crisis, but if we don't take action in the near future, we could be," he said.

Fixing the problem would require the state to increase its contribution to the system, he said. One plan, which Morris said he favors, would increase the state's contribution by about \$58 million per year.

A recent report by Pew Center for the States rated KPERS as one of the most underfunded pension systems in the country.

Patricia Beckham, an Omaha, Neb., consultant to KPERS, said the K-12 school fund was the most severely underfunded portion of the fund, with the unfunded liability for Kansas teachers at \$4.9 billion at the end of last year.

"It's the largest group and least well-funded," Beckham said. "That is the group that is at risk."

She said the primary objective was to produce a funded ratio in each KPERS employee group ranging from 60 percent to 80 percent.

KPERS' overall funding ratio stood at 64 percent at the end of 2009. Individual segments were: judges, 82 percent; state government, 78 percent; police and firefighters, 76 percent; local government, 64 percent; and public schools, 56 percent.

Beckham told legislators that calculations were based on an anticipated 8 percent annual return on investment.

Labor secretary says unemployment is down

TOPEKA (AP) – Kansas Labor Secretary Jim Garner says the state's economy is improving, but there are still thousands of people looking for work.

Garner says that the number of unemployed Kansans filing for

first-time unemployment benefits is down from last year and that companies are beginning to hire new employees.

But in making his annual Labor Day address Friday, Garner also says the state's benefit system may

need to borrow more federal funds to pay all the claims expected yet this year. Kansas has borrowed \$88 million from Washington, but Garner doesn't know how much more may be needed.

He said Kansas does show signs

of recovery over the next decade, including jobs in renewable energy.

Garner is a former Kansas House minority leader. He became labor secretary in 2003.

Thomas County 4-hers win at Tri-State Royal

Two Thomas County youths came out winners among county-fair champions and their animals from Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado gathered in the show arena to compete in the 49th Tri-State Royal livestock show at the Sherman County Fairgrounds.

In the sheep division, Brandon Mazanec took first place at the show, judged Saturday, Aug. 7. Michael Schmidt, a member of the Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club, got third in the goat division.

The Tri-State Royal brings county fair champions from Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska to compete in showmanship and confirmation for beef, goats, sheep and swine divisions.

Schilling Limousin, owned by Ron and Marsha Schilling of Edson, is in charge of the event, and the competition is sponsored by area people and businesses. The Sherman County Fair Board pays for the judge. This was the 49th year for the event, Marsha Schilling said, and some families have had

three generations compete.

The Price family started the event, Schilling said; Dale's father started it, and Dale and Zona Price ran it in the early years. Schilling said her family has been involved with the event close to 27 years. Their son Cash showed his first calf at age 3.

Marsha Schilling said plans are already being made for the 50th show next year.

Sheep were the first group up with judge Bill Disburger, an agriculture instructor at Hutchinson Community College, working his second Tri-State Royal. He checked each contestant for how their sheep looked and felt the body. In the showmanship division, he watched how the youth handled the animal and if they knew how to show it in the best light to hide any flaws.

Disburger took the microphone and explained what he liked about each of the animals. He said at this level of competition, it was good to see the kids understood how to keep their animal under control.

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