

Weather
Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 39. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 21. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north.
Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 36. North wind around 10 mph.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after midnight. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 16.
Christmas Day: Patchy fog before 9 a.m. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 37.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 18.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 37.
Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 18.
Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 41.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 19.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 42.

Monday: High, 54; Low 18
Tuesday: High, 43; Low 13
Precip: Monday 0.00 inches
Tuesday 0.00 inches
Month: 0.07 inches
Year: 18.22 inches
Normal: 20.34 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Thursday 8:02 a.m. 5:25 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Decatur man has 45 days to clean kennel

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on the site were put down with a lethal injection.

Dr. Brown said he is aware that Mr. Fortin owns pet shops in Colorado as well as the kennel.

He said people have asked if Mr. Fortin should or shouldn't keep his license to have a kennel.

“We as a state agency don't have the statutory authority to stop this individual from owning dogs,” he said. “If he meets certain criteria, then he can get back in the business just as anyone can.”

Dr. Brown said he's looked back over the inspection reports on the kennel. There have been some defects reported, he said, and the department has worked with the owner to try to correct both minor and major ones. The owner, Mr. Fortin, has had times when he has needed help and the state has tried to do that, he added.

While distemper can be spread by inanimate objects like shoes, clothing, hands, tools and buckets, Dr. Brown said, it is also a fairly friable disease, that is, spread by

State requires licenses for kennels

Owners wanting to sell puppies as a business, out of their home or a breeding kennel in Kansas, have to first obtain a license through the Kansas Animal Health Department.

An official at the department, who asked not to be named, said that people interested in getting a license have to first fill out an application and send it and a fee to the department. Fees depend on how big the kennel is going to be, she said, adding that there are all kinds and sizes.

Each person applying for a license has to have a connection with a veterinarian and have him or her fill out a “vet care” form.

After that information is received, it is sent to an inspector and an initial inspection is scheduled. While the initial inspection is scheduled, she added, any subsequent ones are not announced.

There is a lengthy list of what the inspector looks for at each facility, including indoor and outdoor shelters, construction, surfaces, shelter, maintenance, sanitation, drainage, basing, how the

dogs are identified and classified, separation, water, electricity, light and dark (depending on what the animals need), heating and cooling, waste disposal, food storage, feeding, watering, ventilation, cleaning, housekeeping, pest control, animal appearance, exercise, identification, the vet care program, documents on spray and neuter deposits if it's a shelter, and records and record keeping.

The facility then is usually inspected throughout the year. The number of times depends on the type of facility and whether there are complaints.

The license is good for up to a year, from July 1 to June 30.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture does its own inspection of commercial kennels, she said, and facilities need a license from the federal agency if they plan to sell animals to brokers or to pet shops.

Anyone can sell two litters of pups a year without a license, she said, but if there are three or more, the operator needs to get a license.

Dr. Brown, Mr. Fortin, under a consent agreement, will be allowed to have up to 50 animals on the property, but only after he meets certain guidelines.

Once that small population is in place, other criteria will have to be met before the department will ever let him ramp up again and allow for additional numbers.

There are lots of unknowns at this time, Dr. Brown said, including what numbers the owner will be comfortable with and what he can afford to keep. That's the main question, he said, because of the health and safety of the dogs.

If he can't meet the criteria, Dr. Brown added, the numbers won't increase.

The Decatur County kennel apparently is one of the largest in the state, if not the largest. Dr. Brown said inspectors have told him there is another kennel that “closely approaches” these same numbers. He added that the inspectors described the other kennel as “a pristine operation whose owners have a lot of pride in their facility and their work.”

City to shut down for Christmas Day

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Drug will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and close Saturday.

City Hall will closed Friday. County offices at the Thomas County Courthouse and office complex will close Friday and Monday. The Colby-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce office will also close Friday and Monday. The Thomas County Extension office will close at 5 p.m. Thursday and remain closed until Monday, Jan. 3.

Pioneer Memorial Library will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. Thurs-

day, close Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and open again from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday.

The state driver's license office will close Friday and open again from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday. The office is always closed Mondays. The Colby Workforce center will close Friday.

The inside window at the Colby Post Office will be open from 9 a.m. to noon Friday. Other area post offices will also close at noon. There will be no mail delivery Saturday. The U.S. Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service will close all day Friday.

Feds fine company after fatal elevator fall

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration has issued two citations for CHS Inc., doing business as United Plains Ag in Weskan, following the death of a worker who fell through an access hole in a grain bin and was killed last summer.

Brett Spresser, 21, formerly of Gem, died when he fell 50 feet into a partially filled elevator tube in June.

The U.S. Department of Labor agency said one citation was for a “willful” violation and one for a “serious” violation. The company allegedly exposed employees to hazards from falls and unguarded machinery.

The willful citation alleges a violation of fall protection requirements, specifically unguarded

hatchways and floor-chute openings. A willful violation is one committed with intentional knowing or voluntary disregard for the law's requirements, or with plain indifference to worker safety and health, the agency said.

The serious citation addresses hazards associated with unguarded sprocket wheels and chains.

OSHA has proposed \$75,000 in penalties for CHS, a diversified agricultural co-operative based in Minnesota. The company has 15 business days to comply, request an informal conference with the area director in Wichita or contest the findings before the independent Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

For more information, go to www.osha.gov.

Senator-elect to visit Hoxie on Tuesday

U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran will visit Sheridan County on Tuesday, Dec. 28, during his annual Listening Tour. As Senator-elect, Moran is traveling to communities in each of the 105 counties in Kansas to visit with area residents.

Moran will meet with residents in Hoxie at Trish's Steak House, 744 Main St., from 12:30 to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 28. Area residents are encouraged to attend.

The congressman says the issues he focuses on and the work he does in Washington are largely based on the conversations he has with Kansans during his annual town hall meetings.

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Thursday Evening								December 23, 2010			
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Grinch	Dr. Seuss'					Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Dad Says	CSI: Crime Scene		The Mentalist		Local	Late Show	Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Community	30 Rock	Office	Outsource	The Office		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late		
KSAS/FOX	Million Dollar				Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		Peace	Peace	Peace	Peace		The First 48	
AMC	The Princess Bride				Nanny McPhee					The Princess Bride	
ANIM	Fatal Attractions		Fatal Attractions		Fatal Attractions		Fatal Attractions			Fatal Attractions	
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Shep	Real Housewives		Shep	
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard		October Sky				Cribs	Cribs	Smarter	Smarter	
CNN	Parker Spitzer		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360					Larry King Live	
COMEDY	Jeff Dunham		Jeff Dunham: Arguing		Jeff Dunham		Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	
DISC	Christmas Unwrapped		American Chopper		Auction	Oddities	Christmas Unwrapped		American Chopper		
DISN	Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause		Clause	Deck	Fish Hook	Fish Hook	Deck	Deck	Hannah	Hannah	
E!	Too Young to Kill				Married	Married	Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea	
ESPN	College Football								SportsCenter		
ESPN2	College Basketball				College Basketball				NFL Live	MMA Live	
FAM	Santa	Home Alone 2					The 700 Club		My Wife	My Wife	
FOOD	Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Cakes	Cakes	Chopped		Iron Chef America		
FX	Night at the Museum					Night at the Museum					
HGTV	First	First	Property	Property	House	Hunters	Hunters	House	Property	Property	
HIST	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Brad Meltzer's Dec.		Declassified		Ancient Aliens		
LIFE	Pawn	Pawn	The Break-Up				How I Met	How I Met	Chris	Frasier	
MTV	True Life		Pranked	Pranked	Pranked	Bully	Megadrive	Fantasy	Vice	Circus	
NICK	Big Time Rush		My Wife	My Wife	Lopez	Glenn Martin, DDS	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Prince Caspian						The Golden Compass				
SPIKE	Rambo		TNA Wrestling				TNA ReACTION		First Blood		
TBS	Talladega Nights:				Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Lopez Tonight		
TCM	The Human Comedy						Adventures of Huck Finn		Boys Town		
TLC	Police- Dallas		Police- Dallas		Cellblock 6		Police- Dallas		Cellblock 6		
TNT	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball					
TOON	Total	Scooby	Adventure	Regular	King/Hill	King/Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Delocated	Amer. Dad	
TRAV	David Blaine		Carnivore	Carnivore	No Reservation		Ribs Paradise		Carnivore	Carnivore	
TV LAND	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	
USA	Indiana Jones					The Bourne Ultimatum					
VH1	Saturday Night Live			Saturday Night Live			Larry the Cable Guy		Saturday Night Live		
WGN	WWE Superstars	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine			Scrubs	Scrubs	WWE Superstars		
Premium Channels											
HBO	I Love You, Man				Ricky Gervais: Out, England		Real Sex		24/7 Penguins		
MAX	Mirrors				The Wolfman						
SHOW	Family That Preys		Extraordinary				Next Stop	Single	I Hope They		

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Friday Evening							December 24, 2010				
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Landing	Christmas	The Santa Clause 2				Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: NY		Blue Bloods		Local	A Christmas for		Local	
KSNK/NBC	It's Wonderful						Local	Christmas Eve at St. Peter's			
KSAS/FOX	Are We Done Yet?				Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		
AMC	Miracle-34 St.				White Christmas						
ANIM	Planet Earth		Planet Earth		Planet Earth		Planet Earth		Planet Earth		
BRAVO	Casino Royale						Casino Royale				
CMT	The Dukes of Hazzard		CMT Artists of the Year 2010			Larry the Cable Guy-Christmas		Smarter	Smarter		
CNN	Parker Spitzer		Larry King Live		CNN Presents				Larry King Live		
COMEDY	Harold & Kumar				Harold & Kumar						
DISC	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		
DISN	Santa Buddies				Phineas and Ferb		Deck	Deck	Hannah	Hannah	
E!	Honey				The Soup	Fashion	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Chelsea	
ESPN	College Football						SportsCenter				
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball				NFL Live		2010 Poker		
FAM	Santa Claus, Town		Year Without a Santa		Rudolph's Shiny Year		The 700 Club		My Wife	My Wife	
FOOD	Chopped		Diners	Diners	Food	The Best	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	
FX	Horton Hears				Horton Hears				Horton Hears		
HGTV	White House		Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	

We Celebrate Hometown Life

Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper.

HIST	Pickers	Pickers	Pickers	Pickers	American Pickers	American Eats	Pickers	Pickers				
LIFE	Love Actually					How I Met	How I Met	Chris				
MTV	Pranked	Pranked	Pranked	Pranked	Bam Margera Presents			Bam Margera Presents				
NICK	Merry Christmas	My Wife	My Wife	Lopez	G. Martin	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny				
SCI	WWE SmackDown!			Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Next				
SPIKE	Star Wars-The Phantom Menace	Star Wars Ep 2										
TBS	A Christmas Story			A Christmas Story				A Christmas Story				
TCM	The Bishop's Wife			Make-Tomorrow				Remember the Night				
TLC	Cmas Lights	Cmas Lights		Cmas Lights		Cmas Lights		Christmas Light				
TNT	The Holiday				This Christmas							
TOON	Tom & Jerry: Nutc.	Save Christmas		King/Hill	King/Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Amer. Dad				
TRAV	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures				
TV LAND	Nat'l-Christmas			Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne					
USA	National	Nat'l Treasure				The Pacifier						
VH1	Grease				Pretty in Pink			Back-Schl				
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	News/Nine	Miracle-34 St.		Divas Cmas				
Premium Channels												
HBO	24/7 Penguins	Fantastic Mr. Fox			Lombardi			REAL Sports Gumbel				
MAX	Ronin	Ghosts of Girlfriends Past			Taken			Lingerie				
SHOW	The Rock	Knowing				Push		Right to Bare				

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Colby Community College Tax Credits are still available

Receive a **54%** Kansas State Income Tax Credit on 2010 returns. Depending on your income, you may be eligible to receive a deduction resulting in further savings on your Federal Income Tax.

Examples			
Contribution to CCC	\$10,000	\$1,000	
Less:			
Tax Credit, State of Kansas (54%)	(\$5,400)	(\$540)	
Approximate Savings on Federal Income Tax*	(\$2,500)	(\$250)	
Estimated Net Cost for Contribution	\$2,100	\$210	
All donations are eligible (no minimum).			

For tax credit details contact Chief Financial Officer Alan Waites at (785) 460-5402 or Nick Wells, Foundation Director, at (785) 460-4684.



*Based on taxable income above \$33,950 (single) or \$67,900 (married). Filing jointly (both have a "marginal tax rate" of 25%). Tax savings could be greater based on higher taxable income, thereby lowering the overall net cash flow for a contribution.