

### Weather Corner



National Weather Service  
**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.  
**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of showers after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 53. North wind around 10 mph.  
**Saturday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Sunday:** A 30 percent chance of showers. Cloudy, with a high near 53. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.  
**Sunday Night:** A 40 percent chance of showers. Cloudy, with a low around 40.  
**Monday:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 59.  
**Monday Night:** A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 39. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.  
**Tuesday:** A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 59.  
**Tuesday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38.  
**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 64.  
**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 39.  
Thursday: High, 75; Low 40  
Precip: Thursday 0.01 inches  
Month: 0.51 inches  
Year: 1.50 inches  
Normal: 3.98 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
Saturday 6:56 a.m. 8:30 p.m.  
Sunday 6:55 a.m. 8:31 p.m.  
Monday 6:53 a.m. 8:32 p.m.  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

### Music-loving goat corralled in record store

AMMON, Idaho (AP) – Stop me if you’ve heard this one: A goat walks into a music store.  
It sounds like the start of a bad joke, but that’s exactly what happened at the Piano Gallery in the southeastern Idaho town of Ammon.  
KIFI-TV reports the goat followed a woman and her child into the store on Monday. Maybe it was looking for some sheeet music.  
Clerk Lorri Bridges says the goat was just adorable. The staff corralled it in a bathroom until animal control arrived.  
The goat, dubbed Beethoven for its apparent love of music, is being held at the Idaho Falls Animal Shelter.  
If it isn’t claimed, someone is ready to adopt it.

## City, county plan cleanup day

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their name. Those who need help may call the office as well. The city will try to match up those who can help with those who need it, Powell said.  
City crews will follow the regular-scheduled routes for yard waste and trash pickup during the week, she said, but the department will have crews on hand to handle extra trash generated by the cleanup week for residential customers only. Landlords, businesses and owners of commercial property will be responsible for handling their own items.  
Powell said trash should be boxed or bagged and placed at the street in front of their property for pickup. Tree limbs need to be in small bundles – less than 4 feet long and less than 50 pounds. Construction and demolition items will not be picked up.  
Televisions, computers and electronics will not be

picked up. These can be disposed of every Wednesday at the E-Waste Collection Center at 1190 S. Country Club Drive.  
Appliances, furniture and other large objects cluttering a yard can be removed during this week. Call the Public Works office to schedule a date. Any cooling appliance must have a certificate showing that refrigerant has been removed, Powell said, or a fee of \$28 must be paid by the owner.  
The city will haul tires to the landfill, but regular tire disposal fees must be paid before they leave your property. A list of these fees is available at City Hall.  
Powell asked that people please remember to always remove tipper cans from the street or sidewalk after your trash has been picked up.  
“Let’s make Colby the best it can be!” Bieker said.

## Gov. Brownback says Kansas pension system will be overhauled

By John Hanna  
AP Political Writer

TOPEKA – Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback predicted Thursday that his state will move toward a 401(k)-style pension plan for new teachers and government workers and said it’s necessary in dealing with long-term funding problems facing their pension system.  
The Republican governor favors such a move, and he said during an interview with The Associated Press that he expects legislators to either set up a study commission that will recommend the change or pass a bill this year that creates a 401(k)-style plan for new public employees.  
Brownback said the state could eventually have a “hybrid” pension system for new teachers and government workers, in which they choose between a 401(k)-style plan or a traditional one guaranteeing benefits up front based on an employee’s salary and years of service. Or, he said, the state could require new hires to join a 401(k)-style plan, as legislation approved

by the state House would.  
The Kansas Public Employees Retirement System, or KPERS, projects a \$7.7 billion shortfall between anticipated long-term revenues and the benefits promised to retirees and current public employees. The House and Senate have approved separate plans for addressing the problem, and their negotiators are scheduled to meet Monday to begin work on a final plan.  
Public employee groups strongly oppose a move toward a 401(k)-style plan, in which a retiree’s benefits are based on investment earnings, fearing it means less financial security. But supporters of the move question whether the state can sustain its traditional plans, and Brownback noted that legislators have been wrestling with long-term KPERS funding issues for two decades.  
“It’s not as if it hadn’t been worked on for a long time, and that’s why I think for new folks coming in, we’ve just got to get to a different system,” Brownback told AP.

Brownback has avoided endorsing specific pension legislation, having asked lawmakers to draft a plan. In his comments Thursday, he seemed confident that Kansas will at least start a hybrid plan.  
“On new people coming in, I think you’re looking at a new system of some type,” Brownback said.  
Critics of 401(k)-style plans for public employees note that even if the state starts one, it will have to eliminate the long-term funding gap in existing plans. They argue that pushing workers into a 401(k)-style plan will rob older plans of employees’ contributions, making any funding shortfall worse.  
“I still don’t understand why the governor doesn’t understand that,” said Jane Carter, executive director of the Kansas Organization of State Employees.  
Public employee groups have pushed legislators to commit the state to making larger annual contributions to KPERS to close the long-term funding shortfall, arguing that shorting contributions for years caused much of the prob-

## Input needed on Kansas courts

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all the cases from several counties.  
Peggy Pratt of the Juvenile Justice Authority said her agency already puts in 28,000 miles each month transporting youth offenders around northwest Kansas, and consolidated courts would mean even more travel time.  
McAnany, in a Wednesday press release, said the com-

mission members want to hear ideas on how they can give the courts more manpower flexibility, what services can be provided regionally and what services can’t and how technology can be used to cut down on costs.  
Commission members are meeting in 18 cities around Kansas. They are also looking at caseload studies and will present their recommendations to the Supreme Court at the end of the year.

### Price at the pump driving down U.S. tourism

By Michelle R. Smith  
The Associated Press

With gas prices above \$4 in some states, Americans are canceling spring break plans and rethinking summer vacation, and some tourist destinations are offering gas vouchers of as much as \$50 to talk people out of giving up and staying home.  
At Mount Rushmore, only about 37,000 people decided in March that seeing the four granite-etched presidential sculptures was worth the trip, down from about 43,000 a year before.  
At the Grand Canyon, a marketing executive for one company that offers sweeping helicopter vistas says 10 percent fewer people than last year are driving up and booking tours. The company is counting on international tourists to make up the rest.  
And along the Rhode Island coast, where 800,000 people a year show up to gawk at the opulence of Gilded Age mansions, it’s even worse – business is off 30 percent just since March.  
Memorial Day is still five weeks away, and summer doesn’t officially start for two months. This

year, anxiety over high gas prices – and whether the family vacation will bust the family budget – has come early.  
“I can’t go anywhere because I can’t afford it,” said Greg Sensing, who works in admissions for the University of Maryland. “It’s kind of nice to take a road trip, to get in the car, you see the country, and now why bother doing it?”  
The gas jitters have much broader implications than how many people show up to take pictures of Bryce Canyon, Mount Rainier or the Everglades. Gas prices are closely tied to the health of the overall economy.  
A gallon of gas costs an average of \$3.84 in the United States, almost a full dollar more than a year ago. The average is above \$4 in six states: \$4.52 in Hawaii, \$4.21 in California, \$4.18 in Alaska, \$4.11 in Connecticut, \$4.08 in Illinois and \$4.05 in New York.  
It’s too early to tell how much of a toll gas prices will take on the summer travel season. The jitters have come so early that AAA hasn’t even put out its summer travel forecast yet.  
But there are already signs that the eye-popping prices at the pump

are changing Americans’ behavior. In Oklahoma, where gas is a relatively cheap \$3.69 per gallon, AAA says it’s getting a lot more calls from people who are out of gas on the highway. National demand for gasoline, which should be rising this time of year, is falling instead.  
Some tourist destinations are worried people won’t bother piling the family into the car at all.  
All that still may not be enough, especially if – as analysts fear – the price of gas keeps climbing.  
“In my mind, if gas goes to \$5 a gallon here, all bets are off,” said Linda Schmitt, executive director of the Kansas Underground Salt Museum, which offers a 650-foot descent to see a vintage locomotive.

### Celebrity Waiter Dinner

This is a benefit for the  
**Colby High School Athletic Department!**

**April 26, 2011**  
**5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**At the Methodist Church**

Entertainment provided by the Colby Public School's music department in the sanctuary!

Free will offering for the music department

**Farmers & Merchants Bank of Colby**

For any questions please call the Chamber office at 460-3401

## LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Monday Evening											April 25, 2011			
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30				
KAKE/ABC	Dancing With the Stars			Better	Castle		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live					
KBSL/CBS	How I Met	Mad Love	Big Bang	Mike	Hawaii Five-0		Local	Late Show	Letterman	Late				
KSNN/CBC	Chuck		The Event		Law & Order: LA		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		Late				
KSAS/FOX	House		The Chicago Code		Local									
Cable Channels														
A & E	Intervention			Relapse	Paranorma	Paranorma	Paranorma	Paranorma	Intervention					
AMC	Death Wish				Death Wish				Rambo Part II					
ANIM	The Blue Planet			The Blue Planet	River Monsters		The Blue Planet		The Blue Planet					
BRAVO	Housewives/NYC			Housewives/OC	Bethenny Ever After		Bethenny Ever After		Housewives/OC					
CMT	CMT's Next Superstar			CMT's Next Superstar	The Singing Bee		The Singing Bee		Smarter	Smarter				
CNN	In the Arena			Piers Morgan Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight					
COMEDY	Superhero Movie			Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	Work.	Macdonald				
DISC	American Chopper			American Chopper	Unleashed	Unleashed	American Chopper		American Chopper					
DISN	Enchanted				Wizards	Wizards	Shake It	Shake It	Hannah	Hannah				
E!	Sex and t	Sex and t	Khloe	Khloe	After Lat	The Soup	Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea				
ESPN	MLB Baseball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live				
ESPN2	Football	NFL Live	SportsCenter Special		N. American Poker		N. American Poker		NBA	Nation				
FAM	Secret-Teen			Make It or Break It	Secret-Teen		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?				
FOOD	Unwrapped			Candy	Diners	Diners	Meat	The Best	Ice Briga	Good Eats				
FX	X-Men: Last							X-Men: Last						
HGTV	Property	Property	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	First	First	House	Hunters				
HIST	American	American	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	Mounted	Mounted	American	American				
LIFE	Overnight Delivery			Suburban Madness			How I Met	How I Met	Chris	Chris				
MTV	Fantasy	Fantasy	RJ Berger	RJ Berger	RJ Berger	Fantasy	RJ Berger	Fantasy	The Real World					
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	George	George	George	George	George	George				
SCI	Stargate Universe		Stargate Universe		Urban	Legends	Stargate Universe		Urban	Legends				
SPIKE	Jail	Jail	Punisher: War Zone					Punisher: War Zone						
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan	Lopez Tonight						
TCM	Glory					Gettysburg								
TLC	William & Kate			30: Monarchy		Prince Harry		William & Kate		30: Monarchy				
TNT	NBA Basketball			NBA Basketball			Inside the NBA							
TOON	Adventure	Regular	King-Hill	King-Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen				
TRAV	No Reservation			No Reservation		No Reservation		No Reservation		No Reservation				
TV LAND	Pretty in Pink					The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	Roseanne				
USA	WWE Tough Enough			WWE Monday Night RAW			WWE Tough Enough		Law Order: CI					
VH1	Hip Hop	Fabulous	Basketball Wives		Hip Hop	Fabulous	Wedding Wars		Hip Hop	Fabulous				
WGN	Chris	Chris	Funniest Home Videos			WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk				
Premium Channels														
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher			Sex and the City 2				Thrones		His Way				
MAX	S.W.A.T.					Percy Jackson		Bad Boys II						
SHOW	Weeds	The Big C	The Borgias		Nurse	Tara	Nurse	Tara	The Borgias					