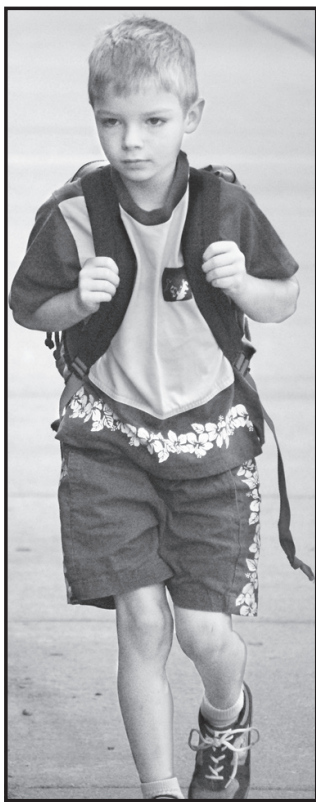


Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 50. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Breezy, with a north wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. North wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69. Calm wind becoming east between 5 and 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 44.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 73.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 44.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 78.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 82.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 81.

Friday: High, 58; Low 41
Saturday: High, 62; Low 49
Sunday: High, 77; Low 44

Precip: Friday Trace
Saturday 0.12 inches
Sunday None
Month: 0.40 inches
Year: 16.38 inches
Normal: 16.36 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 7:30 a.m. 7:45 p.m.
Last quarter moon
Wednesday 7:31 a.m. 7:43 p.m.
Moon: waning, 38 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Economy erratic, unpredictable

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tural production, there is little movement in the jobless rate up or down. Creating more economic opportunities may create the potential for a more volatile job market, but the governor also sees his rural opportunity zones program as a way to pump potential in areas that have lost population steadily for decades.

Brownback said previous efforts to help rural counties have found little success. They include hiring additional staff at the state level or at a university to teach people to do something to create jobs.

"The concept that has worked is if you provide an opportunity in a rural area," he said, such as the Homestead Act that gave people 160 acres to settle and make their living. "It was widely successful."

University of Kansas economist Art Hall told a gathering of economic advisers this past week that Kansas was and would continue to see increased density around urban areas, such as Johnson County and Wichita. Hall said economic policies should strive to help raise the fortunes of the more than two dozen such regional hubs.

Four southeast Kansas senators are asking that their 17-county region, beset by an

average unemployment rate of more than 7 percent, be given extra attention. The governor's staff is compiling information, including how Kansas compares to Missouri and Oklahoma.

"We're really trying to dig into the data to get some operating theories about what is taking place in this region," Brownback said. "We haven't gotten anything to stick. There hasn't been anything organically there to grow."

Sen. Pat Apple, a Louisburg Republican, said policymakers and community leaders need to get an understanding of the region's dynamics and find a long-term solution, not just give short-term attention to symptoms.

"If we can get people to see this as a regional effort, that if one town succeeds all succeed, it will be time well spent," Apple said, adding that it may be a multi-year process.

The lack of jobs isn't the only issue.

The U.S. Census Bureau released new figures showing one in seven Kansas residents living below the poverty line, with more than 12 percent of residents lacking health insurance. The figures are supported by state Social and Rehabilitation Services reports showing more Kansans needing assistance to put meals on the table.

According to department statistics, the number of Kansas residents participating in the federal supplemental nutrition assistance program, formerly known as Food Stamps, increased by 14.2 percent in fiscal year 2011 ending June 30 compared to the previous year.

There were on average 296,542 Kansas residents receiving assistance in 2011, a trend that is continuing in the first two months of new fiscal year that began on July 1.

"The increasing numbers of people applying for food stamps and other kinds of help is alarming," SRS Secretary Rob Siedlecki said. "This is a result of the past 2 1/2 years of failed economic policies on the national level, and people are hurting."

"We are in a serious situation in this country and I hope Congress can come up with realistic, effective ways to get the economy kick-started."

Siedlecki on Friday announced a series of reforms to the assistance programs aimed at helping recipients find employment and reducing the amount of time they spend on social service rolls.

"Helping people find jobs is our first priority," Siedlecki said.

Busy weekend ahead at area festival

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and Looking to the Future' at this year's car show," he said. "Brick Top Cruisers will be 'Remembering the Past' by honoring and remembering the past car clubs of Goodland."

Looking back this is the 50th year for a car show in Goodland.

Gittinger said, looking to the future, the club will have a new entry class called the "Young Cruisers" for those 14 to 20 years old.

He said there will be a new entry class for the Valve Cov-

er Races for 15 years old and younger, and can run any class of valve cover racers.

The Valve Cover Races will be held at 12:30 p.m. in front of Central Elementary. The races are sponsored by Big Twin Automotive NAPA of Goodland and Burlington.

The 17th Annual Northwest Kansas Bike Show will be held on Saturday and Sunday.

The show event will feature 27 classes of American, Asian, European and stock and custom bikes. Registration will be from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday at Ninth and Main.

The bike games will be held about 3 p.m. on the lot behind Bankwest at 10th and Center.

The bikes will have an evening meal and awards ceremony at the Veterans of Foreign Wars and will have a short poker run on Sunday morning.

About 8 p.m. on Saturday the cars will gather at 17th and Main and the bikes will gather at Ninth and Main and will parade together on Main passing each other on the first round trip.

The Flatlander Photo Contest is currently on display at the Carnegie Arts Center for people to view and vote for their favorites.

They can vote as many times as they want Kay Younger said and the winners will be announced at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Sunday the Picnic in the Park will begin at 11 a.m. with free hot dogs and hamburgers at Chambers Park to be followed by the finalists in the Talent Show and additional entertainment by Pieces of Eight.

The City of Goodland will finish up the fun on Sunday with an ice cream social at Steever Park. People who come to the ice cream social on Sunday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. will have a chance to tour the city power plant.

Judge: no death penalty in 2009 Iraq shooting

By John Milburn
The Associated Press

TOPEKA — An Army sergeant accused of killing four fellow soldiers and a Navy officer at a mental health clinic on a military base in Iraq two years ago should be tried for murder but should not face the possibility of execution because he suffers from serious mental illness, a military judge recommended.

Sgt. John Russell is accused of opening fire at the combat stress center at Camp Liberty near Baghdad in May 2009 in what would be the deadliest act of soldier-on-soldier violence in the Iraq war. Col. James Pohl wrote in his recommendations, issued Friday, that Russell should be held accountable for his actions and face a court martial on the five counts of premeditated murder he faces.

"However, in my opinion, the accused (sic) undisputed mental disease or defect make the death penalty inappropriate in this case," wrote Pohl, who presided over a four-day preliminary hearing in August at Fort Leavenworth in Kansas.

An Army general will decide whether to accept Pohl's recommendation or not. A time and place for a court martial to begin had not been set.

Russell, 46, was nearing the end of his third tour in May 2009 when the attack occurred. Days before the attack, he sought treatment at the center because he felt he might harm himself. His attorneys contend that Russell was under stress from multiple deployments in Iraq and was frustrated with what they have described as inadequate mental health treatment.

Two evaluations were present-

ed at the August hearing saying that Russell suffered from severe depression "with psychotic features and chronic post-traumatic stress disorder." A March 2011 evaluation said the depression with psychotic features was in partial remission.

James Culp, a civilian attorney assisting Army public defenders in the case, said Friday that the testimony from the August hearing showed that his client "was cracking apart."

Culp said it was significant that Pohl recognized that Russell was suffering from mental illness and under severe stress at the time of the shootings.

"In the end, though, regardless of whether the convening authority does or does not follow the recommendations, the underlying premise in Judge Pohl's recommendation will remain true until the end of these

proceedings," Culp said.

Government attorneys sought to show that whatever stress he faced, Russell remained coherent enough just before the shootings in May 2009 to reflect on his actions.

Russell's case has raised questions about the mental problems for soldiers caused by repeated tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan and whether the Army's mental health care is adequate. The case led to an investigation and a critical report.

Killed in the shooting were Navy Cmdr. Charles Springle, 52, of Wilmington, N.C., and four Army service members: Pfc. Michael Edward Yates Jr., 19, of Federalsburg, Md.; Dr. Matthew Houseal, of Amarillo, Texas; Sgt. Christian E. Bueno-Galdos, 25, of Paterson, N.J.; and Spc. Jacob D. Barton, 20, of Lenox, Mo.

Briefly

Pets available at clinic for adoption

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has a 3-year-old female husky mix, a 1-year-old black and tan male terrier mix, a 12-week-old gray and white tiger striped male kitten, and a 10-week-old black and white male kitten available for adoption. Lost or strayed animals are often brought to the clinic. Call or stop by 810 E. Fourth St. All animals have current shots, and costs are minimal. For questions, call 460-8621.

College pool closed this week for upgrades

The Colby Community College swimming pool will be closed until Friday to allow workers to install new boilers to heat the water and building. A new ventilation system and an automatic pool cover will be installed later. For information, contact Kipp Nelson at 460-5476 or Athletic Director Ryan Sturdy at 5548.

Business After Five at golf course Thursday

The host for the September Business After Five, at 5 p.m. Thursday, will be Meadow Lake Golf Course. Come for an evening of conversation and refreshments. For information, call the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce at 460-3401.

Team roping and dinner to benefit cancer patient

There will be a team roping and chuck wagon dinner benefit at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Arena at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Donations will be accepted to help Gary Garrett with medical expenses. For information, call Larry Maxwell at 462-2905.

Methodists plan luau at church this Sunday

The Colby United Methodist Church will hold a Hallelujah Luau at noon Sunday at the church. The event will include dinner, games and a silent auction to benefit the church's missions trips. For information, call Ladonna Sloan at 462-9050.

American Red Cross plans blood drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, and 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Colby Community Building. For information, call Vaughn, Red Cross blood drive coordinator, at 462-3861 or 443-1467.

Walk to end hunger set for early October

The Thomas County CROP Hunger Walk will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 855 E. Fifth in Colby. The hunger walk has set a goal of 50 walkers and hopes to raise \$5,000 to help stop hunger and poverty. A portion of the funds raised here in Thomas County will go to the Thomas County Genesis Food Bank. For information, call Trinity Lutheran Church at 462-3497.

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Tuesday Evening September 20, 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 Stars		Dancing With Stars		Body of Proof		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		Unforgettable		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late		
KSNK/NBC	The Biggest Loser				Parenthood		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late		
KSAS/FOX	Glee		New Girl	Raising	Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	
AMC	We Were Soldiers						We Were Soldiers				
ANIM	River Monsters		Human Planet		Human Planet		Human Planet		Human Planet		
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ		Kathy Griffin		Rachel Zoe Project		Rachel Zoe Project		Rachel Zoe Project		
CMT	Extrm.	Escape From Alcatraz					Angels Among Us				
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight			Anderson Cooper 360		John King, USA		Piers Morgan Tonight		
COMEDY	Daniel Tosh: Serious	Tosh.0	Tosh.0		Tosh.0	Work.	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Comedy	
DISC	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Carfellas	Carfellas	Auction	Auction	Carfellas	Carfellas	
DISN	Phineas	Phineas and Ferb: The Movie			Wizards	ANT Farm	Phineas	Fish Hook	Wizards	Wizards	
E!	Sex-City	Sex-City	Kardas	Kardas	Kardas	Kardas	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea		
ESPN	World, Poker		World, Poker		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight		
ESPN2	WNBA Basketball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		NFL Live		
FAM	Bring It	The Princess Diaries					The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?	
FOOD	Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Chopped Champions		Chopped		Chopped		
FX	Taken				Sons of Anarchy		Sons of Anarchy		Sons of Anarchy		
HGTV	House	For Rent	Property	The Unsel	House	Hunters	House Hunters: Urban		Property	The Unsel	
HIST	To Be Announced		Pawn	Pawn	Top Shot		Top Shot		To Be Announced		
LIFE	American Pickers		American Pickers		Picker	Picker	Picker Sisters		American Pickers		
MTV	Teen Mom	Teen Mom			Teen Mom		Awkward.		Teen Mom		
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	Friends	Friends	'70s Show	'70s Show	George	George	
SCI	League-Gentle.		Hostel Part II				Alphas		Stargate SG-1		
SPIKE	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	UFC 135 Countdown		Auction	Auction	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office	Office	
TCM	Lust for Life				Paths of Glory				Last-Gun Hill		
TLC	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Big Hair	Big Hair	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		
TNT	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		CSI: NY		CSI: NY		
TOON	Looney	Gumball	King-Hill	King-Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen	
TRAV	Terr Places		Legends of the Parks		America Haunts 2		Creepiest Fest.		Legends of the Parks		
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Roseanne				
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Necessary Roughness		Law & Order: SVU		
VH1	La La	T.O. Show	Hip Hop Mmts				Basketball Wives LA		Johnson Fam.		
WGN	30 Rock	30 Rock	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	
Premium Channels											
HBO	Don't Ask, Don't Tell		24/7		REAL Sports Gumbel		Boardwalk		Unstoppable		
MAX	The A-Team				Due Date						
SHOW	Living for 32		Weeds	The Big C	Weeds	The Big C	Web Ther.	Web Ther.	Hate Valentine		

Wednesday Evening September 21, 2011

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	The Middle		Modern Family		Revenge		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Survivor-Pacific		Criminal Minds		CSI: Crime Scene		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	All Night	Free Ag.	Harry's Law		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	The X Factor				Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	The Italian Job						The Italian Job			
ANIM	Fatal Attractions		Confessions		Confessions		Confessions		Confessions	
BRAVO	Kathy Griffin		Real Housewives		Top Chef Dsr		Top Chef Dsr		Real Housewives	
CMT	My Cousin Vinny						The Singing Bee		The Singing Bee	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight			Anderson Cooper 360		John King, USA		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Chappelle	Chappelle	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Work.
DISC	Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns	
DISN	Good Luck	Little Manhattan			Good Luck	Random	Wizards	Fish Hook	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Sex-City	Sex-City	Fshn Plc-Emmy		True Hollywood Story		Chelsea	E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	MLB Baseball				MLB Baseball					
ESPN2	CrossFit	CrossFit	CrossFit	CrossFit			SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight	
FAM	Princess	Princess Diaries 2					The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Food Truck Race		Restaurant: Im.	
FX	Forget Sarah						Forget Sarah			
HGTV	House	Income	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		House Hunters Beach		Property Brothers	
GEORGE STRAIT THE NEW CD HERE FOR A GOOD TIME										
HIST	American Pickers		The Stoned Ages				Top Gear		American Pickers	
LIFE	Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Dance Moms	
MTV	Teen Mom	Awkward.	Mr. Deeds				Billy Madison			
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	Friends	Friends	'70s Show	'70s Show	George	George
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Paranormal Witness		Ghost Hunters		Paranormal Witness	
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed		The Ultimate Fighter				BlueMount	BlueMount	The Ultimate Fighter	
TBS	Browns	Browns	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Conan		Office	Office
TCM	James Dean				East of Eden				Rebel Without	
TLC	Pregnant	Pregnant	Hoard-Buried		Toddlers & Tiaras		Hoard-Buried		Toddlers & Tiaras	
TNT	The Mentalist		The Mentalist		300				CSI: NY	
TOON	Dude	Destroy	King-Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy		Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man v Fd	Man v Fd	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man v Fd	Man v Fd
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Divorced	Retired a	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS	
VH1	You Got Served		Johnson Fam.				Ton of Cash		La La	T.O. Show
WGN	30 Rock	30 Rock	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny
Premium Channels										
HBO	REAL Sports Gumbel		Edge of Darkness				Real Time/Bill Maher	24/7	Mel	
MAX	Termintr2	Going the Distance			Inception					Chemistry
SHOW	Tailhina Sky		Inside the NFL		NASCAR	Weeds	Inside the NFL		NASCAR	Thirst