

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. Southeast wind around 5 mph becoming south-west.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. Northwest wind around 5 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 41. North wind around 5 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 74. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 77.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 47.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 63.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of rain. Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 49.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 53.

Table with weather statistics: Thursday: High, 64; Low 29. Precip: Thursday 0. None. Month: 2.72 inches. Year: 19.19 inches. Normal: 17.78 inches. (K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset.

College looks at two new programs

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ing education credits for nurses and massage therapists and is hoping to travel to Colorado and Nebraska to offer these courses.

• Heard a report from Circle K, which is a collegiate arm of Kiwanis. Rochelle Boyce, the president of the club, talked about this new organization at the college. She said Circle K is a leadership and community service group focused on helping children, locally and worldwide, and currently has 21 members and three advisors.

on a middle school dance as a fund raiser and it is helping with activities during Homecoming.

• Approved a policy manual change, which was adding a paragraph to the end of the manual.

• Approved the Docufide sender services agreement. Docufide is a program that will allow the college to send electronic transcripts for students that request them. Dr. Keegan Nichols, vice president of student affairs and marketing, said the program will be free for three years and then they will charge students \$5 to send or receive them.

State group vetoes pool demolition

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neighborhoods. The city sent a letter to the county asking that the drainage be improved, but so far has gotten no response.

Councilman Tim Huffles said he'd like to push the matter further and asked what options are available. City Attorney John Gatz said he could file an action against the county. Before that, however, it was suggested that Gatz speak to County Attorney Kevin Berens to let the county know that the city takes the matter seriously.

• Asked Public Works Director Chris Bieker to clean up the millings on North Sterling Avenue north of Seventh Street. Several residents who live along that street were at the meeting, saying that when there is a rain

storm the millings wash into their yards and so far they have had to clean up the mess themselves.

Sterling is an unincorporated road and had never been developed. Armstrong said the real solution would be to pave the whole street with concrete. The council agreed to revisit the issue in the spring.

• Approved a temporary road along the south side of the grain bins near the Red River Commodities plant, as long as the road has an all-weather surface good enough for fire trucks to drive on if need be. Armstrong said one company is interested in buying about 2/3 of the lots on the east side of the new co-op addition, and the road would give them access to the railroad tracks.

Briefly

Colby Diplomats to hold luncheon in November

The Colby Diplomats are inviting local women to the annual Fall Luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Thomas County 4-H Building. Tickets are \$12. RSVP to the Chamber of Commerce office at 460-3401 by Tuesday, Nov. 1.

Sacred Heart auction planned for Saturday

The 14th Annual Sacred Heart Parish Auction will begin at 5 p.m. Saturday at City Limits Convention Center. Tickets are \$30 each or \$220 for a table of eight. Auction items have been donated by local people and businesses. A preview of the items will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. today at City Limits. For information on tickets, call the church rectory at 462-2179.

Club to serve pancakes

The Colby Kiwanis Club will hold a pancake feed from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post, 220 Lake Ave.

'Jass' band to play at American Legion club

The Original Wildcat Jass Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the American Legion club. The six-member band plays New Orleans- and Chicago-style jazz. Cost will be \$10 at the door, with half the proceeds going to the Legion. For information, call 462-3809.

Boosters selling pizzas starting next week

The Music Boosters Club will hold its annual pizza fundraiser starting next week to benefit the Colby Public Schools music programs. Students will be taking orders for pizzas from Monday through Thursday, Nov. 3. Delivery will start Nov. 19. For information, call Jill Nickols at 460-05200 or Joey Nickols at 460-5300.

Grade school musical set for next week

Colby Grade School second graders will perform "Temples and Tombs" a musical about Egypt at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the grade school auditorium. There is no cost to attend. For information, call music instructor Jennifer Koel at 460-5100.

Spooktacular Book Sale to begin on Thursday

The Pioneer Memorial Library will hold a Spooktacular Book Sale from Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 29. Times are from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Saturday. For information call 460-4470.

Join Church of Christ for 'trunk or treating'

The Colby Church of Christ, 510 East Fourth, invites parents to bring their kids to Trunk or Treat between 5 and 6:30 p.m. on Halloween - Monday, Oct. 31 - for an opportunity to get candy and treats in a safe environment. For information, call the church at 460-6322.

Committee meeting draws small audience

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to be considered. The maps are made public at redistricting.ks.org. Three maps have already been drawn; two by the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce and one by citizens of Junction City.

For the U.S. House of Representatives, the 1st District, which includes Thomas County, needs to gain about 57,000 people to reach its ideal number, and the 3rd District, which includes Kansas City and part of Lawrence, needs to lose about 54,000 people. Unfortunately, O'Neal said, the two districts do not border each other, so any redrawing of the boundary lines will affect the 2nd District, which is only 2,233 people under ideal.

Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, a Democrat from Topeka, gave a presentation on what he thought the priorities of the redistricting committee should be.

Hensley spoke about ger-

rymandering, the practice of redrawing districts to suit a political agenda. He pointed to the 2001 redistricting process. The committee adopted the same guidelines, but ignored them in some instances.

Several communities, such as Lawrence and Junction City, came to the Legislature to request that they not be broken apart. The final map divided Lawrence between the 2nd and 3rd Districts, separated Junction City from Fort Riley

"It was a map that put congressional politics before one person one vote," he said.

The map was challenged in court by the attorney general, but the court decided in favor of the Legislature and the state adopted the map.

As an example, Hensley showed a map he created, which gave the 1st District all the counties along the north border of Kansas and south again to Leavenworth and part of Kansas City. The map also gave the 2nd District more territory. The map

fit the criteria of evening out the population, he said, but would violate the committee's guidelines in other ways.

"It would put the largest and most active African American community in a rural farm district," he said. "In Kansas, African Americans largely live in urban areas."

The core of the original districts would also not be preserved by this map, he said.

Hensley also showed a map that the Senate adopted in 2001, which gave the 1st District counties in central and southeast Kansas, while expanding the 2nd District to include most of the north central area. That plan, which Hensley said he voted against, did not end up being adopted by the House.

Whatever map is finally drawn by the committee, Hensley said it should be in the best interest of Kansas, rather than any partisan agenda. Hensley said putting Pottawatomie and Riley counties - including the city of Manhattan - into the 1st District would likely be enough to bring the district up to ideal size. The 2nd District would have to find more population elsewhere, he said, but that plan would put Kansas State University, a land grant college - in with a rural farm district and keep Kansas City together.

O'Neal, who was involved in the redistricting process 10 years ago, said that almost any plan will require some counties and cities to be split or end up where they don't want to be, and it will be impossible to satisfy everyone.

After Hensley's presentation, the committee took questions from the audience.

Bob Streevey, a Democrat

Gem woman attends legislature

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The resolution explains that 75 percent of the people who need a cash advance on their paycheck, social security check or income tax refund are unable to pay back the loan before it is renewed. In 2005, these practices ended up costing Kansans about \$30 million in excessive fees.

In addition to these two items the group is hoping to provide the elderly with dental health services, advocating for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Kansas Optimizing Health Program, working to preserve the Older Americans Act of 1965 and giving assistance to the courts in conjunction with the Grandparents' Rights Bill.

The group was especially influential in giving grandparents custody rights when children have

been removed from their homes. That law was passed in May. It also makes it easier for children who are in state custody to earn a high school diploma.

"The activities of the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature have evolved into an important Senior Advocacy force in Kansas," said Carlton McNair, Johnson County delegate and president of the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature. "We strive to speak for Kansas Seniors of all needs and purposes."

Hopper said that they not only consider issues for recommendation in legislature, but the group also awards an annual scholarship to geriatric nursing students. This year, the \$1,000 scholarship was given to Christina Arnold at Washburn University School of Nursing.

Visit www.AgingKansas.org for more information.

Rawlins County Health Center Rawlins County Health Center Community Calendar. Includes a weekly calendar grid for October 2011 with dates for medical appointments, TV listings for Monday Evening (October 24, 2011) for various channels, and contact information for Cheryl Banister, RN, Specialty Clinic Director.