

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Scattered flurries before 9 p.m. Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear, with a low around -6. Wind chill values as low as -14. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 19. Wind chill values as low as -13. West wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 4. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 34. West wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 13.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 31.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 13.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 32.

Friday:	High, 41; Low 17
Saturday:	High, 29; Low 4
Sunday:	High, 29; Low 7
Precip: Friday	0.49 inches
Saturday	0.06 inches
Sunday	None
Month:	0.55 inches
Year:	20.18 inches
Normal:	20.65 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)	
Sunrise and Sunset	
Tuesday	7:50 a.m. 5:21 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 87 percent	
Wednesday	7:51 a.m. 5:21 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 92 percent	
(U.S. Naval Observatory)	

Supreme Court to hear ban appeal

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the law that allowed a certain class of licensed private clubs to permit smoking. During debate on the law, legislators inserted a Jan. 1, 2009, cutoff date for clubs as an amendment on the House floor.

The Downtown Bar and Grill received its license in May 2009 and would not qualify, even though the smoking ban didn’t go into effect for nearly a year later.

Attorney Mike Merriam of Topeka argued that there was no rational basis for the Legislature to choose the earlier date and that by grandfathering some but not all clubs that held a license before the smoking ban took effect was arbitrary.

“Arbitrary, by definition, is not rational,” Merriam wrote in a brief filed with the Kansas Supreme Court.

Merriam said the smoking ban would cause his clients to go out of business. He said they would lose business to clubs that permit smoking.

He said the bar converted to a private club in 2009 because at the time it didn’t meet Leavenworth County requirements that drinking establishments derive 30 percent of their revenues from food sales, not because of the smoking ban. But the owners had hoped that by being classified as a private club, they could continue to allow smoking.

The state’s attorneys argued that legisla-

tors had to pick some date and it was inevitable that some establishments would be excluded, regardless of the date selected.

“Preventing drinking establishments from circumventing the statewide smoking ban by reorganizing as class B clubs is a rational basis for picking the Jan. 1, 2009, date,” state attorneys wrote in briefs filed ahead of Wednesday’s hearing.

The law prohibits indoor smoking in most public places, including bars, restaurants, bingo parlors and some private clubs. The gambling areas of state-owned casinos are exempted. Legislators rejected efforts in 2011 to amend the smoking ban to remove the casino exemption. No efforts were made to revise the deadline for private clubs.

President to make visit to Kansas town

OSAWATOMIE – President Barack Obama plans to head to the Republican stronghold of Kansas next week to deliver an economic speech about how he considers this a “make-or-break moment” for the middle class, the White House announced Saturday.

Obama is scheduled to speak Tuesday at the high school in Osawatomie, the city where a century ago, former President Teddy Roosevelt delivered a speech calling for a “New Nationalism.” Roosevelt’s speech, given after he left the White

House, extolled the government’s role in promoting social justice and regulating the economy to help the underprivileged. He criticized some fellow Republicans for refusing to tackle the economic power of the wealthy.

Obama will “lay out the choice we face between a country in which too few do well while too many struggle to get by, and one where we’re all in it together – where everyone engages in fair play, everyone does their fair share, and everyone gets a fair shot,” the White House said.

Amanda Adkins, chair of the Kansas Republican Party, said in an e-mail that Kansas residents “expect clarity on a path to job creation, competitiveness and effectiveness,” and that it’s being delivered by Brownback.

Joan Wagnon, chairwoman of

the Kansas Democratic Party, said Obama’s message would likely resonate in the state and she planned to attend the speech in Osawatomie, a town of about 4,400 residents some 50 miles southwest of Kansas City.

Colby funeral home changing hands soon

In September of 1956, George and Luetta Harrison realized an opportunity of service that had long been a dream for them of the completion of their newly built funeral home located at 190 S. Franklin Ave. in Colby with a dedication service in which it was stated, “Through this new chapel, dedicated to God, and with our deep concern for people in their moments of bereavement, we pledge ourselves to service in this community.”

Luetta dies in March of 1970 and their son Don returned to Colby in 1972 to join his father in the funeral home business. Don’s wife Cathy started assisting at the funeral home in 1978, becoming a licensed funeral director in 1981. Don and Cathy purchased the funeral home from his father before his death in May of 1979.

They have continued the time honored traditions of Harrison Chapel by providing unequaled professionalism while at the same time compassionately attending to details for families in their community during and after the time their services have been needed. It has been Don and Cathy’s passion and privilege to serve in this manner and they know as they close this chapter in their lives it will indeed be with bittersweet feelings of devotion to the families they have served. The friendships and love they have shared will always be a part of them.

As the legacy of Harrison Chapel now becomes Baalmann

Mortuary, Don and Cathy have an eager anticipation to see the dreams of Jason Baalmann and his young family become reality for them as they serve the community with the same dedication and commitment the families in need have counted on for more than 55 years. Jason is a native of the Oakley area and the owner/operator of Baalmann Mortuary in Oakley. He is a fully licensed funeral director and embalmer and a very capable young man with a dedicated willingness to serve the community. Jason, his wife Shane, and their six-month-old son Liam live in Oakley. Shane is a registered nurse at Logan County Hospital. Jason will honor and fulfill all prearrangements and pre-funding you may have had with Harrison Chapel. The transition from Harrison Chapel to Baalmann Mortuary will take place in the middle of December.

“After almost 40 years in a profession that I truly love, it is time to step aside and let a young and energetic person take over,” Harrison said. “We are so appreciative of the families that Cathy and I have had the privilege of serving over these years and we want them to know that they will be forever in our hearts.

“We would like to thank the community for the support you have shown Harrison Chapel for 55 years.”

For information, call Jason Baalmann or Don harrison at 462-2331.

Briefly

Grade school students to sing on Tuesday

The Colby Grade School fifth grade class will perform their music program “Once on a Housetop” at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the grade school auditorium. For information, call 460-5100.

Open house planned to benefit food bank

The Women of K-State will hold an open house from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Stock Realty and Auction, 290 N. Franklin Ave. Sally’s Unique Boutique will have products for sale, some of the proceeds will benefit Genesis-Thomas County. Donations will also be accepted. For information, call the Northwest Research and Extension Center at 462-6281.

College band plans winter concert Tuesday

The Colby Community College band will hold its winter concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Cultural Arts Center. The concert and jazz bands will perform Christmas music, swing, rock and other genres. Refreshments will be served at intermission. There is no charge to attend. For information, call director Tony Schroer at 460-5519.

Red Cross blood drive to begin on Tuesday

The American Red Cross will hold a two-day blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday and from 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Community Building. Donors will get a free T-shirt and can enter to win an iPad. For information, call (800) 733-2767.

Come for the soup, stay for the scripture

The Thomas County Ministerial Association will be holding Soup and Scripture at noon Wednesdays through Dec. 21 at Smoffees. The menu is soup (usually three kinds), homemade bread, dessert and drink for \$6. This year’s theme is “Gift of God.” The speaker Wednesday is Charles Taff of the Levant Community Church. For information, call Jarrod Spencer at 460-6322.

Church’s nativity event postponed to weekend

The First Presbyterian Church’s Nativity-Tea has been postponed because of Saturday’s snowstorm. The event will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the church. For information, call 462-6342.

Help fill food baskets for Genesis project

Genesis-Thomas County needs volunteers to help fill food baskets for the annual Christmas Basket project at 7 p.m. Friday in the 4-H Building on the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Baskets will be distributed to eligible families from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the 4-H Building. For information, call 460-7930.

Governor to light tree this evening

TOPEKA – Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback and first lady Mary Brownback are being joined by Topeka High School singers and Santa Claus at the state’s annual Christmas tree lighting.

The event begins at 5:45 p.m. Monday on the south side of the Kansas Statehouse.

The Kansas Christmas Tree Growers Association presented the tree to Brownback on Friday afternoon. It’s a 10-foot-tall Scotch pine from the Memory Lane Christmas tree farm owned by Harry and Juanita Peckham of Rantoul.

The Peckhams were given the chance to provide the tree because they hold the association’s 2011 summer meeting at their farm.

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TV Listings

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Tuesday Evening							December 6, 2011			
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Last Man	Man Up!	Middle	Suburg.	Body of Proof		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		Unforgettable		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNN/CBS	Buble Christmas		The Biggest Loser				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	Glee		New Girl	Raising	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	A Christmas Carol					A Christmas Carol				
ANIM	Viking Wilderness		On Thin Ice				Viking Wilderness		On Thin Ice	
BRAVO	Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Mad Fash.	Fashion	Fashion	Matchmaker	Mad Fash.	
CMT	Urban Cowboy						Urban Cowboy			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	South Pk	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Work.	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Work.
DISC	American Chopper		American Chopper		Moonshiners		American Chopper		Moonshiners	
DISN	Austin	The Nightmare Before Christmas			ANT Farm	Jessie	Austin	Good Luck	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Sex-City	Sex-City	Kourtney and Kim		Kourtney and Kim		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter			
ESPN2	Wm. Basketball		College Basketball				NFL Live		Baseball	NFL Live
FAM	Polar	Home Alone 2				The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?	
FOOD	Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped	
FX	Night-Smithsonian				Sons of Anarchy		Sons of Anarchy		Horror Story	
HGTV	First	My House	Property	Property	House	Hunters	Hunters	Property	Property	Property
HIST	Pearl Harbor						Pacific: Evidence		Pearl Harbor	
LIFE	America's Supernanny		America's Supernanny		One Born Ev.		One Born Ev.		America's Supernanny	
MTV	Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom 2 Catch Up		Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom 2		Chelsea	Pregnant
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Eureka		Warehouse 13		Haven		Eureka		Warehouse 13	
SPIKE	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Flip Men	Flip Men	Flip Men	Flip Men	Auction	Auction
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Office	Office	
TCM	Night-Movies		A Christmas Story				Night-Movies		Miracle-34 St.	
TLC	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Don't Tell the Bride		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear	
TNT	Bones		Hide				Rizzoli & Isles		Hide	
TOON	Looney	Gumball	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Hidden City		Off Limits		Mysteries-Museum	
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	The Exes	King	King	King
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Covert Affairs		Psych		Law & Order: SVU	
VH1	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	Celeb Rehab		Tough Love: Miami		Still Single?		T.I.-Tiny	Be Cool
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny
Premium Channels										
HBO	Charlie	Adjustment Bureau				Enlighten	Boardwalk Empire		Cathouse	Hung
MAX	Megamind	Tooth Fairy				Half Baked	48 HRS.			
SHOW	Shameless		Shameless		Dexter		Homeland		Gigolos	Old Porn

American Profile

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

HIST	Pearl Harbor		Brad Meltzer's Dec.		Brad Meltzer's Dec.		Pearl Harbor	
LIFE	Accidental-Chr.		Comfort and Joy				Accidental-Chr.	
MTV	Teen Mom 2 Catch Up		Teen Mom 2		The Real World		Teen Mom 2	
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters	
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Office
TCM	From Here				Task Force		ToTripoli	
TLC	Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras	
TNT	The Mentalist		Silent Witness		Leverage		Silent Witness	
TOON	Tom & Jerry: Nutc.	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken
TRAV	Man, Food Man, Food		Tailgate Paradise		Man, Food Man, Food		Tailgate Paradise	
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	The Exes	King	King
USA	NCIS		NCIS		Psych		Burn Notice	
VH1	40 Winningest		Baseball Wives		Celeb Rehab		Baseball Wives	
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs
							Sunny	
Premium Channels								
HBO	Cop Out		Boardwalk Empire		Enlighten		The Blind Side	
MAX	Waterworld		Cedar Rapids		Zane's Sex Chronicles			
SHOW	Homeland		Inside the NFL		Fight	Teller	Inside the NFL	Dexter

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