

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 17. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 42. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming south.
Saturday Night: Patchy freezing fog after midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 23. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Sunday: Patchy freezing fog before noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 50. Windy, with a south wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.
Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers after midnight. Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 36.
Washington's Birthday: A chance of rain before noon, then a chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 45. Chance of rain 30 percent.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 47.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high near 53.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30.

Thursday: High,52; Low 20
Precip: Thursday None
Month: 0.39 inches
Year: 0.39 inches
Normal: 0.93 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 7:33 a.m. 6:24 p.m.
Moon: waning, 11 percent
Sunday 7:32 a.m. 6:25 p.m.
Moon: waning, 5 percent
Monday 7:30 a.m. 6:26 p.m.
Moon: waning, 2 percent

Corn puts drive over top

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“We have been lucky enough to come into some oil, which has made it possible for us to give to the campaign,” she said. “Our main emphasis is to donate to long-term capital, and this one will provide jobs, too.”

She said that a tradition for giving to the hospital runs in her family. Her mother, Helen Frahm, was not only a supporter

of the hospital, she said, but for other charitable causes here as well.

“Your mother was one of the five founding members of the hospital in the 70s,” said Kevan Trenkle, chief executive officer of Citizens. “We are thankful for your donation and the charity of your family throughout the years.”

Paul Steele said Colby and Thomas County have been lucky

to have many long-established families which continue to give and build the community.

He reminisced with Ron and Sue Evans, co-chairs of the campaign’s steering committee, about the importance for donors to take credit for their gifts, which he said can help persuade others to give.

“I hope others donate, too,” he said, “and you can quote me on that.”

Compromise shortens relief

From “BENEFITS,” Page 1

benefits next month.

“It’s far from perfect, but it seems to be a responsible approach to the current problem of long-term unemployment,” said George Wentworth, an attorney with the National Employment Law Project, a worker advocacy group that supports long-term benefits.

It was not immediately clear how many people might lose out on benefits later this year under the new plan. Currently, 22 states are eligible for 93-plus weeks of unemployment insurance; just 18 get the full maximum of 99 weeks. The average unemployed worker receives less than \$300 a week in benefits.

Wentworth said the gradual decrease would help cushion the blow for those relying on the benefits.

The plan would extend the current 99-week maximum through

May for states with the highest unemployment rates. Benefits would drop to 79 weeks in June and to 73 weeks in September. Unless Congress extends the federal benefits again, people losing their jobs after July 1 will get only 26 weeks.

“This agreement is a step in the right direction,” said James Sherk, a policy analyst at the conservative Heritage Foundation. “However, two years of benefits was excessive when passed, and a year-and-a-half of benefits in an improving labor market is still excessive.”

The program was already starting to wind down anyway. Under the current formula, the maximum coverage period would have fallen to 79 weeks in October.

The job market has been steadily improving, and fewer people are filing for the benefits. On Thursday, the Labor Department reported that the number

of people seeking unemployment benefits last week was the lowest it’s been in four years.

But Heidi Shierholz, a labor economist with the liberal Economic Policy Institute, said it’s still too soon to cut back on benefits.

“Even if we continue growing at the current rate, given the depths of the job deficit that we’re in, we’re not going to be at a place by May where job opportunities are plentiful,” she said. “Layoffs are back to pre-recession levels, but hiring is still extremely slow.”

The new law will allow states to make benefit applicants take drug tests if they lost their job because they failed a drug test or are applying for a job that requires one. Republicans dropped an effort to let states require all applicants to take a drug test, or require applicants without a high school diplomas to pursue a GED certificate.

John Glenn wows crowd at cape

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)— John Glenn fever gripped Cape Canaveral today, just as it did half a century ago when America was on the verge of launching its first man into orbit.

Hundreds of NASA workers jammed a space center auditorium, three days before the 50th anniversary of Glenn’s historic flight, to see and hear the first American to circle the Earth.

The 90-year-old Glenn was joined on stage by Scott Carpenter, 86, the only other survivor of the original Mercury 7 astronauts, as the anniversary festivities began.

Glenn recalled how he and his fellow Mercury astronauts traveled during their training to Cape Canaveral to watch a missile blast off. It was a night launch, and the rocket blew apart over their heads.

“That wasn’t a very good confidence-builder for our first trip to the cape,” Glenn said. Improvements were made, and Glenn said he gained confidence in his Mercury-Atlas rocket, a converted nuclear missile. Otherwise, he said he would not

have climbed aboard.

Glenn’s Friendship 7 capsule circled Earth three times on Feb. 20, 1962. Carpenter followed aboard Aurora 7 on May 24, 1962. It was Carpenter who called out “Godspeed John Glenn” moments before Glenn’s launch.

They were the third and fourth Americans to rocket into space. Alan Shepard and Gus Grissom flew short suborbital missions in 1961, the same year the Soviet Union launched two cosmonauts into orbit on separate shots.

The Cold War was raging, and America was desperate to even the score. Glenn could have died trying if the heat shield on his capsule was loose as flight controllers feared. But the protective shield was tight, and Glenn splashed down safely.

Glenn, a U.S. senator for Ohio for 24 years, returned to orbit aboard shuttle Discovery in 1998, becoming the world’s oldest spaceman at age 77 and cementing his super-galactic status.

“Flying in space at age 77, you’ve given me hope. I’ve got a few good years left, and I’m

ready,” Kennedy Space Center director Robert Cabana, a former shuttle commander, told Glenn. Another retired shuttle commander, NASA Administrator Charles Bolden Jr., shared how the Mercury astronauts “really lit up the world for me in terms of probability or possibility of things that we could do.”

Glenn and his wife, Annie, who turned 92 on Friday, were on hand Thursday evening for the attempted liftoff of the newest of the Atlas rockets, an unmanned booster that NASA contractors hope one day will carry astronauts. Windy weather forced a scrub of the Navy satellite launch.

Local television reporters covering the Atlas V launch attempt talked more about Glenn than the countdown. The news media swarmed Kennedy again Friday for NASA’s kickoff of a weekend of anniversary events.

On Saturday, Glenn and Carpenter will reunite with more than 100 retirees who worked on Project Mercury. And on Monday, the actual anniversary, Glenn will be feted at Ohio State University.

Briefly

Foundation seeks Random Acts of Kindness

The Thomas County Community Foundation is promoting “Random Acts of Kindness Week” this week to challenge residents, businesses and organizations to perform small charitable deeds. If you catch someone doing good, report them to Melinda Olson at the foundation at 460-9152. Photos may be e-mailed to tccf2@st-tel.net. For information, call Olson or Shelly Myers at the foundation office.

Worship, praise night planned by church

There will be a night of worship at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Colby High School Auditorium sponsored by the Celebration Community Church of Hays and featuring a nondenominational, encouraging message and music by the band Ignite. For information, call Debbie McNinch at 460-4205.

Women’s group to sell soup for preschool

Kappa Upsilon, a women’s service group, will hold its annual soup supper to benefit Puddle Duck Preschool from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Community Building during the Colby-Hugoton basketball games. Chili, chicken-noodle and vegetable-beef soups will be served, along with desserts, with donations accepted for the preschool. For information, call teacher Amy Jennings at 460-2603.

Free help with taxes offered by senior group

Free tax preparation will be available from experts trained by the American Association of Retired Persons’ Tax-Aide program, by appointment only, on Wednesdays through April 11 at the Colby Community College library. For an appointment, call Earle Rice at 462-2990.

Third graders to offer free musical show

Everyone is invited to the Colby Grade School third grade musical, “Everybody Has Music Inside,” at 2 and 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Colby Grade School Auditorium. For information, call music teacher Jennifer Koel at 460-5100.

Dyslexia topic of program on Tuesday

“Understanding Dyslexia” will be the topic for a free “Knowledge at Noon” session from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. Tuesday at the Thomas County Office Complex. Come for a bowl of soup and learn a little about this “learning difference.” For information, call Diann Gerstner, Thomas County Extension agent, at 460-4582.

Troopers will talk about ‘booster, belts’

A “Booster to Belts” presentation, sponsored by Smart Start Northwest Kansas and the Kansas Highway Patrol, will be given at the Sacred Heart School at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday and at the Colby Grade School auditorium at 2:30 p.m. The program includes slide presentation, a visit from Vince and Larry (the crash-test dummies) and free educational material and prizes. Parents and caregivers are invited. For information, contact Denise Singer at 465-9103.

Concert spotlights ‘My Favorite Things’

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will present “These Are a Few of My Favorite Things,” conducted by Beverly Rucker, at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, in the Frahm Theatre of the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College. The program features mezzo-soprano Bonnie Cameron. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students. For information, call Janet Hopson at 462-5102.

‘World Day of Prayer’ scheduled in Brewster

World Day of Prayer for the Brewster area churches will be observed Friday, March 2, at the Brewster United Methodist Church, 202 Nebraska. Fellowship begins at 9:30 a.m., with a worship service at 10 for both men and women. For information, call Nadine Kammer at (785) 694-2456.

Seniors plan potluck at Presbyterian Church

The group More Fun Together plans a potluck for people 50 or older who are alone, widowed, divorced, separated or who have partners in nursing homes on Tuesday, March 13, at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverages will be provided. For information, call 462-6342.

Christian Workers to gather for classes


A Christian Workers conference will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Heartland Christian School in Colby. The conference aims to help rural churches with resources and training, along with several workshops and vendors. Brian Wechsler, executive director of Village Missions, will speak. Cost is \$45. Preregister at www.shepherdstaff.org or call Gwen Griffiths at (785) 687-2565.

Police seeking slayer of two

LEAVENWORTH (AP) – Police are asking for the public’s help in finding a man accused of killing two brothers in Leavenworth.

An arrest warrant was issued Thursday for 36-year-old Aundray Duashawn McDonald on two counts of first-degree murder and two weapons charges.

Police Chief Pat Kitchens says McDonald is charged in the deaths of 25-year-old Derrick and 28-year-old Marshall Jones, who were shot Dec. 16.

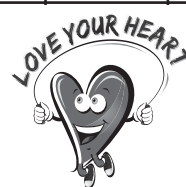


Rawlins County Health Center

RAWLINS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

707 Grant Atwood, KS 67730 (785) 626-3211

Bringing Specialized Healthcare To Your Community

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	2 Dr. Reeves Podiatry MRI's	3 Dr. Reeves Podiatry Nuclear Medicine Cardiac Rehab	4
5	6 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	7 DEXA Bone Density	8 Dr. Frankum Surgery Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	9 MRI's	10 Cardiac Rehab	11
12	13 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	14 Dr. Frederick C. Miller Cardiology Mammograms	15 Dr. Curtis Cardiology Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	16 MRI's	17 Nuclear Medicine Cardiac Rehab	18
19	20 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	21 Dr. Frederick C. Miller Cardiology	22	23	24	25
26	27 Dr. Rubinowitz Oncology	28 Dr. Frederick C. Miller Cardiology	29 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A VISITING PHYSICIAN, PLEASE CALL (785) 626-3211 Cheryl Banister, RN Specialty Clinic Director		

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Monday Evening	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	The Bachelor				Castle		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	How I Met	2 Broke G	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	The Voice				Smash		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	House		Alcatraz		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Hoarders		Hoarders		Intervention		Intervention		Hoarders	
AMC	Blade Runner						Blade Runner			
ANIM	Finding Bigfoot				Rattlesnake Republic		Finding Bigfoot			
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Bethenny Ever After	Brad World	Happens		Bethenny Ever After	Happens		
CMT	Ron White: Fix		Ron White: Call Me Tater Salad	Ron White: Fix			Ron White: Call Me Tater Salad			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	Work.	South Pk	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk	
DISC	American Chopper	American Chopper	Toughest Truck	American Chopper		American Chopper	Toughest Truck			
DISN	Radio	Shake It	Jessie	Jessie	Wizards-Place	Good Luck	Wizards	Wizards		
E!	True Hollywood Story	Ice-Coco	Khloe	Khloe	Ice-Coco	Chelsea	True Hollywood Story	Chelsea		
ESPN	College Basketball	College Basketball				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	Wm. Basketball	Wm. Basketball				Poker - Europe	NFL Live			
FAM	Pretty Little Liars	The Lying Game		Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club	Prince	Prince		
FOOD	Heat See.	Heat See.	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners		
FX	Live Free-Die					Live Free-Die				
HGTV	Love It or List It	House	House		House	Hunters	My House	Price Thi	House	House
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	Full Metal Jousting		Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Dance Moms	Dance Moms			Dance Moms		Dance Moms			
MTV	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore			Caged				The Challenge	
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	70s Show	70s Show	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Being Human	Being Human			Lost Girl		Being Human		Lost Girl	
SPIKE	Brothers	Band of Brothers			Band of Brothers				Crocodile Dundee	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Office	Office
TCM	Smiling Lieut.				The Third Man				Amadeus	
TLC	Little People	Undercover Boss			Undercover Boss		Little People		Undercover Boss	
TNT	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball				
TOON	Hall-Game	Level Up	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Bizarre Foods	Bizarre Foods			Bizarre Foods		No Reservation		Bizarre Foods	
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King
USA	NCIS		WWE Monday Night RAW			White Collar			Public Enemies	
VH1	Basketball Wives	T.I.-Tiny	Basketball Wives		T.I.-Tiny	Basketball Wives			T.I.-Tiny	Basketbal
WGN	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	WGN News at Nine			30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	
Premium Channels										
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher	The Book of Eli					Too Short	F. Roach	Sex and the City 2	
MAX	Big Stan				Paul					
SHOW	Homeland	Californ.	Lies		Shameless		Lies	Californ.	Shameless	

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