Weather

National Weather Service

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 68. West wind around 5 mph becoming south.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 40. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 79. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, mostly clear, with a low around 46.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 78.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52.

Monday: A slight chance of thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high near 83. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Monday Night: Mostly clear and breezy, with a low around 51.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 71.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 39.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 69.

Wednesday: High, 58; Low 39
Precip: Wednesday 0.57 inches
Month: 0.78 inches
Year: 1.67 inches
Normal: 2.11 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 7:42 a.m. 8:00 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 1 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

County gets pros, cons

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ing owner up and moves before their incentive program is over?" asked commissioner Byron Sowers. "Do the rebates get passed on to the new owner?"

Applebury said she is not in favor of the program, but if the commissioners offer the incentives, a lot of homework and research on the program's structure needs to be done beforehand.

Cech said she doesn't understand the difference between this program and the Thomas County Economic Development Alliance office that is already in existence. If they offer the same opportunities, she doesn't believe a duplication of service is the best route for the county to take.

Harms noted that the development director was supposed to be present at the meeting to help explain any differences and similarities, but rescheduled since Commissioner Paul Steele was not planning to attend. The issue will tentatively resume on Monday, April 9.

In other business:

• Commissioners approved a resolution encouraging Gov. Sam Brownback to carefully consider changes in Medicaid and health-care provisions for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and to remove long-term care services for persons with disabilities from a proposed managed-care plan.

• Dale Owings from Penco, the engineer working on the McCarty Dairy road project, said the job, which started last Tuesday, is going well but they've hit one minor problem.

The dairy paid for some concrete that leads from a scale building on the property to the main road. Their concrete work was done about a month ago and the last bit of it extends into the road area, overlapping Penco's plans. It is a couple inches higher than the road will be, Owings said, but that it is better than being too low, so drainage should not be an issue.

Instead of having the owners tear the section out, about $2,000 to $3,000 worth of concrete, commissioners agreed to leave it. Since it was poured about a month ago, the coloration will be different and they will have to do some work in order to level out the two heights, the engineer said.

• Road and Bridge supervisor Clair Schrock reported that his crew discovered last Thursday that someone had stolen the "brains," or control module, out of a New Holland skid loader at the dairy road work site. It is worth about $700 to $800, he said.

• Schrock received approval from the commissioners to replace the tracks of a dozer. It will cost about $15,200 for a new set, he said.

• Clerk Harms reported that two vacant offices at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range, have been rented. A small office across the hall from Shirley Weber's office with the Local Environmental Protection Program will be used by Kansas Works, the state employment office. That office will be open two days a week.

The other office will be used by Jordan Sharp, a representative for Aflac insurance. He is renting the former American Red Cross office.

• The commissioners denied a request from KGCR Tri State Praise Radio for a donation to help sponsor an upcoming concert.

"I don't think our constituents would like their tax dollars to be used for this," said Chairman Christiansen.

Trustees get retention report

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In other business, the board:

• Heard from Dr. Keegan Nichols, vice president of student affairs and marketing, who discussed difficulties meeting seniors at high schools. Nichols said the recruiters are reassessing some of the schools on the list. Sometimes there are unforseen barriers to seeing seniors on these visits because some schools won't let students be pulled out of class for visits, among other things.

She noted that Oklahoma recruiting numbers are increasing and on-campus visits have doubled since last year. Trustee Dale Herschberger questioned why area students were not receiving letters from the college. Nichols said she thought letters were being sent.

Brittney Squire, administrative assistant for admissions and housing director, reported that the scholarship meetings were attended by about 20 people.

• Heard from Joyce Washburn, dean of academic affairs, who reported that the medical coding program had received state approval. She said the virtual office assistant program should be approved by June and the chemistry lab had been inspected by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Washburn said they found some violations, which are being addressed.

• Heard from trustee Nick Wells, who reported that plans for the annual Endowment Foundation Auction were proceeding smoothly.

• Approved the audit report as presented at the Feb. 27 meeting. There was discussion about what audit reports the Higher Learning Commission might review during its site visit in 2014. Dr. Stephen Vacik, college president, said he thought three years of audits would be examined.

• Approved the resignation of Vicky Bange, accounts receivable clerk. Vacik said that a current employee, Melanie Fortin, would fill this position.

• Approved a request from Shanda Mattix, horse program director, to sell four horses at the annual Bull Sale on April 4.

• Approved the living center contract for next year, which reflects an increase in meal and room rates. Nichols said the trustees needed to raise meal rates. The college has a contract with Chartwells food service for one more year, she said, but in 2012, the college will ask for food service bids.

• Heard from Alan Waites, vice president of business affairs and chief financial officer, about the college's finances. He said $4.9 million remains in the budget (37.1 percent) and the cash balance at the end of February was $1.57 million. Waites said a memo had gone out setting a cutoff date of March 16 for discretionary spending.

• Received the form for the annual evaluation for the college president, Vacik. Chairman Kenton Krehbiel distributed a form to be used for the evaluation. He asked trustees to complete that evaluation and return it to him by Tuesday, April 10.

I-70 work will expand

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deck repairs to the bridge. The concrete-box structure is about a mile west of the county line.

By May, the department expects to have two-way traffic under a bridge about a mile west of the Brewster exit, on the Sherman-Thomas County line. Workers will lower one side of the pavement, then the other, to increase clearances under the bridge.

Between May and August, paving crews will mill off two inches of old asphalt, then replace it with two inches of new material. A 1.5-inch overlay will be put down over the driving lanes and shoulders.

APAC Kansas Inc. of Hays has a $7 million contract for the work, part of the T-Works transportation program approved two years ago. Paving crews will work on one lane at a time, with one-lane traffic proceeding by the machines.

West of Goodland, workers were to close the eastbound passing lanes in preparation of ripping out and replacing the westbound concrete this summer. Pavement markings will be changed for two-way traffic between the Caruso exit about mile post 12 and the state line near Kanorado.

The department said the stretch will have two-way traffic from about April 2 until Oct. 15. During that time, the westbound rest area and mile post 8 and the westbound ramps at the Ruleton interchange will be closed.

Briefly

Fish fry will benefit Brewster Grocery Store

A benefit fish fry from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday will raise money for the Brewster Grocery Store. The meal will be served at the Methodist Church, 202 Nebraska. Tickets are $10 for adults and $6 for kids 6 to 11. Children 5 and under are free. For questions, call Rae Stewart at (785) 694-2971 or 3464.

Brewster students sponsoring blood drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, April 2, at the Brewster School, sponsored by the student council. Call (785) 694-2236 for information or to make an appointment. Walk ins are welcome.

Fourth graders draw historic buildings here

A free exhibit of drawings by fourth graders at Colby Grade School is on display at the Prairie Museum of Art and History through Friday, April 6. The drawings depict buildings important to the area's history. For information, call Ann Miner at (785) 460-4590 or e-mail museumed@st-tel.net.

Clinic has female shepherd mix for adoption

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has a 4-month-old tan shepherd mix female puppy 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.

Golden Plains juniors plan carnival Friday

The junior class at Golden Plains High School with hold its annual carnival at 7 p.m. Friday at the high school in Rexford. In addition to carnival games, there will be a cake walk and bingo. The Rexford Lions Club will have a soup supper at the school before the carnival, starting at 5 p.m. Donations from supper will go to help send students to Lions Band Camp this summer. For information, call Mary Luna at (785) 687-3265.

Cemetery decorations need to be removed

All Christmas and nonpermanent decorations need to be removed from Beulah Cemetery by 5 p.m. Friday to allow for spring maintenance. For questions, call caretaker Deb Henry at 462-3188.

Commodities to be given out here Monday

U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center at Fike Park. Distribution is first come, first-served, but you may send a signed permission slip with another person. Bring a sack or box. Expected commodities include pasta, corn, cereal, apricots, chicken, figs and juice. For questions, call the office at 462-6744.

Dance team tryouts next week at Colby High

Tryouts for the Colby High Dance Team for the 2012-2013 school year will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and next Thursday in the high school gym. Packets are available in the high school and middle school offices. Call Coach Denita Rodgers at (785) 269-7908 with questions.

24/7 Dad program offered free on Tuesday

All dads are welcome to join the free 24/7 Dad fatherhood program, created by dads for dads, beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Thomas County Office Complex conference room. Call Paige Campbell at 460-8177 to sign up or for information.

College offers horsemanship classes

Colby Community College plans a horsemanship workshop from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning next week at the college farm. The class, taught by Dr. Paige Ayers, will meet through May 1. It's designed for beginners and for experienced riders who want to improve. Cost is $20; enrollment for those 65 and older will be paid by a Thomas County senior grant. The farm is three miles east of Colby on U.S. 24 and one north. For information, call Penny Cline at 460-5404.

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.

Workshop to teach people to manage illness

A workshop to help people learn to self-manage chronic diseases will be offered from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays from April 2 to May 7 in the Citizens Medical Center conference room. For information or to register, call Jeanene Brown at the hospital's education department, (785) 460-4850.

Local TV Listings

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Saturday Evening — March 24, 2012

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		20/20				Local			
KBSL/CBS	2012 NCAA Tournament		Hawaii Five-0		48 Hours Mystery		Local			
KSNK/NBC	Fairly Legal		The Firm		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Saturday Night Live		
KSAS/FOX	¡Q'Viva! The Chosen				Local		Alcatraz		New Girl	Local
Cable Channels										
A & E	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking
AMC	O Brother, Where Art					O Brother, Where Art				
ANIM	Must Love Cats		Too Cute!		Too Cute!		Too Cute!		Too Cute!	
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Angels & Demons						Angels & Demons	
CMT	Crocodile Dundee II		Bayou	Redneck Vacation		Bayou	Redneck Vacation		Crocodile Dundee	
CNN	Ovrhlng Hlthcr		Piers Morgan Tonight		CNN Newsroom		Ovrhlng Hlthcr		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Harold	Super Troopers				Zack and Miri Make				Tosh.0
DISC	Doomsday Bunkers		Doomsday Bunkers		Doomsday Bunkers		Doomsday Bunkers		Doomsday Bunkers	
DISN	Austin	Phineas	Geek Charming				Austin	Austin	Good Luck	Good Luck
E!	Khloe	Khloe	Khloe	Khloe	Fashion Star		The Soup	Chelsea	Fashion Police	
ESPN	SportsCenter		Wm. Basketball				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter Special				Wm. Basketball			
FAM	The Blind Side						The Notebook			
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Iron Chef America		Chopped	
FX	Zombieland				Jennifer's Body				Unsuper.	Unsuper.
HGTV	Candice	Genevieve	Color	Interiors	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Color	Interiors
HIST	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn	Cajun Pwn
LIFE	The Bodyguard						Biography		The Bodyguard	
MTV	The Challenge		The Challenge		The Challenge		Jersey Shore		How High	
NICK	Victoriou	iCarly	Rock	Bucket	'70s Show	'70s Show	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Being Human		Being Human		Lost Girl		Lost Girl		Lost Girl	
SPIKE	Rambo				Payback					Interview
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Yes Man					Fun
TCM	The Goodbye Girl				Under-Yum				My Sister Eileen	
TLC	48 Hours: Hard Evid.		48 Hours: Hard Evid.		48 Hours: Hard Evid.		48 Hours: Hard Evid.		48 Hours: Hard Evid.	
TNT	Shooter		The International					Leverage		Leverage
TOON	The Wizard of Oz		God/Devil	King/Hill	King/Hill	Fam. Guy	Aqua Teen	Metal	Bleach	Fullmetal
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody-Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	King	King
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		Fast & Furious			
VH1	40 Greatest Feuds		Mob Wives		Consign	Consign	Couples Therapy		La La	By June
WGN	NBA Basketball					News/Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Chris
Premium Channels										
HBO	Sucker Punch				Boxing					Luck
MAX	The Girl Next Door				Endure			Depravity	Teenie Weenie	
SHOW	Twilight: New Moon				Twil: Eclipse					Shameless

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Sunday Evening — March 25, 2012

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Once Upon a Time		Desperate Housewives		GCB		Local			
KBSL/CBS	The Amazing Race		The Good Wife		CSI: Miami		Local			
KSNK/NBC	Harry's Law		Celebrity Apprentice				Local		Dateline NBC	
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Amer. Dad	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Breakout Kings		Breakout Kings		Storage	Storage
AMC	Ray		Mad Men				Mad Men			
ANIM	Rattlesnake Republic		Rattlesnake Republic		Rattlesnake Republic		Rattlesnake Republic		Rattlesnake Republic	
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Shahs of Sunset		Happens	Housewives/Atl.		Atlanta
CMT	Whiskey Business		Son-in-Law					Whiskey Business		
CNN	Big Hits-Drms		Piers Morgan Tonight		CNN Newsroom		Big Hits-Drms		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Goods: Live Hard				Jackass 2.5		South Pk	Tosh.0	Key	Futurama
DISC	Frozen Planet		MythBusters		Unchained Reaction		Frozen Planet		MythBusters	
DISN	Austin	Shake It	ANT Farm	Jessie	Shake It	Shake It	ANT Farm	ANT Farm	Wizards	Wizards
E!	True Hollywood Story		Ice-Coco	Ice-Coco	Khloe	Ice-Coco	Chelsea	The Soup	Khloe	Ice-Coco
ESPN	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball				
ESPN2	Wm. Basketball		College GameDay		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
FAM	The Blind Side				Miss Congeniality				J. Osteen	Ed Young
FOOD	Cupcake Wars		Worst Cooks		Iron Chef America		Restaurant Stakeout		Worst Cooks	
FX	Twilight						Twilight			
HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Holmes Inspection		Holmes Inspection		Holmes on Homes		Holmes Inspection	
HIST	Ax Men		Ax Men		Full Metal Jousting		Full Metal Jousting		Ax Men	
LIFE	P.S. I Love You		Army Wives		Coming Home		P.S. I Love You			
MTV	16 and Pregnant		Jersey Shore		How High				Wild/Out	Wild/Out
NICK	'70s Show	'70s Show	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Outlander		Pandorum					Serenity		
SPIKE	The Rock						Am Digger	Repo	Repo	Repo
TBS	Meet the Fockers					Meet the Fockers				
TCM	Night and the City				Brute Force				La Roue	
TLC	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	To Niecy	To Niecy	Medium	Medium	To Niecy	To Niecy
TNT	The Bourne Ultimatum			The Bourne Ultimatum					Falling Skies	
TOON	Level Up	Level Up	King/Hill	King/Hill	Chicken	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Loiter Squad		
TRAV	David Blaine		David Blaine: Magic		Mysteries-Museum		The Smithsonian		David Blaine: Magic	
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody-Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	King	King
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		Quantum of Solace			
VH1	Mob Wives		MobWives	Mob Wives		MobWives	Stevie TV	Mob Wives: Sit		Stevie TV
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News/Nine	Replay	The Unit		Monk	
Premium Channels										
HBO	Clash	Game	Luck		Eastbound	Too Short	Luck			Eastbound
MAX	Inception	D.O.A.: Dead or Alive			Black Swan					
SHOW	Californ.	Lies	Shameless		Lies	Californ.	Shameless		Lies	Californ.

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