

Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. East wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday: A slight chance of thunderstorms, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 11 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 79.

Thursday Night: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly after 7 p.m. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain.

Friday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 70.

Friday Night: A slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 61.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40.

Sunday: A 30 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47.

Monday: High, 82; Low 42 Tuesday: High, 95; Low 52 Precip: Monday None Tuesday Trace Month: 2.30 inches Year: 3.97 inches Normal: 3.98 inches (K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset Thursday 6:51 a.m. 8:33 p.m. Moon: waxing, 24 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Norton man is principal

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County Middle School. Along the way, he's coached football, basketball and golf.

He said he and his wife wanted to get back to the Midwest. Since he had a Kansas license, he said, he was looking out here when the job in Norton came up.

He said he had decided he wanted to be a high school principal, and also wanted to be a little closer to Colorado.

Larry Gabel as a fellow athletic director, he said, it was natural to apply for the job here.

Gabel says he will return to his old job as athletic director when the new principal arrives.

The Wallingfords have four children:

Dale, 27, is stationed in Germany, but just got orders for Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.; he is a captain in the cavalry. His wife also is an officer.

Ashley, 24, is finishing nursing school in the Atlanta area. She and her husband have a daughter, Zoe, 2.

Lacey, 21, is an accounting major at Pittsburg State.

Haley, 16, will be a junior at Colby High. Her dad said she plays tennis, runs and sings.

Deena will be a seventh-grade reading and English teacher at Colby Middle School.

"We're really looking forward to coming to Colby and being a part of the community," he said. "I wanted to be a high school principal and be able to focus on the instructional side. I'll have that option with Larry handling the athletic side."

The new principal will start his duties July 1. He said the family is looking for a house now.

Free hotdogs promote line

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borhood, harm you and those around you and potentially result in fines and repair costs.

"Calling 811 before every digging job gets your underground utility lines marked for free and helps prevent undesired consequences."

Hamilton said if a dig is close to one of his firm's pipelines, his operators will even do the dig themselves.

"Our operators are trained to dig, take proper precautions and wear special equipment," he said.

"This is a serious business, especially since our natural gas lines have 900 pounds of pressure in them. There are so many things that could go wrong, and the potential for damage and injury is high."

He explained that someone could be killed and natural gas could migrate into a nearby home if a pipeline is damaged.

"There is no reason not to call ahead of time," he said. "Our operators are required to go mark within three days of the first call. It is fast and convenient."

He said when people call, all they have to do is tell the operator where you are planning to dig, what type of work you will be doing, and then affected utility companies will be notified.

In a few days, a locator for each affected firm will come out and mark the approximate location of your underground lines, pipes and cables, so you know what is below.

Hamilton said the painted lines and flags indicate the type of cables and pipes. Red is for

electric lines; orange for communications and telephone lines; blue indicates potable water; green shows where sewer and drainage lines run; yellow is for gas and petroleum lines, oil, steam or other gaseous materials; purple indicates reclaimed water, irrigation and slurry lines; pink shows where temporary survey markings are; and white is for premark sites of intended excavation.

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Med school dean leaves quietly

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30. Atkinson earns \$543,614 per year. After she leaves, she agreed to take a lump sum payment of \$419,253, which represents her unpaid salary through April 9, 2013, one year after the day the university announced she was stepping down.

The payment was agreed to rather than having Atkinson take a one-year sabbatical, said university spokesman Tim Caboni, who would not discuss specific reasons why the proposal was

made. "It is not unusual for folks who serve their institutions as long and as well as she has to receive a sabbatical at the end of her service," Caboni said.

Caboni said the lump sum payment would be made using privately raised funds.

According to the written agreement, Atkinson agreed to vacate her office and return all university property by Friday.

The agreement also prohibits senior university leaders from making negative comments

about Atkinson that might cause someone to question her "integrity, quality, competence or diligence." Atkinson also agreed not to make similar comments about the university or its leadership.

She also agreed to make herself available for consulting to discuss university-related matters and to release the university, the Kansas Hospital Authority, the Kansas Board of Regents, Kansas Physicians Inc. and other parties from any liability based on events through the time the agreement was signed on April 18.

Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little would not discuss the agreement Tuesday.

Escapee finds freedom brief

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after the case goes to the county attorney.

Taylor said the Thomas County Jail isn't one of those housing convicts for the state, like those who escaped in Ottawa County last week. It's too full for that.

He's holding a couple of prisoners for Logan County, he said,

but Thomas County has three prisoners in Goodland and five in Atwood. In all, the county has 16 prisoners and beds for just nine, he said.

County officials have been studying ways to finance and build a larger jail, probably by expanding the existing building. As it is, the sheriff doesn't have space for an office of his own.

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