

Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 61. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west after midnight.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 93. West wind around 10 mph becoming south in the afternoon.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 96. South wind 5 to 15 mph.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.
Labor Day: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 93.
Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.
Tuesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 90.
Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.
Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 86.
Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.
Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 82.

City plans to spend on street repair next year

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268 feet to 1,410 feet east of Range, roughly between Grant and Cleveland avenues.

Fourth Street from Franklin Avenue to Lake Avenue, about a mile east to the city limits.
Range Avenue (K-25) from 1,200 feet south of Interstate 70 to the city limits.
On each of these streets, the city plans to mill off about the top three inches of old asphalt and replace it with a fresh layer of pavement.

These projects are going to be paid for mostly by outside money. The state will put forward as much as \$480,000. The city was asked to pay \$160,000 plus the design costs. The work is scheduled for next year.

The plan also covers spending for capital items, equipment and permanent improvements, in other areas, such as city administration, the Community Building and the fire and police departments. Most of the sug-

gested spending is for public utilities, including water, sewer and electric systems, and infrastructure such as streets.

Also, \$20,000 is budgeted for this year to add sidewalks to streets on the south side of town, a project which Weber said the city has pursued for several years.

Much of the plan includes "low-cost" operational equipment to be purchased year by year. Replacements for vehicles or improvements to buildings are financed by yearly payments to special funds and have already been paid for or partially paid for.

The city wants to have enough money to replace several vehicles for the street department, Weber said, including a new loader and a 1995 New Holland Skidsteer and dump truck.

The loader will require six payments of \$25,000 each. The Skidsteer will need three payments of \$15,000 each and the dump truck, two of \$12,500.

The electric department will need lots of money for the upkeep of the city power plant. The city will pay \$200,000 this year to upgrade 2,400-volt switch gear. The city is also trying to make five payments of \$100,000 each to upgrade the substation for the power plant and 10 payments of \$200,000 each to replace a 5-megawatt engine at the plant.

The city will make the third payment for the substation upgrade and the fourth payment for the engine this year. For the upgrade for the 2,400-volt switch gear, the city might spend another \$200,000 next year and \$50,000 the year after that.

Expenses for the water production department include repairs and improvements for wells, for which the city will pay \$100,000 this year, and for which the same amount is in the plan for each year until 2017.

"Utilities is the biggest end of what people need," Weber said.

Kansas: no money for route

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Slimmer, chief of transportation planning with the Kansas Department of Transportation told The Hutchinson News on Thursday (bit.ly/PUC8ay).

State officials have contacted their Congressional delegations to discuss other possible solutions, according to the letter.

Slimmer said information from BNSF indicates repair costs could be higher than \$100 million, perhaps as much as \$85 million just in Kansas.

Even if Kansas lawmakers found a source of money, Slimmer said, it might not be enough.

"It doesn't do any good to improve the line in Kansas if Colorado and New Mexico don't have the budget to do it," he added.

Cities along the route have allocated money to hire a lobbyist in Washington to push for money for the rail service.

Hutchinson City Manager John Deardoff said it's also important for Amtrak to "step up with their role in the whole effort."

Colby native to hold lecture

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public is welcome to those sit in on those discussions as well.

Debbie Schwanke, public information director at the college, said Hansen has delivered his speech in nine countries on three continents.

Hansen earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1981 from the University of Kansas, and a master's in philosophy in 1983 and a doctorate in 1987 from Yale University.

He is a Charles L. Hutchinson distinguished service professor, focusing his research on interest groups, citizen activism, public opinion, public budgeting and politicians' inferences from the

outcomes of elections, at the University of Chicago.

Schwanke said that Hansen has experience as an administrator as well. In the 1990s, he served terms as chairman of the Political Science Department and as associate provost for education research.

The lecture series will include two other speakers during the year, Schwanke added. Dr. Andrea Stanton of the University of Denver will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27. At the same time on Tuesday, Feb. 26, Dr. Scott Phillips, also of the University of Denver, will speak.

For information, call Dr. Davis-Stephens at (785) 460-5528.

Truck convoy will come to Colby

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the city. The route will go north on Range Avenue to Fourth Street, east on Fourth Street to Franklin, south on Franklin to Willow Street, east on Willow to Country Club Drive and from there back to Horton.

Officers from the Kansas Law Enforcement Torch Run will ac-

company the convoy for some of the parade.

The convoy will end at the Oasis Travel Center at noon and lunch will be served there. The truck and bike shows will start at the same time and place, lasting until 3 p.m.

There will be an auction at 1 p.m. and the presentation of trophies and awards for participants

in the convoy and the show will wrap up the day at 3 p.m.

Contact Joe Mentlick at (785) 443-1682 for information about the convoy and the truck show. To learn more about the bike show, call C. W. Hamilton at (785) 462-0964.

Briefly

Landfill to close for Labor Day weekend

The Thomas County Landfill will close at noon Saturday and reopen at 9 a.m. Tuesday for the Labor Day weekend. For information, call landfill supervisor Larry Jumper at 462-8139.

Colby sanitation trucks will not run Monday because of the holiday. These routes will be picked up Tuesday. Tipper cans should be at the curb by 8 a.m. For information, call the Public Works Department at 460-4420.

Booster club to hold tailgate party

The Colby High School Booster Club will be holding a tailgate party from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. next Friday at the Dennen Field concession stands. Hamburgers and hot dog meal deals will be served, which include a drink and chips. Hot dog meals will be \$4 and hamburger and cheeseburger deals will be \$5. All proceeds will go to the locker room project. For information, call the high school at 460-5300.

Lutheran church returns to normal schedule

Beginning Sunday, Trinity Lutheran Church, 855 E. Fifth St. in Colby, will return to its regular schedule, with Sunday school meeting at 9:15 a.m. and worship at 10:30 a.m. Rally Sunday will be Sept. 9 - with the ice cream machine running and a fish feed to benefit the Orphan Grain Train from noon to 1:30 p.m. For information, call Linda Pabst at 462-3497. Visitors are always welcome.

Classes set to teach English to residents

Beginning classes for English as a second language will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Golden Plains High School in Rexford. Intermediate and advanced classes are set for 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Thomas County Learning Center in Colby, both starting next week. Beginning classes start on Wednesday. For information, call the Learning Center at (785) 465-7900.

Wesleyan church plans study sessions

The Colby Wesleyan Church invites people to an eight-week Beth Moore Bible study, "Mercy Triumphs," on the man and the book of James, Jesus' brother, who started out as a skeptic. Sessions will run on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the church, 320 W. Pine, or from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. at the Pioneer Memorial Library beginning next week. For information, call Joy Rothfuss at 462-8391 or e-mail wesleyan@st-tel.net.

New players sought for first rehearsal

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra would welcome new players at a session Monday, Sept. 10, at the Colby Community College band room in the Cultural Arts Center on campus. A "meet and greet" at 7 p.m. with light refreshments will precede a rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. If you're interested in playing but don't have an instrument, some may be available. For information, call Mary Shoaff at (785) 462-2159 or Janet Hopson at (785) 462-5102.

Citizens plans series on chronic disease

Citizens Medical Center will offer a chronic disease self-management workshop from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays for six weeks starting Monday, Sept. 10, in the center's conference room A light meal will accompany each interactive and motivational session. The workshop is limited to the first 20 people who sign up. For information or to register, call Jeanene Brown in the education department at 460-4850.

Brewster church to hold gospel concert

The Armouaires Quartet, a Southern gospel group, will sing at the Brewster United Methodist Church, 202 Nebraska Ave., at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15. The quartet sings in the style of the Calvary Echoes, the Gaither Vocal Band, the Crabb Family and similar groups. An offering will be taken, and a fellowship time with coffee and cookies will follow the program. For information, call Pastor Mike Baughn at (785) 694-2278.

State officials to explain new health plans

State officials will be in Colby for a meeting on KanCare on Monday, Sept. 24, one of eight to be held across the state to provide details about the transition from the old Medicaid program to KanCare. The session will begin at 6 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College. For information, call Miranda Steele at (785) 296-5795.

Flu clinic will be offered at 4-H Building

Flu shots will be given for anyone who wants one from 2 to 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, in the Thomas County 4-H Building. Cost is \$25; bring cash, a check or a copy of your insurance card. Everyone will need to complete and print an online consent form, found at thomascountyks.com. Help is available at the 4-H Building during the clinic. For information, call the flu line at 460-4599 or Angie Gaede at 460-4596.

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