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Senators debate live on television Weather

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state requirements that cost districts money. 'When we look at these mandates, we have to look at the cost along with it," Schmidt said.

Ostmeyer said several school districts in his area had been forced to spend more than a million dollars getting new fire doors because of a ruling by the state fire marshal.

"Those doors were good for 40 years," he asked. "Why did we need new ones? We have to use common sense."

Another question covered the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System. Schmidt said there has been a lot of discussion, but the first thing the Legislature needs to do is assure people who paid in that the system is going to be there.

"What's going in and coming out needs to balance," he added. "There needs some reform, and we have done some. We changed it from a defined contribution to a defined benefit."

Ostmeyer said the situation will turn out all right for state employees. He said many people tell him the state ought to be run like a business, that it should offer a 401k retirement plan and nothing else.

The original intent of the system was to help schools keep teachers, he said.

ing," he added.

Rackaway asked about the redistricting process, which was the reason there are two incumbents running in the 40th District this vear.

Ostmeyer said he and Schmidt were on the same side in the redistricting debate. He said that during the final days of the process, he reached out to the Democratic leadership to try to get cooperation.

"I bet there's some folks out there who wish they had," he said.

Schmidt said the whole process was unfortunate.

"What can you say when the 'Leg' fails in one of its duties," he said. "I led a fight to save the 36th. It was about keeping the district alive."

Even though the 36th was moved east and Schmidt suddenly found himself in the 40th, he said, the 36th was able to stay in western Kansas, rather than being removed and put elsewhere.

Another question covered job growth and population decline. Schmidt said affordable housing is becoming one of the top issues in them funded." northwest Kansas, since without it, it can be difficult to recruit new workers.

up and built housing. He also praised the generation, that needs our help."

"Many teachers were retiring with noth- Rural Opportunity Zone program, which gives tax breaks and student loan repayment to lure out-of-state people into low-population areas.

> Even though some counties have been reluctant to set aside money, he said, the program has been popular.

> The candidates were then asked about the governor's tax plan. Ostmeyer said people have not given the governor's program a chance.

> "Every day there's a press release out there saying the governor is failing," he said. "Give it a chance."

> Schmidt said that if the if governor had a plan that's working for all of Kansas, he'd be willing to give it a chance.

> Now, he said, the administration is saying there will be an 18-month delay in getting new revenue.

> The final question was about support for senior citizens. Schmidt said northwest Kansas has a higher percentage of senior citizens than many other parts of the state.

> "Senior centers and programs are absolutely essential," he said. "We need to keep

"I would never make fun of senior citizens, since I am one," Ostmeyer said. "It's Ostmeyer said some towns have stepped that 'Greatest Generation,' the World War II

Agency here encourages awareness

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three women are killed every day at the hands of a current or former partner.

"I heard just this morning on the news," Linsner said Wednesday, "that Attorney General Derek Schmidt announced there were 24,000 reported incidents in 2011.

"How many go unreported?" How many relationships are not recognized as being violent, and how many are afraid or embarrassed to admit they are in a relationship with a violent partner?

"No woman, or child or victim should worry about violence in the home."

Linsner said Options helps clients and victims of domestic and sexual assault, and that the first step is to question relationships that exhibit red flags.

p4abuse.org, lists many ways a ber is (785) 460-1982.

victim can identify an abusive relationship.

It says they should question way to go," says Joyce Grover, partners who blame all arguments on them, threaten to kill themselves if a partner break of Investigations reports that up with them, tell them how to 30 percent of all homicides in dress or act, try to isolate them Kansas in 2010 were related to and control who they see or where they go, call them names, are physically violent or force and nine children murdered each them into actions against their year as a result of abuse. will.

said her office covers nine surrounding counties, offering crisis intervention 24 hours a day, counseling and personal advocacy, safety planning, support groups and public awareness programs. The agency has a safe shelter at an undisclosed location.

Trained advocates are available toll-free 24 hours a day, Linsner said, at (800) 794-4624. The Options website, hel- The Colby contact phone num-

Kansas, but we still have a long enced budget cuts. executive director of the Kansas Coalition. "The Kansas Bureau domestic violence, which translates into an average of 22 adults

"We must act as a community Colby Advocate Chris Leth to put a stop to this pervasive crime."

The coalition reported that so far this year, nearly eight out of 10 domestic-violence shelters reported an increase in women Mary Kay "Truth About Abuse" survey.

The economic downturn has had a devastating effect on programs working to serve surviturn to escape abuse, and most kcsdv.org.

"We have made great strides in service agencies have experi-

"We know, even with these disturbing statistics, that domestic violence is preventable," says Grover. "By promoting healthy relationships that include equality and respect, and through large-scale community education and action, we can reduce the likelihood that people will turn to abusive behaviors...."

The coalition thanked Gov. Sam Brownback for proclaiming the awareness month, said Fullerton, "to encourage all citizens to speak out against domestic violence, to provide support for survivors of these crimes, to seeking help, according to the encourage community leaders to hold perpetrators accountable and to make domestic violence prevention efforts a priority...."

In addition to the Options website and toll-free number, vors of abuse, said Fullerton. As victims can get help by going to a result, there are fewer places to the coalition's website at www.



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National Weather Service

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with

Friday: Partly sunny, with a

a low around 26. North wind 5

high near 45. Northeast wind

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Friday Night: Mostly clear,

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with

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Sunday Night: Mostly clear,

Monday: Sunny, with a high

Monday Night: Partly cloudy,

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy,

Wednesday: Mostly sunny,

Wednesday: High, 50; Low 31

Precip: Wednesday 0.09 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Moon: waxing, 91 percent

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

0.78 inches

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with a low around 33.

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with a low around 40.

with a high near 66.

Month:

Normal:

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a high near 65.

south after midnight.

student funding and other sources. Waites said the college should begin in November, it'll go back up."

Waites said the college should have tightest.

November and December when money's the board members get together every month, read a book and discuss it rather than hold a retreat just once a year. A day • Discussed and approved selling vehi- and time has not been set for each meetcles on Purple Wave, an auction website, ing, which will mostly likely be ruled as a special meeting. The trustees also discussed the date for the November meeting, which Dr. Vacik day, Nov. 19, to the same time on Monday, Nov. 26, due to holiday travel plans.



Blood drive scheduled Friday at Colby armory

A Red Cross blood drive continues from 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m Friday at the National Guard Armory, 470 S. Range Ave. To make an appointment, call (800) RED-CROSS, but walk-ins are welcome. For questions, contact Donor Recruitment Representative Catherine Younger in Hays at (316) 641-1193 or catherine.younger@redcross.org.

Baptist Church invites everyone to free lunch

Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend to a free meal from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church on the corner of Webster and Grant. For information, call Norma Higerd at 462-7806.

Autumn Art Bazaar downtown Saturday

Colby Community College art students plan an Art Bazaar from 2 to 7 p.m. Saturday in downtown Colby. Tons of fun activities have been planned for the evening in the blocked off streets, says instructor Rebel Jay. For information, call Jay at 269-7065.

Presbyterian women selling greenery

The Colby Presbyterian Women are selling fresh Christmas greenery wreaths, garlands and centerpieces - to raise money for mission projects. Orders are due by Sunday; delivery will be the first week of December. For information or to place an order, call the church at 462-6342 or JoAnn Sunderman at 460-2476.

Early voting for election runs through Nov. 2

People can vote early for the upcoming election at the Thomas County Courthouse from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, Nov. 2, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Monday, Nov. 5. Call the county clerk's office at (785) 460-4500 for questions about the election process, especially regarding the photo identification requirement.

County commissioners set meeting Wednesday

Thomas County commissioners will hold their end-of-the month meeting at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the basement break room at the courthouse since early voting will gong on in their room. The regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 19, has been moved to the afternoon of Thursday, Nov. 15, to coincide with canvassing the vote from the Tuesday. Nov. 6, election. For questions, call the county clerk's office at (785) 460-4500.

Health Department to

"We'll pay more than we get bills for. But half of year, but that doesn't help during retreat. Chairman Arlen Leiker suggested

about \$80,000 at the end of November In other business, the board

November with \$122,000 and is expect- and for December, it should get an ading to receive county tax money from vance on January revenue. motor vehicles, along with student tuition and fees.

However, there will be more payroll expenses due to new contracts being approved.

"I expect the total of our accounts payable to go down in October," he said.

"The point is just to bring in the cash as along with a compressor, if need be. quickly as we can," he said later.

from July 1 to June 30, the college has year. President Steve Vacik said the board asked to be moved from 5:30 p.m. Monmore money going out in the first six months than coming in.

He said it balances out in the second

• Reviewed and approved the college's Waites explained that in a full year, mission and vision statements for this has to review and approve these statements each year.

• Discussed changing the annual board The board agreed to both ideas.

offer walk-in flu clinics

The Thomas County Health Department plans walk-in flu clinics Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 8, at the department's office at 350 S. Range, and from 11 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the Senior Progress Center. Cost is \$25, or bring a copy of your insurance card. For information, call the department at 460-4596.

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