

Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. Light and variable wind becoming south 5 to 10 mph in the evening.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 51. Breezy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the morning.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 66.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 37.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 67.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 38.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65.

Thursday: High, 46; Low 25
Precip: Thursday None
Month: 0.78 inches
Year: 11.69 inches
Normal: 19.29 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 8:07 a.m. 6:48 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 96 percent
Sunday 8:08 a.m. 6:47 p.m.
Moon on 28 October: waxing gibbous with 99
Monday 8:10 a.m. 6:46 p.m.
Full moon at 2:50 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)



DEBBIE SCHWANKE/Colby Community College

Norton nursing student Sherrie Balderston (left) talked with Colby Community College Board of Trustees' attorney John Gatz, Chair Arlen Leiker and Treasurer Nick Wells at the college's new facility in Norton. The board met on Oct. 15 in the facility, touring and hearing a report from nursing instructor Jean Ann Wilson. The site is used for day and evening nursing classes and for General Equivalency Diploma and Adult Basic Education classes.

College board hears Norton nursing report

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two-year and the one-year. The night people that I have teaching here and the ones who are teaching in WaKeeney are doing a fantastic job."

Trustee Dale Herschberger asked where the students in this program come from, and Wilson said it varies, but in the past, she has had students from Nebraska, eastern Kansas and even Alaska.

She said the oldest student she ever had in her 33 years of teaching was 65. This woman, she said, finished all of her credits in one year and then practiced for five.

However, she said, she has been getting younger students now due to the Outreach Program, which is a dual-credit enrollment where high school students can receive both high school and college credit.

Public Information Director Debbie Schwanke said "nontraditional students," usually older people returning to learn a new career, also use this program, taking night classes at an outreach center, such as the Norton nursing facility, or online, and the program offers scholarships.

Wilson said the average student age is 32, with 18 students enrolled in the day classes right now.

Trustee Bill Shields asked what the average wage is for nurses once they finish school, and Wilson said it fluctuates quite a bit, but the range for a practical nurse is usually \$15 to \$25 an hour. Shields then asked if placement has been a problem and she said not yet.

"We're a very active medical community here," Wilson said. "I think the day is going to come where not every county's going to have a hospital. They're very proactive here, so we're actually hiring nurses again. We're running right at max at 25-bed critical access, our nursing homes are full...."

"They may not get the job they want, but there's five jobs within a hundred miles, and they're all willing to do that."

But, she added, 90 percent of the nurses at the Norton County Hospital and 80 percent at the nursing home are her graduates.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a proposal to raise the fee for international students. Dr. Keegan Nichols, vice president of student affairs and marketing, said all students are required to have a tuberculosis test done due to new state regulations, and Kansas does not accept immunizations from other countries. The blood test, she said, is \$40, so she asked for this amount to be added to the international application fee beginning next fall.

- Heard an update on the Jayhawk Conference from Dr. Stephen Vacik, college president. Vacik said he received a call from a school president, who approached Vacik about Colby pulling out of the Jayhawk Conference.

Vacik said he put him off, but wanted to let the trustees know that this kind of talk is going on. He said at this point, he likes having Colby in this conference.

County races see many unopposed

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director of the Colby Housing Authority for 28 years before retiring in 2004.

Running to fill the vacancy in District 3 being left by Commission Chairman Ken Christiansen is Baughn, a former Thomas County sheriff and longtime mayor of Brewster. Christiansen's last meeting will be Monday, Jan. 14, to swear in the new county officers.

Baughn has been mayor in Brewster for 34 years, but he said he will give up that post if he is elected to the commission. He has been attending commission meetings as a spectator since the primary election in August.

He began a career in law enforcement since 1994. Baughn said he went up the ranks in Thomas County from deputy to undersheriff, and was the county sheriff from 2004 to 2008.

In 2008, he lost an election to the current sheriff, Rod Taylor, after a sometimes-heated campaign.

Colby resident Layn Brugge-

man, a Republican, is running unopposed for Thomas County treasurer, hoping to fill the vacancy being left by Donita Applebury, who is retiring after 33 years as treasurer.

Applebury said that her term doesn't end until October 2013, so she'll be able to train Bruggeman for her position since she is already working in the office.

Bruggeman, who has been the deputy treasurer for 1 1/2 years, started in the office as a motor vehicle clerk in 2008.

"I grew up here and graduated from high school in Rexford," she said. "I went to Colby Community College, but don't have a degree."

Shelly Harms is running unopposed for re-election as Thomas County Clerk. Harms, a Colby native, has held the spot since November 2004, when she ran against the incumbent. She worked in the treasurer's office for several years and moved to the clerk's office in 2000 and 2001, before going to work for the school district for three years.

Running for re-election as register of deeds is Republican Lara Volk, who has held the job since 2009, when she was appointed to replace Mabel Moore. Before that, she was the deputy clerk from 2003 to 2009. She began working for the county in the treasurer's office in 1984.

Republican incumbent County Attorney Kevin Berens has been a licensed attorney in Kansas and Colorado since 1999. He was appointed to the county job in March 2011 after Bruce Flipse resigned. He is unopposed after winning the Republican primary.

Berens serves on the Kansas Sentencing Commission in Topeka, has a private practice in Colby and St. Francis and is on the advisory board for the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis. He and his family live in St. Francis and have an additional home in Colby. They spend four days a week here and three days in St. Francis, where they raise horses. His children are home schooled.

Glenn Schiffner, a Republican

incumbent, has been a judge of the 15th Judicial District since 1993. He won the Republican primary after his opponent dropped out, though too late to have his name taken off the ballot.

Superintendent receives state award

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AdvancED Kansas who has shown leadership and service to their school and demonstrated excellence and innovation. Any education professional may be nominated by AdvancED Kansas members, said Dr. Nancy Bolz, director of the group. Between five and 10 people are nominated each year, she said, and two to five are chosen.

"She's worked with our organization for years," Bolz said of Harrison. "She's been actively involved."

Harrison has worked in the Colby schools for 12 years, seven as grade school principal and five as superintendent. During that time, she has implemented new standards and tests which have come down from the state.

She helped guide the school district work according to the "outcomes" model of evaluation, which focuses on whether curriculum and other district policies are in place, and the "student per-

formance" model, which focuses on how kids actually perform in the classroom.

"I would say that this district has always been on the cutting edge and we continue to be," Harrison said. "We continue to grow as educators to help all student be successful."

She has been on AdvancED school accreditation teams and the district accreditation team and on the AdvancEd Kansas State Council.

Harrison has served on the boards of both the Kansas Association of Elementary School Principals and the Kansas School Superintendents Association, the Kansas Health Foundation, the Thomas County Intergovernmental Coalition and the Kansas College and Career Ready Superintendents' Committee.

M. Claradine Johnson, the first recipient of the award, was the director of the North Central Association. The school accreditation group was founded in 1895 and became part of AdvancED in 2006.

Briefly

Baptist Church invites everyone to free meal

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

Autumn Art Bazaar in downtown Colby

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.

Free classes will teach about diabetes

Citizens Medical Center will continue a monthly series of free classes on diabetes, "Journey for Control," from 3:30 to 5 p.m. every Monday in November in the hospital conference room. The topic will be how to manage diabetes, plan meals better and answers questions using a "fun, interactive" learning style. It stresses the importance of checking blood sugar and what the results mean. Register by calling Jeanene Brown at the hospital's education department, (785) 460-4850.

Early voting for election runs through Nov. 5

People can vote early for the upcoming election at the Thomas County Courthouse from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through next Friday 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 the photo identification requirement.

County commissioners set meeting

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 go 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 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. Please remember to complete and print a consent form/voucher from the thomascountyks.com website under the health department tab beforehand. For information, call the department at 460-4596.

Prairie Museum to have college art displayed

On exhibit this month at the Prairie Museum of Art and History, 1905 S. Franklin Ave., are works from the art department at Colby Community College. The pieces, created by art instructor Rebel Jay and her students, use media including acrylics, chalk, clay, paper and found objects. Hours are 9 to 5 Monday through Friday and 1 to 5 on weekends. The exhibit is free. Call Ann Miner at 460-4590 or e-mail museumed@st-tel.net for information.

Brewster Senior Center plans breakfast

For the first day of hunting season, the Brewster Senior Center plans a biscuit-and-sausage-gravy breakfast from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10. Hunters and everyone else welcome. Donations will go to the Brewster library and museum. For information, call Betty Baird at (785) 694-2645.

Lutheran Church plans soup supper

A soup and dessert lunch will be served on the opening day of pheasant season, from 11 p.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 217 Main St. in Brewster. Lunch deliveries will be made within Brewster; call 694-2405 that day. Donations will be accepted. For information, call Sharron Knox at 694-2751.

College music department to sponsor show

The Colby Community College music department will sponsor a Home-town Gospel Show as a tribute to veterans from 2 to 4 p.m. on Veteran's Day, Sunday, Nov. 11, in the Frahm Theater at Colby Community College. Admission is \$10 at the door, but children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. Proceeds will go to support the Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass Festival. For information, call the Colby Convention and Visitor's Bureau at 460-7643.

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Monday Evening		October 29, 2012									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Dancing/Stars				Castle		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	How I Met	Partners	2 Broke G	Mike	Hawaii Five-0		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson		
KSNK/NBC	The Voice				Revolution		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon		
KSAS/FOX	2012 World Series						Local				
Cable Channels											
A & E	Hoarders		Hoarders		Intervention		Intervention		Hoarders		
AMC	Friday the 13th					Friday 13th 2				Friday th	
ANIM	Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot		
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Housewives/Atl.		Real Housewives		Happens		Housewives/Atl.		
CMT	Reba		Footloose					Behind the Music	Cross.		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight		
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	Brickle.	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk	
DISC	American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		
DISN	ANT Farm	Hocus Pocus			Phineas		Jessie	Shake It	Wizards	Wizards	
E!	Studio E!	Ice-Coco	Kardashian		Kardashian		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Chelsea	
ESPN	Countdown	NFL Football						SportsCenter			
ESPN2	World/Poker						SportCtr	Football	NFL Films	NASCAR	
FAM	Goonies	The Mummy					The 700 Club	Prince	Prince		
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	\$24 in 24	Mystery D	Health	Diners	Diners	
FX	Ghost Rider						Ghost Rider				
HGTV	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn		Outback Hunters		Pawn	Pawn	
LIFE	Orphan				Prank Mom	Prank Mom	Prank Mom	Prank Mom	Orphan		
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	The Inbet	Ridic.	The Inbet	Ridic.	Ridic.	
NICK	Nick News	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	
SPIKE	Star Wars Ep 2						Repo	Repo	Repo	Repo	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Office	Office		
TCM	Inherit the Wind					Judgment-Nur.					
TLC	Long Isla	Long Isla	Long Island Medium:	Long Isla	Long Isla	Long Isla	Long Isla	Long Isla	Long Island Medium:		
TNT	The Mentalist		The Mentalist		The Mentalist		CSI: NY		CSI: NY		
TOON	Regular	Annoying	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen	
TRAV	No Reservation		No Reservation		No Reservation		Airport 2	Airport 2	No Reservation		
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	The King of Queens		
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW						Resident Evil				
VH1	Basketball Wives LA		T.I.-Tiny	Chrissy	Behind the Music		Basketball Wives LA		T.I.-Tiny	Chrissy	
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Rules	Rules	
Premium Channels											
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher		The Girl			Ethel				Boxing	
MAX	Taking	Transit				Anchorman: Legend of Ron		Hunted		Cancun 4	
SHOW	Dexter		Homeland			Dexter		Homeland		Pauly Shore	