# Area/State

## Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

near 61. Light and variable wind becoming east 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high

Night: Partly Thursday cloudy, with a low around 31. East wind 5 to 15 mph.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 56. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon.

Friday Night: A 40 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40.

Saturday: A 40 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 53.

Saturday Night: A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Sunday: Areas of blowing snow and a chance of snow. Partly sunny, with a high near 36. Breezy. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Partly cloudy, with a low around 22.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a

high near 48. Monday Night: Partly cloudy,

with a low around 27.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 54.

Monday: High, 45; Low 20 Tuesday: High, 43; Low 21 Precip: Monday 0.02 inches Tuesday None Month: Year:

0.02 inches 0.80 inches 2.11 inches Normal: (K-State Experiment Station) **Sunrise and Sunset** 

Thursday 7:08 a.m. 6:43 p.m. Moon: waning, 20 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

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## Legislators talk with voters here From "VOTERS," Page 1

"I have seven bills in my committee that I now have at the bottom of the desk drawer," he said.

Cassidy said he recently got a chance to testify against a bill that he said could have hurt area landfills by agreeing to hear another bill favored by Rep. Steve Huebert in the Education Budget committee. He was alerted to the bill about the landfills by an e-mail from Thomas County Commissioner Paul Steele, adding that he often learns which bills to pay attention to through e-mails from his constituents. But he advised people to send messages to his house e-mail

As chairman of the Education Budget committee, Cassidy had to present a \$3 billion state education budget. He had 1 1/2 hours to hear what was in the budget, and then had the same amount of time to present it.

"That's one of the scariest things," he said, adding that he had a knowledgeable assistant to help him with the presentation. "She can stand behind me and whisper in my ear, and I said, 'Whisper loud."

Rep. Hineman was late to the meeting because, he explained, he had to drive 100 miles to get here from Leoti.

He talked about the budget,

saying he preferred the incometax plan Gov. Sam Brownback presented in January 2012 to the one the Legislature passed last spring, which he said did not include extra revenue to offset

major tax cuts. If the Legislature does not find enough revenue, he said, the budget the state is currently working on for fiscal year 2014 will have a hole of \$300 million to \$400 million dollars to fill.

Hineman stressed the need to balance the books. Since education and social services make up such a big part of the budget, he said, it will be difficult to cut taxes without taking money from those areas. He also does not like property-tax breaks, because some people – usually the ones with lobbyists – get breaks, and the burden then falls on other property owners, usually farmers and Main Street busi-

His only prediction on what will happen in Topeka was that legislators will not finish the budget in the 80 days that the leadership wanted to get done.

when I would rather be on the tractor planting milo," he said. The audience chimed in later,

"We will be here in mid-May

mainly to tell the legislators about bills they do not want to see passed.

Mayor Gary Adrian had two

bills in mind, one which would had heard of disturbing things, have moved local elections to November, along with state and county offices, and would force going on in Kansas, what's hapcandidates in those elections to run with a party.

qualified people that know the issues," he said.

Another, Senate Bill 109, would ban the use of public money for lobbying purposes. Adrian said it would exclude counties, cities, school boards and other local governments from participating in statewide organizations such as the Kansas Municipal Energy Association, because those organizations use money from cities to lobby the state.

"Senate Bill 109, I think, is in trouble," Ostmeyer told him. "I don't think it's going to come out of committee."

The original source of the bill,

he thought, was that school dis-

tricts took state money and used it to sue the state several years Connie Davis, an instructor at the college mentioned sev-

which she said were disturbing.

But Davis asserted that she

even from friends in other states.

"They're all saying, 'What's pening in Kansas," she said.

She said later this included "That just eliminates good, House bills requiring "climate change denial" to be taught in schools, and concerning negotiations between teachers' unions and the state

County Commissioner Mike Baughn voiced his disapproval of House Bill 2085, which fixes the definition of terms concerning labor negotiations with public employees.

"That would adversely affect Thomas County citizens to the tune of about 14 mils (of property tax)," he said.

Rep. Hineman agreed.

"That would be a very bad deal," he said, if the bill were passed the way it is.

Ostmeyer represents Senate District 40, which includes 13 counties of northwest Kansas plus about a third of Phillips County. The 118th House District that Hineman represents includes southern and eastern eral House bills she heard about Thomas County. Cassidy's from teachers' organizations 120th District covers the northwest part of the county, includ-"I don't think they always ing Colby. Hineman and Cassisend out accurate information dy are each on three committees, to you," Cassidy, a school coun- and Hineman serves as the chair selor and former principal, said. of the House Rural caucus.

#### Annual dress sale continues this week

The annual formal dress sale, featuring "gently-used" dresses in an array of colors, styles and sizes, continues from 6 to 8 p.m. through Friday in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. Come find your dream dress. All proceeds go to support the Genesis-Thomas County food bank. For information, call Sue Draper at 460-6332.

## Once a Month Lunch coming up on Saturday

Once a Month Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the basement of the Colby First Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. No reservation is needed, and the free meal, held the second Saturday of each month, is open to everyone. For questions, call the church office, 462-6342.

#### **High Plains Lions plan** ham-and-beans feed

The Colby High Plains Lions invite everyone to a ham-and-beans feed from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Orscheln Farm and Home in Colby. Donations will pay expenses for two high school band students to attend the Lions' state Band Camp and convention. For information, call Larry Koon at 462-6617.

#### **Community Foundation** accepting applications The Thomas County Community

Foundation is accepting scholarship applications for the 2013-14 school year until Sunday and first-quarter grant applications until Sunday, March 31. For information, go to www.thomascountycommunityfoundation.com or call Melinda Olson at 460-9152.

## Wrestling awards potluck set for Sunday

The Colby High Wrestling Awards Banquet will be a potluck at 6 p.m. Sunday in the Commons at the high school. Bring a covered dish and your own tableware. For information, call Brandi Wark at 460-5300.

#### Girl Scouts cookie drive into its last week

Colby Girl Scouts will wind up their annual cookie sale Sunday. Price is \$3.50 per box and the new cookie this year is called "Mango Crème." For information or questions, call leader Penny Cline at 460-5404.

## Seniors plan potluck at Presbyterian Church

The group More Fun Together pl potluck for people 50 or older who are alone, widowed, divorced, separated or who have partners in nursing homes at 6 p.m. Tuesday and Tuesday, April 9, at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverages will be provided. For information, call 462-6342.

## County approves two new medical cots Hickert said paying for the cots would ter to Medicare to try to keep from having to

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said, including buying new or refurbished cots, and whether to buy manual batteryoperated models. He recommended two new manual cots. The rebuilt ones would have been about \$6,000, Hickert said, and he'd heard of a deal for a cot with a battery-powered motor, along with a poweredstair chair, costing between \$14,000 and

Commissioners decided the purchase would come out of the ambulance capital

have been easier if his department had gotten a Kraff grant from the state Board of Emergency Medical Services. He said the budget he listed in the grant application had been based on the wrong schedule.

The department will have to replace two more cots by fall, he said, and several ambulances are getting old. A radiator sprung a leak in one of them

to the tune of \$765, and a spring connected to an ammeter in that same ambulance cost about \$500 to replace. On the other hand, he said, he wrote a let-bill.

Hickert said later that it cost the depart-

the commissioners.

pay another \$532.

ment \$500 last year to update information with Medicare, which had not been changed

"I got good news and bad news," he told

since 2004. After completing the updates, he said, he learned that Medicare wanted to charge \$532 for a re-validation. Hickert had a verbal commitment from a

representative not to charge the \$532, but he was still not sure if the county would get a

# U.S. schools shift from textbooks to tablets

#### By Philip Elliott

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Well be-

given way to iPads and book instant polls and provide anonybags are getting lighter. Publishers update students' books almost instantly with the latsustain students' interest, reward said, adding yet another plat-

cases, actually keep per-student costs down.

tal bookcase, where traditional software for teachers to watch mous quizzes to gauge student

understanding. Orders placed by June 30 est events or research. Schools will be ready for the start of the Placement and National Writing more than 2,000 iPads to every are increasingly looking to the school year in the fall, officials hand-held tablets as a way to at Rupert Murdoch's company

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their achievements and, in some form for schools to consider.

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ink-and-paper textbooks have each student's activities, offer Research Center's Internet and a cost of \$20.5 million. American Life Project found that more than 40 percent of students or teachers use some Project classrooms.

of the New York City Council, \$1.2 million.

has suggested replacing textbooks – they cost the city \$100 dent's hand is not a pie-in-the- million a year - with tablets. And a study from the Pew 6,800 Apple tablets last year at

But it's not just the biggest school districts making the shift. The Eanes Independent School sort of tablet in their Advanced District in Austin is distributing student, from kindergarteners to Christine Quinn, the speaker high school seniors. The cost:

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#### Thursday Evening March 7, 2013 10:30 11:00 11:30 7:00 7:30 KAKE/ABC Zero Hour Grey's Anatomy Scandal Local Jimmy Kimmel Live Nightline KBSL/CBS Big Bang Late Show Letterman Ferguson Person of Interest Elementary Local aw & Order: SVU community Parks 1600 Pen Tonight Show w/Leno J. Fallon KSAS/FOX American Idol Local Cable Channels The First 48 The Walking Dead Comic Men Freakshow Immortal Comic Men Freakshow Immortal Comic Men Freakshov Saving Rhino Phila Battleground North Woods Law Battleground North Woods Law **BRAVO** anderpump Rules Vanderpump Rules Vanderpump Rules Soc Happens Happens CMT Reba Reba Clear-Danger YoungGur Piers Morgan Tonight Anderson Cooper 360 E. B. OutFront CNN Anderson Cooper 360 Piers Morgan Tonight Colbert Sunny COMEDY Sunny Work. Tosh.0 Ben Show Nathan Daily Tosh.0 Tosh.0 DISC Auction Auction Property Auction Auction Auction DISN ANT Farm Wizards Good Luck Austin ANT Farr **Special** There's Something E! News Chelsea College Basketball College Basketball SportsCenter SportsCenter ESPN2 College Basketba College Basketball College Basketba Charlie St. Cloud The 700 Club wilight Prince Prince Anne Burrel FOOD Worst Cooks Chopped Chopped Chopped Archer BrandX With FX Grown Ups Archer Legit HGTV West End | West End Rehab Rehab Hunters Hunt Intl Hawaii Rehab Rehab Big Rig Bounty HIST Swamp People Swamp People Larry the Cable Guy Swamp People Project Runway LIFE Project Runway Double Double Double Project Runway Failosoph MTV Ridic Ridic Ridic Ridio Failosoph See Dad Full H'se Full H'se The Nanny The Nanny Friends Friends Paranormal Witness SCI Paranormal Witness Paranormal Witness Paranormal Witness Paranormal Witness Bellator MMA Live Bellator MMA Live MPACT Wrestling am. Guy Fam. Guy Big Bang King of the Nerds King of the Nerds olies-Bergere Love Me Tonight Can-Can TLC What Not to Wear Say Yes Say Yes Say Yes What Not to Wear NBA Basketball TNT NBA Basketball Incredibl Regular King/Hill Amer. Dad Amer. Dad Fam. Guy Fam. Guy Newsread Delocated King/Hill TRAV Mysteries-Museum Mysteries-Museum Mysteries-Museum Mysteries-Museum Mysteries-Museum TV LAND Raymond Raymond Raymond Cleveland Cleveland King The King of Queens USA NCIS Law & Order: SVU 100 Sexiest Artists 100 Sexiest Artists Love & Hip Hop Love & Hip Hop ove & Hip Hop

#### Friday Evening March 8, 2013 7:00 8:00 Last Man Malibu Jimmy Kimmel Live Shark Tank 20/20 Local Nightline KBSL/CBS Undercover Boss Golden Boy ate Show Letterman Blue Bloods Local KSNK/NBC Fashion Star Rock Center Tonight Show w/Leno J. Fallon Grimm Local KSAS/FOX Kitchen Nightmares Touch Local Cable Channels A&E Duck D. The Walking Dead Constantin Comic Men Freakshov Immortal Tanked: Unfiltered Tanked: Unfiltered ANIM Tanked: Unfiltered Tanked BRAVO Next Friday Housewives/Atl Next Friday Them Idiots Swamp Pawn Swamp Pawn Piers Morgan Tonight Anderson Cooper 360 Piers Morgan Tonight Anderson Cooper 360 E. B. OutFront COMEDY Tosh.0 Tosh.0 Tosh.0 Jeff Dunham: Spark of Insanity Tommy Boy DISC Gold Rush - The Dirt Bering Sea Gold Yukon Men Bering Sea Gold Yukon Men Good Luck ANT Farm Good Luck ANT Farm Shake It

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