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Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Occasional showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 a.m. Some of the storms could be severe. Low around 46. Windy, with a west wind 15 to 20 mph becoming northwest 25 to 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100 percent.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 67. Northwest wind 10 to

Saturday Night: Clear, with a low around 43. Light and variable wind becoming south 5 to 10 mph in the evening.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 77. South wind 10 to 15

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49. Monday: Sunny, with a high

Monday Night: Mostly clear,

with a low around 52. Tuesday: Sunny, with a high

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear,

with a low around 53. Wednesday: Sunny, with a

high near 78. Wednesday Night: A 20

percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 54. Thursday: High, 90; Low 50 Precip: Thursday None

3.39 inches 12.42 inches Normal: 17.78 inches (K-State Experiment Station) **Sunrise and Sunset**

7:38 a.m. 7:31 p.m.

Saturday Moon: waning, 36 percent 7:39 a.m. 7:29 p.m. Moon: waning, 27 percent 7:40 a.m. 7:28 p.m. Moon: waning, 19 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Learning and fun take over after school





SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press A group of second graders lined up at Colby Elementary School Wednesday afternoon, trying to drop and catch balls all at the same moment (left). The kids goofed off on their way to the exercise (above) part of the Colby elementary's after school program.

Budget battle not over with Senate vote

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House-approved language that would have stripped funding from President Barack Obama's health care law

Passage would bounce the legislation back to the House, where GOP leaders already have declared the pared-down Senate bill insufficient. But top House Republicans, unable to corral enough votes for an alternative due to rebellious conservatives, were mum about their next move and planned no votes on the bill until the weekend at least.

As the Senate debated the bill, Iowa's Tom Harkin criticized conservatives for "throwing a temper tantrum" and risking a they dislike Obamacare. The veteran Democrat said their ideology-driven behavior was breakup of the Union before the boosts the odds of a federal divisions burst into full view on lar tax on medical devices.

Led by first-term GOP Sens. Ted Cruz of Texas and Mike Lee of Utah, a small band of Senate conservatives has wanted to block the shutdown bill. They argue such a move would prevent Democrats from removing the language that defunds Obamacare and would force them to negotiate on reining in the wide-reaching health care law, even though such a scenext Tuesday.

"It's about showing people we're going to do what we say we're going to," Lee told colleagues, "even when, especially when, it's inconvenient."But the government shutdown because conservatives have run into opposition from many in their own party – more senior Republicans who see the tactic as doomed "every bit as dangerous as the to defeat and as a strategy that

shutdown for which Republi- the Senate floor as Cruz and Lee cans likely would be blamed. Even in the House, some Re-

publicans were unhappy with Cruz's and Lee's efforts.

shutdown is counterproductive to our message in 2014 because Lee, who asked Senate Majority we transfer the public's attention perhaps away from Obamacare and instead put it on the pain that will be inflicted, that is still to be determined, on the nario sets up the risk of at least effects of a government shuta partial government shutdown down," said Rep. Steve Womack, R-Ark.

GOP disunity over what to include in a separate debt limit measure forced leaders to indefinitely delay that legislation, which is aimed at preventing a damaging, first-ever federal default that the Obama administra- day. tion has warned could otherwise occur by Oct. 17.

forced the Senate to wait until Friday to approve its bill preventing a shutdown.

"The American people are "I think that a government watching this" but expected the vote Friday or Saturday, said Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., to not hold the roll call on Thurs-

Reid accused the conservatives of "a big, big stall."

Asked Thursday whether he envisions the House approving a simple Senate-passed bill keeping the government open, House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, told reporters, "I don't see that happening." GOP lawmakers said he signaled the same thing at a closed-door meeting Thurs-

They said the House might insert provisions into the shut-At one point Thursday, GOP down bill repealing an unpopu-

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the following day, space available. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

Deadline near for Colby Art Show

Artists and photographers who have not yet registered for the High Plains Art Club's juried show Friday to Sunday, Oct. 18 to 20, have only until Tuesday to submit forms and fees. There is no charge for college and high school students to enter. Bring at work and photos in the first day of the show. For a brochure, contact Alice Wolf at 460-8148, 443-3707 or gawolf@st-tel.net.

'Party for the Potties' dance tickets available

Tickets are on sale for the Prairie Museum of Art and History's "Party for the Potties" barn dance and barbecue fund raiser Saturday at the museum. Admission for the dance and dinner is \$20. The meal starts at 6 p.m. Contact Director Sue Taylor at prairiem@st-tel.net or 460-4590 or go to www.prairiemuseum. org for information.

Baptist Church invites evervone to free lunch

Come and bring a friend to a free "Joyful Blessings" meal from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, Webster and Grant. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Radonda Buford at 462-2804.

Illusionist to perform at Wesleyan Church

Illusionist Mel LaMar will give a free show at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Colby Wesleyan Church, displaying his juggling, ventriloquism, illusions and voice while sharing a message of God's love and salvation. For questions, contact Joy Rothfuss at 462-8391.

School to hold barbecue Sunday

Heartland Christian School plans a barbecue fund raiser from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the school. For a donation, diners can enjoy sausage, chicken or pork, and side dishes. Contact Kim Schriner at 460-6419 for information.

Free class will cover foster parenting

Anyone interested in exploring foster parenthood can attend a free 10-week course beginning Wednesday at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave. Call Nikki Engel at (785) 625-6651, ext. 23, to register.

Childbirth education classes to start

Citizens Medical Center will hold a four week childbirth education class beginning Thursday. Classes will be at 7 p.m. in the hospital's Conference Room. To register, call Jeanene Brown at 460-4850.

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New pastor serves churches in Colby, Hoxie

The Presbyterian churches in churches since mid-August.

Speaking just after the funeral of Mary Smith, who lived in Colby for most of her life, the main thing that stood out about the town was the sense of community.

"I really got to see the community take care of each other," he said of the funeral. "I just re-

ally like that, the community don't find out in school.

Colby and Hoxie have a new said, he was accepted to a propreacher. The Rev. Andrew Son- gram called "For Such a Time neborn has been working at the as This" that matches pastors on a farm near Farmingdale, Ill., said, he served as a youth repre- master's degree program. At the to prospective churches. He in- about seven miles from Spring- sentative on the church's board, same time, he went the church's

come here.

"It just seemed right here," he said, "I really liked it. I liked the interview."

He described his first five weeks as a chalsteep learning curve, hometown. picking up things you

"When you're starting any dale right there," he said. "It's a

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A. Sonneborn

learning all the ropes," he said.

Sonneborn said he grew up high school nearby, and attended the church there.

standards," he said.

Pictures of Chicago sit on a Agency. shelf in the new pastor's office,

"You see one of the three church." main buildings in Farming-

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After seminary, Sonneborn job, there's a time when you're grade school, a middle school, a church and a couple houses."

terviewed for three field. He went to elementary called a session, and a youth candidacy program to prepare churches and chose to school in Farmingdale and to representative on the nominat- for ordination, but took a loning committee set up to look "I grew up in the country, but He served on the Presbyterian at a church in Champaign for a not country by western Kansas church's national board, now year, doing ministry at the Unicalled the Presbyterian Mission

lenge, saying he had a along with the church in his my life," he said. "it was always

The pastor said he went to McCormick Theological Semi-When he was 15, Sonneborn nary in Chicago for a three-year ger route to being a preacher for a new pastor for the church. than required. He was an intern versity of Illinois, and spent three months in a hospital for "It was always a calling in chaplain's training. After that, he did odd jobs as he waited for a passion of mine to serve the permission to send his resume to churches.

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