Area/State

Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 3 a.m. Patchy fog after 4 a.m. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 58. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Thursday: Areas of fog before 10 a.m. Otherwise, cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 69. Light and variable wind becoming northwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers after 1 a.m. Increasing clouds, with a low around 48. North wind 5 to 15 mph.

Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56. Breezy, with a northeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Friday Night: A 10 percent chance of showers before 7 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. Windy.

Saturday: Patchy frost before 8 a.m. Otherwise, sunny, with a high near 54. Breezy.

Saturday Night: Patchy frost after 4 a.m. Otherwise, mostly clear, with a low around 35.

Sunday: Patchy frost before 7 a.m. Otherwise, sunny, with a high near 69.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43.

Monday: Sunny, with a high

near 73. Monday Night: Mostly clear,

with a low around 44.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high

Monday: High, 86; Low 42 Tuesday: High, 76; Low 47 Precip: Monday None Tuesday None

Month: None 12.74 inches Year: 19.29 inches Normal: (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset Thursday 7:42 a.m. 7:23 p.m. Moon: waning, 2 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

County seeks to fill gap

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Steele said the county can start paying off the warrants in January 2015 and stagger the repayments over three to five years if the warrants are given in smaller amounts, sold as needed and re-

Steele sketched this plan verbally in the commissioner's meeting without first asking the other two commissioners for their opinions. When the group voted on whether to approve pursuit of these warrants, Commissioner Byron Sowers

"That's a pretty big chunk of money," he said. "It's just money, Commissioner Sowers,"

"Money's hard to come by at my house," said Sowers, but he ultimately agreed to the proposal, making the motion to approve the plan.

After the motion passed, Sowers asked Berens if \$520,000 will be enough.

"I hope so," said Berens, adding he doesn't

timate should be enough to cover the trials currently scheduled.

Undersheriff Marc Finley asked the commissioners who was going to pay for courtroom security for the trials since the commissioners did not budget any money for overtime in the sheriff's department's 2014 budget.

Without enough full-time personnel, the department relies on overtime to meet courtroom security obligations during trials. But the department's budget was cut by the commissioners, removing all overtime funds for the entire 2014 budget year.

Commissioner Mike Baughn suggested doing a budget amendment to allow overtime funding for the department while Steele suggested increasing the no-fund warrant amount.

Berens said he thinks the \$520,000 he estimated should be enough to cover courtroom security expenses, so no further debts were authorized at this meeting.

Kansas hospitals cite delays

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cessed in 20 days.

"There has to be more custion from the providers."

that is within medical guide- expensive test first," he said. lines, can cause some difficulties if doctors aren't used to director of the Kansas Medical

those standards. For example, Society, said members reported automatically approve an X-ray or MRI for a person complaintomer service to the providers, ing of lower back pain, because as well as the consumers," he those tests often don't yield said. "I understand the frustra- much useful information, and

an insurance company won't some issues with prior authorization and prompt payments, but difficulties are to be expected in any large-scale undertak-

"It's never going to be as the insurers want to "make sure smooth as everyone might like," He said getting patients care we're not jumping to the most he said. "I would expect by year's end they will have some Jerry Slaughter, executive of those problems resolved."

Shutdown hits NSA workers

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keep funding the government unless Congress and the administration agreed to stop paying for Obama's health-care overhaul law. The standoff could continue for days.

Clapper even raised the specgence officers vulnerable to being bought off by foreign spies.

eign intelligence service to recruit, particularly as our employsubject to furloughs driven by I believe, even greater financial challenges," Clapper said. Civilwent into effect last March.

NSA chief Gen. Keith Alex-"This is a dreamland for for- ander told lawmakers that he has ees at such agencies is classified.

kept on employees working on "the most significant counterees already, many of whom are terrorism and other threats that we see into the support to our sequestration, are going to have, military forces in Afghanistan and overseas," but he said the sequester has had a huge impact ian government employees were on morale. While many employforced to go on several days of ees at NSA are full-time military ter of treason, saying financial unpaid leave this year because and therefore exempted from stress could make his intelli- of the automatic budget cuts that the shutdown, many are civilian analysts.

The total number of employ-

Obama, leaders to meet on budget

By Andrew Taylor

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Barack Obama summoned congressional leaders to the White House on the second day of a partial government shutdown that has furloughed hundreds of thousands of workers and closed military cemtioned whether Democrats were ready to deal.

Much of the government's operations were put on hold early Tuesday – ruining vacations, robbing businesses of customers and even idling many in the nation's intelligence force - in a dispute over Republicans' efforts to block or postpone Obama's health care law.

Obama repeatedly has said he won't negotiate changes in the law in exchange for reopening the government. Some in both parties have ominously suggested the impasse might last for weeks, R-Ohio, agreed to sit down with Obama.

with tea party-backed conservatives especially committed to the fight. But a few Republicans seem ready to blink.

House Speaker John Boehner's office cast the White House invitation as a sign the president might be backing down.

"We're pleased the president finally recognizes that his refusal to negotiate is indefensible," eteries as far away as France. Republican leaders Boehner spokesman Brendan Buck said. "It's unwelcomed the afternoon meeting today but ques- clear why we'd be having this meeting if it's not meant to be a start to serious talks between the two parties.

But an Obama adviser said the president would urge House Republicans to pass a spending bill free of the health care dispute or other demands.

Don Stewart, a spokesman for Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said "frankly, we're a little confused as to the purpose of this

Nevertheless, McConnell, R-Ky., and Boehner,

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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.

Reception will mark retirement of treasurer

Everyone is invited to celebrate Donita Applebury's retirement as Thomas County treasurer after 33 years and six days of service, from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday in the commissioner's room of the Thomas County Courthouse. For information, call the county clerk's office at 460-4500.

Drag Main with the Legion Riders

The American Legion Riders Drag Main is back, Friday at the Colby American Legion. Starting at 6:30 p.m. food will be served, for \$10 per person. All cars, pickups, horses or bikes are welcome. for information call Doug Ketchum, 443-0120.

Potato bar to raise money for seniors

The Senior Progress Center will have a potato-bar fund raiser and bake sale from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at the center in Fike Park. Baked potatoes will be served with all the trimmings, for a donation. For information, call Kayla DeBoer at 460-2901.

Reception to introduce Extension agent

The Thomas County Extension Office invites the public to meet Kurt Sexton, the new Agriculture and Natural Resources agent at a come-andgo welcome reception from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, October 11, at the Thomas County Extension Office, 350 S. Range, Suite 16 (the west end of the Thomas County Office Complex). For information call Jody McCain

Federal Employees chapter to meet here

The Colby Chapter of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Montana Mikes. for information, call Mary Reitcheck, president, 675-3747, or Maxine Nelson, secretary, 462-3571.

Childbirth education classes to start Citizens Medical Center will hold a four week series of childbirth edu-

cation classes beginning Thursday. Classes will begin at 7 p.m. in the hospital's Conference Room. This class is for women due to deliver before February and their labor support partners. The next classes begin Jan. 9. To register, contact Jeanene Brown at 460-4850.

Therapist students to give massages

The physical therapist assistant program at Colby Community College will be giving massages from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and Thursdays, Oct. 10 and 17, in Room 804 of the Health Science Building. Cost is \$15 for 30 minutes and \$25 for 1 hour. Walk in, or call Marie Wolkomir to make an appointment at 460-4797.

Group plans dance at American Legion

A public dance is planned for 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion. Craig Stevens will provide music. Everyone welcome. For information, call Lue Duffey at (785) 269-7057.

Knights of Columbus selling candy

The Colby Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Tootsie Roll Drive to raise money for people with intellectual disabilities from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday at Walmart, Dillons and the Oasis Travel Center. Checks, made payable to Tootsie Roll Program Fund, can be sent to Jerad Lange, 445 Field St., Colby, Kan. 67701.

National Life Chain needs volunteers here

To participate in the National Life Chain, a session of prayer and statement against abortion, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, meet at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave., at 2 p.m. for instructions and to receive signs. For information, call Francis or Geri Landry at 460-2258.

Sacred Heart plans book fair

Sacred Heart Catholic School will hold a Scholastic Book Fair from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, 8 a.m. to noon next Wednesday and 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10. Money will help buy books for the school library. All are invited to attend. For more information, call Leanna Larmer at 460-2813.

Kids to walk to school Wednesday

International Walk to School Day is next Wednesday. Parents can drop students off at the T&T parking lot on Franklin between 7:30 and 7:40 a.m. For information call Megan at 460-8177.

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