Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 a.m. Some of the storms could be severe. Areas of blowing dust before 11 p.m. Low around 48. Windy, with a southwest wind 20 to 30 mph decreasing to 10 to 20 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 70. Breezy, with a west wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers after 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 38. North wind 5 to 10 mph. Saturday: Mostly sunny, with

a high near 64. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southeast in the afternoon. Saturday Night: Mostly clear,

with a low around 44. Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a

Sunday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52.

high near 65.

Columbus Day: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 67.

Monday Night: A slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35.

Wednesday: High, 84; Low 45

Precip: Wednesday None Month: None Year: 12.74 inches 19.29 inches Normal: (K-State Experiment Station) **Sunrise and Sunset** Friday 7:49 a.m. 7:12 p.m. Moon: waxing, 36 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Just lookin' for a home



SAM DIETER Colby Free Press This dog is almost out of time! She's a pit bull, about three months old, and has been at the Colby Animal Clinic for about eight weeks. To give her or other strays a home, call the clinic at 460-8621.

Hospital to have new life

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cause the hospital was added to the National Register of Historic Places. Combined, these credits will pay for 45 percent of the cost, he said, and a low-income housing tax credit will cover the

Shortly after the hospital was added to the register at the start of this year, Quigley had said he expected to buy the building from Hildyard by March. But the project has gone through several hoops since then. On July 16, for instance, the City Council denied a request by the company to forgive the utility fees it would have had to pay while working on the project.

Then, Cohen-Esery had to make several requests to the Thomas County commissioners for an easement to use 21 parking spaces on the adjacent county-owned parking lot at the county office complex. City Manager Tyson McGreer and Building Inspector Rick Dickman first went to the Aug. 30 commission meeting to request the easement. The city requires the new apartment complex to have 1.5 parking spaces for each apartment.

The plan would have shut off the north entrance to the parking lot and the north roadway lead- half, including the chapel and for housing projects.

missioner Mike Baughn said the county might have to pay to get the use of the land back. denied an exclusive easement on Sept 9.

parking easement at their Sept. 16 meeting, which allows both tenants and people stopping at the office complex to park there. Quigley pointed out that the agreement also keeps the roadway open. He said the company will build another parking lot west of the apartments with 22 spaces.

The building was entered into the national register on Jan. 2, after being recommended for the register by the Kansas Historical Society. Cohen-Esery hired historic preservation firm Spencer Preservation to build the case for adding the building to the register, and that firm nominated the hospital on July 6 of last year. The historical society added it to the state register of historic places on Nov. 3 and nominated it for the national register.

The first half of the building was constructed through the federal Work Projects Administration in 1941, and the second

ing to the fairgrounds. Com- a wing for polio patients, was added in 1948.

The building was replaced by Citizens Medical Center in 1982 The commissioners tabled the and then used for office space discussion on Aug. 30, and then by the Colby School District in the 1980s and 1990s. It has been empty since the district built a They granted a non-exclusive new office building at the start of 2004.

> A state historic tax credit can cover up to 25 percent of construction costs for projects that cost at least \$5,000. The federal credit, offered through the National Park Service, covers up to 20 percent and requires that a project be income-producing, as well as meet a set of 10 government standards.

Along with the tax credits, the company got a \$340,000 federal Affordable Housing Program loan for the project. The project has also was approved for the county's Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, which offers a break on any increase in property taxes driven by new construction.

Christy Rocca, director for the economic development alliance, said she got the revitalization plan approved in September of last year. A total of 38 applications have been made to the program between then and June, Rocca said, of which 18 were

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.

Conservation district moved by shutdown

Because of the federal shutdown, the Thomas County Conservation District, normally housed in the U.S. Department of Agriculture building, has moved to temporary quarters at 1290 W. Fourth St. District Manager Debbie Potter can be reached at 443-4830.

Endowment Foundation to meet

The Colby Community College Endowment Foundation's annual meeting will begin at 6 p.m. today in the multipurpose room of the Student Union. The Sunflower Singers will be performing and there will be a guest speaker. A \$25 donation will cover the meal. Everyone is invited. Make reservations with Executive Director Nick Wells at 460-4684.

Reception to introduce Extension agent

Thomas County Extension invites everyone to meet Kurt Sexton, the new agriculture and natural resources agent, at a come-and-go reception from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the Extension Office, 350 S. Range, Suite 16 (the west end of the Thomas County Office Complex). For information, call Jody McCain at 460-4582.

Once-a-Month Lunch coming up Saturday

Once-a-Month Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. Lunch is free for everyone the second Saturday of each month; no reservation needed. Call the church office with questions at 462-6342.

Church plans panel on end-of-life issues

Sacred Heart Catholic Church will hold a panel discussion on end-of-life issues from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the church, 1065 W. Fifth St. Speakers will include Father Brendan Rolling from Atchison, Dr. Gerald Brungardt from Wichita and Carol Otter from Norton. Everyone is welcome. For questions, contact Jeannie Solko at 462-2179.

Girl Scouts, college groups to pick up food

Colby Girl Scouts will join with the Colby Boy Scouts, Catholic Youth Group, Colby Community College Presidential Scholars and college basketball, cross country and track teams going door to door from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday to collect nonperishable food items for Genesis-Thomas County. If you won't be home, please leave your donation in a sack by your front door. For information, call Penny Cline at 460-2929 after 6 p.m.

It's time to stop separating grass clippings

The City of Colby Sanitation Department will stop picking up grass separately on Friday, Oct. 18. You may put grass clippings in with your regular trash through the winter. For information, call Omar Weber at the Public Works Department 460-4420.

Coalition plans party to wrap up garden

The Thomas County Coalition will hold a Community Garden social and clean-up at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Southwind Plaza. Surveys have been distributed on interest in individual garden plots or a farmers' market. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the end-of-season wrap-up and to have some tasty soup. For information, call Denise Singer at 465-9103.

Health insurance workshop open to all

Citizens Medical Center will have a meeting about health insurance changes at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Citizens Medical Center Conference Room. Through interactive television, Kansas Insurance Department staff will give information about the Affordable Care Act and who is affected by the changes. A demonstration of how the new online insurance marketplace operates is part of the program. Make reservations with Carla Sharp, human resources, at csharp@nwkshealthcare.com or 460-4881.

Wheelchair users invited to support group

A support group for people using wheelchairs, walkers or other devices to get around will meet at 4:30 p.m. next Thursday at the Pioneer Memorial Library. Anyone who's interested, along with their caretakers, is invited. For questions, call DeAnn Guy at 443-6102 or Maxine Nelson at 462-

Pancake feed to benefit community projects

The Colby Kiwanis Club will hold a Pancake Feed will be from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Colby Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 220 N. Lake. For \$4, you can support Christmas and youth projects and other community services. For information, call Charles Keifer at 460-4610.

Health insurance exchange debut bumpy

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consumer experience," and she stressed that the poll was taken fordable health options." just six days into a campaign over the coming months to educate people about their options.

She added, "The overwhelming attention from millions of Americans checking out Health- year, but the role of the markets kets: uninsured middle-class safety net program.

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The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that about gain coverage through the online insurance marketplaces next

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