


Weather Corner



The forecast
Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around 29. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Thursday — Partly cloudy with a high near 58. South wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.
Thursday night — Mostly clear with a low near 26. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Friday — Mostly sunny with a high near 48. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Friday night — Mostly clear with a low around 22.
Saturday — Mostly sunny with a high around 54.
Saturday night — Partly cloudy with a low around 22.
New Year's Day — Mostly cloudy with a high around 47.
Temperatures
Tuesday's high,
Low this morning,
Records for this date, 74 in 1980, -16 in 1894
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.0
December's precipitation, 0.08
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

KU shuts down one of Web sites

LAWRENCE (AP) — The University of Kansas has shut down a Web site because it lacked property security to keep visitors from viewing financial and personal information about housing applicants, officials said Tuesday.

It's at least the third time in as many years the university has faced a computer-related security issue.

The university is trying to determine how to contact about 9,200 people who used the site to submit housing applications between April 29, 2001, and Dec. 16 of this year, the date officials said a regular review showed the site wasn't secure.

Save up to

50%

on Christmas Items

We take all common
MEDICARE Part D
Insurance Plans!

**PALACE
DRUG STORE**
Downtown Colby
460-7507

★★★★★★★★★
NOW PLAYING:
★★★★★★★★★

**COLBY CINEMA
& ARCADE**

DEC. 23 - DEC. 29

CHRONICLES OF NARNIA
Fri.: 7:15 (PG)
Sun.: 7:15 2:20
Mon. - Thurs: 7:00 & 9:30

KING KONG (PG-13)
Fri.: 7:00 3:07
Sun.: 7:00
Mon. - Thurs: 6:00 & 9:15

COLBY THEATRE

DEC. 23 - DEC. 29

CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2
Fri.: 7:00 (PG) 1:34
Sun.: 7:00
Mon. - Thurs: 7:00 & 9:00

FUN WITH DICK & JANE
Fri.: 7:15 (PG-13) 1:304
Sun.: 7:15
Mon. - Thurs: 7:15 & 9:00

**WINNER OF 2 MOVIE PASSES:
TIM HUBERT**
(Pickup pass at the Colby Free Press. Pass expires in 7 days)

Briefly

Treasurer's office closed Friday
The Thomas County Treasurer's office will close all day Friday for auditing, said Donita Applebury, treasurer. She wanted to remind anyone who wants to pay taxes or renew tags with last names beginning with U, X, Y and Z that they have until Thursday to do so. For questions, call 460-4520.

All-night party Saturday
The Rappin' and Rockin' New Year's Eve Concert and Party begins at 9 p.m., Saturday and will continue through 6 a.m., Sunday, said Rich Epp, co-owner of J&R Marketing. The concert and party is open to everyone.

Christian rap band "Grits" will kick off the night with Christian rock band "Pillar" following all at Colby Community College. After pizza and a battle of the bands later in the evening, participants can take part in bowling, dodgeball, movies, and basketball with fear factor at 5 a.m. and closing ceremonies at 6 a.m. For questions, call (785) 443-1994 or (785) 460-9751.

Genesis food drive continues
With the holiday season behind us Colby Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3882 Auxiliary will continue the Genesis food collection at LeRoy's Printing, 560 N. Franklin in Colby.

January dance cancelled
The Friday, Jan. 6, Singles Dance was cancelled due to the extremely cold weather, said Carolyn Miller, one of the organizers. The February dance is still planned.

Enrollment deadline nears
The Thomas County Interagency Coalition in conjunction with area businesses and organizations will continues its After School Program for students in third, fourth and fifth grades. The program will run Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays Jan. 9 through March 16. Transportation from Colby Grade School to the Colby Community Building will be provided by the school district; parents must pick up their child from the community building at 5:15 following the program. For


questions or to enroll a child, call 460-8177.

Sanitation schedule announced
The City of Colby's sanitation trucks will run the following holiday schedule: During the New Year's Week on Friday, Dec. 30, trucks will run normal routes; Saturday, Dec. 31, normal commercial service; Monday, Jan. 2, no sanitation routes; and Tuesday, Jan 3, Monday route with regular Tuesday service route. For questions, call 460-4410.

County offices plan closings
The Thomas County Courthouse, landfill and health department will be closed on Sunday, Jan. 1 and Monday, Jan. 2. The offices will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3 at 9 a.m

Chorus rehearses every Tuesday
The Hi-Plains Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines holds rehearsals every Tuesday at 7:30 pm. at the Colby United Methodist Church, 950 S. Franklin Ave. All female singers are encouraged to attend anytime.

Bright blessings



JAN KATZ ACKERMAN/Colby Free Press

Shane Timson of Colby (center) who played Ebenezer Scrooge in an adaptation of The Christmas Carol at Living Word Fellowship in Hoxie on Christmas Eve was welcomed into the home of Bob Cratchet and family after Scrooge repented and gave his life to Jesus Christ. Family members were played by Ashley Edgett of Hoxie, Becca Bargmann of Colby, Tim Reynolds and Malachi "Tiny Tim" Elliott both of Hoxie.

Lawmakers look to 2006

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kansas received a double dose of good economic news in 2005, and the state's congressional delegation hopes to build on that success over the next 12 months.

First, the state was a big winner when the federal base-closing commission voted in August to return the Army's 1st Infantry Division to Fort Riley.

Overall, new personnel and missions will come to all four of the state's major bases, bringing thousands of new jobs and millions in benefits by 2011.

Then, in December, Japan decided to lift its embargo on American beef, nearly two years after a case of mad cow disease was discovered in a U.S. herd. With Kansas being the nation's second-largest beef exporter, Roberts and Sen. Sam Brownback said they will urge other markets, to end their restrictions on U.S. beef as well.

Colby Promotion Committee

Residential Christmas Light Winners

1st Place
Robert Anderson ~ 1230 Lue Dr.

2nd Place
Jeannie Wilson ~ 1220 Lue Dr.

3rd Place Tie
Brent Menges ~ 545 Cherokee

3rd Place Tie
Daniel Maier ~ 12 DeSoto Dr.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

We will be closed on Monday, January 2nd!

There will be no Free Press on Monday, January 2nd and our office will be closed to celebrate this joyous holiday. **You should receive a Free Press on Tues, Wed, Thurs. & Fri.**

EARLY DEADLINES: Tues., Jan. 3rd Free Press: Thursday, Dec. 29 @ 3:00 p.m., display ads; Friday, Dec. 30 @ noon, word ads.

**COLBY
FREE PRESS**
155 W. 5th, Colby, 462-3963

YEAR END CELL-A-BRATION!

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, & SATURDAY ONLY!!

DECEMBER 29, 30, 31

BERINGER HARDWARE WILL PAY FOR YOUR ACTIVATION FEE

A plan for you with nationwide calling.

BUY ONE GET ONE FREE MOTOROLLA V262
with new activation

**Get 2 lines \$75/mo
1000 Anytime Minutes**

- Unlimited Mobile-to-Mobile Minutes
- Unlimited Night & Weekend Minutes

And Start your nights at 7 p.m. - FREE
Limited time offer! Additional charges apply.**

See your authorized Alltel agent today!!

**alltel**
wireless
authorized agent

BERINGER HARDWARE
165 W. 4th • Colby • 460-2432

* Coverage may not be available in all areas. See Alltel for details. ** Federal, state and local taxes apply. In addition, Alltel charges a Regulatory Cost Recovery Fee (currently \$6e), a Telecom Connectivity Fee (currently \$9e), federal & state Universal Service Fund fees (both vary by customer usage), an a 911 fee of up to \$1.94 (where 911 service is available). These additional fees may not be taxes or government-required charges and are subject to change. Coverage: Promotional minutes apply within the National Freedom calling area. See coverage map at stores or alltel.com for details. Usage outside of your calling plan is subject to additional roaming, minute & long-distance charges. Plan Details: 1000 anytime minutes shared between two lines. Mobile-to-Mobile Minutes apply to calls between Alltel wireless customers that begin & end in your plan's calling area. Call forwarding 411 & voice mail calls excluded. Nights are Mon-Thurs 7:00pm-5:59am. Weekends are Fri 7:00pm-Mon 5:59am. Additional Information: Limited-time offer at participating locations. While supplies last. Credit approval & approved handset required. \$20 non-refundable activation fee applies per line. \$200 early termination fee may apply per line. Offers are subject to the Alltel Terms & Conditions for communications Services available at any Alltel store or alltel.com.

Save now and save later

Even after the special introductory deal is over.

**LIMITED TIME OFFER
OVER 60 CHANNELS**

STARTING AT

\$19.99
MONTH
FOR 3 MONTHS
(AMERICA'S TOP 60)

PLUS FREE FOR 3 MONTHS!

HBO cinemax SHOWTIME

25 MOVIE CHANNELS

After 3 months, upgrade to America's Top 120 and continue to save about \$29/month when compared to digital cable.*
*Based on information contained in FCC report 2/04/05; compares equivalent programming and equipment configurations.

866-SKY-EYES

**dish NETWORK**
Better TV for all.

2 of 25 movie channels require HD monitor and receiver. Programming offer requires participation in Digital Home Advantage offer; customer must call to downgrade to either qualifying programming after 3-month period.
Digital Home Advantage: Pay \$49.99 Activation Fee. Restrictions apply, including credit approval, qualifying programming purchase and monthly fees for receivers. DISH Network retains ownership of equipment. Limit 4 tuners per account.
Offer ends 1/31/06 and is available in the continental United States for new, first-time DISH Network residential customers. All prices, packages and programming subject to change without notice. Local and state sales taxes may apply. Where applicable, equipment rental fees and programming are billed separately. All DISH Network programming, and any other services that are provided, are subject to the terms and conditions of the promotional agreement and Residential Customer Agreement, available at www.dishnetwork.com or upon request. Local Channels package by satellite are only available to customers who reside in the specified local Designated Market Area (DMA). Local channels may require an additional dish antenna or a SuperDISH antenna from DISH Network, installed free of any charges with subscription to local channels at time of initial installation. Social Security Numbers are used to obtain credit scores and will not be released to third parties except for verification and collection purposes only or if required by governmental authorities. All service marks and trademarks belong to their respective owners by governmental authorities. All service marks and trademarks belong to their respective owners.

SLS03 1330 C