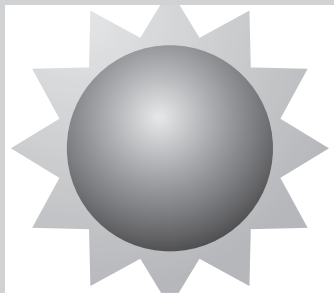


Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 69. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28. East wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57.
Saturday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow. Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. Chance of precipitation is 10 percent.
Sunday: A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 41. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.
Sunday Night: A 50 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22.
Monday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 47.
Monday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Tuesday: A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 43. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Mpdnday: High, 49; Low 22
Tuesday: High, 57; Low 18
Precip: Monday 0.00 inches
Tuesday 0.00 inches
Month: 0.00 inches
Year: 0.15 inches
Normal: 0.97 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

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Basketball time in the park



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
A.J. Camacho took a shot at Fike Park while Jeff Garcia (back to photo) and David Bixenman watched on Sunday.

Digital switch coming soon

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cast signals, there are a couple of options.
The easiest alternative, Felvine said, would be to buy what is called a digital-to-analog converter box, which costs \$40 to \$50. There was a federal program to help pay for these boxes, but it ran out of money last year.
"A coupon program was created by the government to help defray the cost of converter boxes" said Rod Thomasson, director of broadcasting at Colby Community College. "In late 2008, the program ran out of money. Eligible households are still able to apply for a coupon but will be put on a ... waiting list."
The *New York Times* reported that in Kansas alone, one congressional district had more than 4,000 names on the list.
A second option would be to buy

a new digital television, Felvine said. Although there is no federal program to help people buy a new set, that would eliminate the need for a converter box.
While the switch is still set to happen this month, a bill in Congress would move the date to June. Last Thursday, Jan. 29, after a bill sent to the House of Representatives failed, a new, nearly identical bill, setting the transition date to June 12, passed unanimously in the Senate. It was scheduled for a vote by the House on Wednesday, the *Times* said. The paper reported that passage was likely.
For more information on the switch, you can visit an electronics retailer, or the S&T Communications office at (785) 460-7300 or 755 Davis Ave. in Colby.
Whatever you do, make sure you are prepared! In less than two weeks, you might be out of television.
Booking Log
Booked into the Thomas County jail:
• Justin James Helus, 28, Colby, Jan. 25, battery, Colby Police Department, released same day on notice to appear.
• Duane Dennis Johnson, 65, Colby, Jan. 25, domestic battery, disorderly conduct, Colby Police Department, released same day on notice to appear.

notice to appear.
• Edmond Marty Boutte III, 31, Colby, Jan. 27, failure to appear, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released Wednesday on bond.
• Jason Scott Force, 30, Colby, Jan. 27, violating a protective order, stalking, Colby Police Department, released Wednesday with charges pending.

Musicians warm up for league festival

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Choir ensemble groups include:
• Kaili Guy, Kristen Guy, Jessica Koon and Skiles singing "Over the Rainbow."
• Deandra Garcia, Brandy Oliver and Molly Tolle performing "Shenendoah."
• Aaron Higerd, Alex Juenemann, Trek Keck and Brady Rose doing "I Want a Girl"
• Miller, Mountford, Schindler and Terrell with "Goin' Up Yonder."
The 28-voice choir, comprising seventh and eighth graders, will perform New "Day Coming" by Dave and Jean Perry and "Come in From the Firefly Darkness" by Amy Feldman Bernon.
Band students doing solos include Gabby Browne, Cameron McGlaughlin, Michelle Schiferl, Michelle Kirby, Lauren Bell, Lauren Jueneman, Kech, Rose, Kortney Bredemeir, Friesen, Marc Bremenkamp, Miller, Jaden Morrison, Brianna Thummel, Connor Schwanke, Hailey Fryback, Victoria Rall, Stacey Duefriend and Chelsie Calliham.
Marc Bremenkamp, Andrew Taylor, Jaden Morrison, Bridget Bickner, Phoebe Pfeifer and Brooklyn Bange will form a percussion ensemble. The Brass Choir includes Gabby Brown, Mathew Dickman, Friesen, Alex Juenemann, Trek Keck, Cameron McGlaughlin, Keegan Morgan, Darby Sager, Eric Schuette, Schwanke, Kyle Peterson and Matthew Barnum.
The flute ensemble includes Kortney Bredemeier, Michelle Kirby, Danielle Foster, Hailey Fryback, Samantha Lindberg, Courtney Reilley and Brittany Reilley.

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