Weather Corner



Tonight: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, low around 65. Breezy, south wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday: Isolated showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, high near 94. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west.

Sunday: Isolated thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, high near 82. Breezy, north wind between 15 and 20 mph, gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

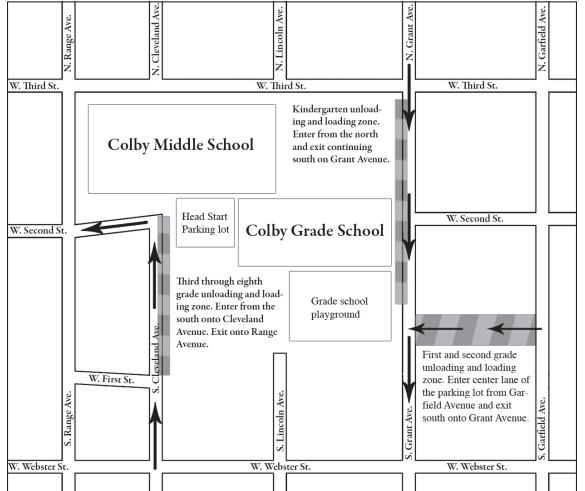
Sunday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, low of 57.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, high near 84.

Tuesday: High, 93; Low 62 Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches Month: 1.15 inches 17.99 inches Year: Normal: 16.41 inches (K-State Experiment Station) **Sunrise and Sunset**

Saturday 6:57 a.m. 8:39 p.m. 6:58 a.m. 8:38 p.m. 6:59 a.m. 8:37 p.m. (U.S. Naval Observatory) **Colby Water Use**

2,159,000 gal. (Colby Public Works)



New student drop-off points planned for Colby schools

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low the lane marked with orange fencing to Grant, where there will be crossing guards to help students across the street.

Parents are asked to keep traffic flowing once the student is safely with the crossing guard. Exit on Grant and leave to the south. If you need to come into the school, park south of the orange netting.

grade, enter Cleveland Avenue and after school, Superintendent from Webster on the south, and follow it behind Colby Medical

and Surgical Center to the dropoff area on the east side of the street, behind the middle school. Exit onto Range Avenue.

• Head Start students will use the same drop-off point they have in the past, in the fenced-off parking lot on the south side of Colby Middle School. Enter on Cleveland from the south and exit to the west to Range.

The new drop-off and pick-up • For third through eighth zones will only be used before Terrel Harrison said.

"Parents can still drop off their

students in front of the school," said Ross.

To speed pickup after school, release times are staggered: Kindergarten at 3:15 p.m.; grades one and two, 3:20 p.m.; grades three through five, 3:27 p.m.; grades seven and eight, 3:29 p.m.

With more students expected to walk to school, crossing guards will be stationed at Range and Fourth, Range and Summit and Fourth and Grant.

A map of the plan is available at the grade school office, 460-5100.

Knowing a child's friends helps them choose wisely

MANHATTAN - Parents who school or community activities insist on choosing - or trying to manage – a child's friends can be doing their child a disservice, said Charles A. Smith, Kansas State University Research and Extension child development specialist.

Learning to choose a friend and nurture a relationship builds life skills, Smith said.

Early on, a mother or father who takes a child to the park will get acquainted with other parents and children who use the same park, Smith said. A playgroup or series of play dates may evolve, and a child will can begin to enjoy friendship outside the family.

He or she will likely meet and nights, Smith said. make new friends at day care, pre-

(such as a reading program at the library), kindergarten and during early school years.

As a child gets older, his or her circle of friends will be drawn from a greater variety of interests, life experiences and geographic areas. A child attending a consolidated high school will, for example, meet contemporaries from a greater geographic area.

Though not always actively involved in creating opportunities for a child to meet others, parents should make their home welcoming to a child's friends and include friends at meals, outings or game

City budget approved on second go-round

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der the Municipal Equipment Reserve Fund, which the city uses to save money for replacing heavy equipment. The prepayments cut include the third installments on a motor grader and a loader and the first on a pickup a and a new dump truck.

The Community Building's budget was cut by \$26,905 and the Shalz Field airport lost \$4,700. The cuts reflected money taken from payroll and the removal of all prepayments to the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund, including the first prepayment to re-carpet locker areas and a new dump truck and second prepayments to replace the gym floor and kitch-

en improvements. The second prepayment for a joint seal on taxiways was removed from the airport's budget.

The park budget was cut by \$20,166. These cuts will take money away from payroll, building and grounds maintenance and the tree board. The smaller budget also features the removal of the third prepayment for a new mower and the second prepayment of a pick-up from the Municipal Reserve Fund.

The council also cut \$5,000 from the economic development section. These cuts took advertising money for Christmas decorations. A 1.5 percent costof-living-assistance increase for entry-level first time workers was deleted from the budget.

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