



Weather Corner



National Weather Service

**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy. Colder. A 20 percent chance of light snow after midnight. Lows around 15. Northwest winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light.

**Thursday:** Partly sunny in the morning then becoming mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 30s. Northwest winds around 10 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy. Lows around 12. West winds around 10 mph.

**New Years Day:** Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 30s. West winds around 10 mph.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows around 9.

**Saturday:** Mostly cloudy. Scattered flurries. Highs in the lower 30s.

**Saturday Night and Sunday:** Mostly cloudy. Lows around 13. Highs in the lower 30s.

**Sunday Night through Tuesday:** Partly cloudy. Lows around 12. Highs in the lower 30s.

Thursday: High, 19; Low 1  
Friday: High, 18; Low 6  
Saturday: High, 27; Low 17  
Sunday: High, 32; Low 15  
Monday: High, 38; Low 15  
Tuesday: High, 35; Low 17  
Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches  
Friday 0.04 inches  
Saturday 0.00 inches  
Sunday 0.00 inches  
Monday 0.00 inches  
Tuesday 0.00 inches  
Month: 0.59 inches  
Year: 26.19 inches  
Normal: 20.34 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)

**Sunrise and Sunset**  
Thursday 8:04 a.m. 5:51 p.m.  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Two Thomas County farms recognized for 100 years

From "FARM," Page 1

it. When Granddad found out what they were playing with, he put a stop to that game."

The growing family lived in the 416-square-foot sod house until they built a six-room frame house in 1893 and '94.

Times were hard. They raised nine children. They buried four.

John J. Duffey died in 1908 when his son Ray, father of Cleo, was only 11, and all nine kids and the mother worked hard to hold the farm together.

In 1919, Ray purchased the farm and home from his mother Matilda. Ray married Eva Moos and eventually they had three sons and nine daughters. All were born and raised in the original frame house

on the farm where Ray was born. He lived there his entire life.

Times were tough for all the families during those years. One of Cleo's sisters recalled a story her dad told about hunting rabbits. One of the men drove, others would shoot at rabbits, and if the shooter missed, he'd have to give up his position and take over as driver.

"Many times, they never got to change drivers," she said, "because the shooters had become so proficient ... the original driver would sometimes spend the entire day without ever firing a shot."

She said the rabbit hunts were not just a sporting event, but rather a necessity, because most times, rabbit was on the menu for supper.

Like his father before him, Ray farmed

with horses. Eventually, these were replaced with motorized equipment. He passed his tradition of hard work on to his children.

Daughter Bernita recalled how their mother would spend late afternoons on the farm, hoeing the family's huge potato patch, and always wanted to do the hoeing by herself.

"She wouldn't let us kids help," she said, "because that was the only way she could get away from all of us kids at the same time."

Ray died in 1964. Soon after, Cleo, his youngest son, paid his mother the going rate of \$130 an acre to become the third generation of the Duffey family to own the northwest quarter section.

It wasn't until 1980 that Cleo, along with his brother, the late Chet Duffey, replaced

the original frame house with a new one. Not wanting to see the original one deteriorate into a pile of scraps, said Bernita Gawith, younger sister of Cleo and Chet, the family tore it down, and gave the old house a decent burial.

Cleo has spent his entire life on the farm with the exception of two years of military service which included a tour of duty in the Korean War.

Through the years Duffey has purchased other land, which he has since leased out, but he continues to farm the original homestead he has lived on for the past 80 years, a tradition his grandfather began in 1885.

Look for our profile of the Henry Bremen-kamp Jr. farm in the Thursday, Dec. 31, issue of the Colby Free Press.

Loans available for energy upgrades

A new \$34 million initiative will make low-interest loans available for improvements to existing homes and small businesses in Kansas.

The Efficiency Kansas loan program was developed by the State Energy Office, a division of the Kansas Corporation Commission, using federal stimulus dollars that are part of the American Recovery and Investment Act, said Bruce Snead, Kansas State University Research and Extension energy specialist.

Snead said, although savings will vary, on average the improvements will reduce annual energy costs by 20 percent.

After getting pre-qualified by a partner lender (or utility), prospective borrowers are required to have an energy audit performed

by an auditor selected from the list of Efficiency Kansas qualified auditors.

Following a comprehensive inspection, the energy auditor provides the customer with an Energy Conservation Plan that identifies options for cost-effective improvements. Such improvements might include insulation, sealing around doors and windows, or replacing heating and cooling equipment.

Efficiency Kansas will finance up to \$20,000 in existing homes and up to \$30,000 for projects in small commercial and industrial structures (using residential-sized heating and air-conditioning equipment).

To learn about Efficiency Kansas, interested persons are encouraged to visit [www.efficiencykansas.com](http://www.efficiencykansas.com) or call (877) 448-3185.

Businesses, offices closed for New Year's holiday

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4 p.m., on Saturday. The county treasurer's office will also be closed Thursday to handle end-of-year accounting. The district court clerk's office will close at noon Thursday for the same reason.

The post office will be open

regular hours, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday and will close Friday. The state driver's license office will also be closed Friday.

The Colby Free Press will have a regular issue Thursday, but no paper Friday. The office will be closed Friday.

People shred bad memories

From "SHRED," Page 1

shredded was 12-year-old Alissa Yankelevits of Los Angeles, who is visiting her grandparents in New York. She shredded the memory of a counselor on a school trip who was later featured on the television show "America's Most Wanted."

"I just spent a week with him," Alissa said. "It was really terrifying because I just found that out."

Good Riddance Day was organized by the Times Square Alliance as part of the buildup to Thursday's ball-drop celebration.

Participants lined up near the booth where discount theater tickets are sold and pitched their bad memories into an industrial-sized shredder. A Dumpster and a sledgehammer were available for items that couldn't be shredded, which included an old computer and a tin of fattening office snacks.

Some shredded reams of bills and correspondence while others sought to banish the memory of former boyfriends and girlfriends.

Gillian Lyons broke up with a man she calls "the Beastmaster" and said she's been waiting for him to return her possessions for two years. "He won't give me back the TV I paid for," she complained.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Thursday Evening							December 31, 2009				
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Wild Hogs				Rockin' Eve		Local	New Year's Rockin' Eve			
KBSL/CBS	Medium		CSI: Crime Scene		The Mentalist		Local	Late Show-Letterman		Late Late	
KSNK/NBC	30 Rock	30 Rock	30 Rock	30 Rock	NBC's New Year's Eve		Local			Daly	
KSAS/FOX	Bones		Fringe		Local		Billboard's New Year's			Local	
Cable Channels											
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		
AMC	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	
ANIM	Untamed and Uncut		Weird	Weird	More Headline		Untamed and Uncut		Weird	Weird	
BRAVO	The Replacements				The Replacements						
CMT	Smarter	Smarter	Smarter	Smarter	The Singing Bee		The Singing Bee		The Singing Bee		
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Best, Worst		New Year's Eve Live		Larry Kin		
COMEDY	Martin	Tosh.0	South Pk	S. Park	South Pk	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	
DISC	Ghost Lab		Ghost Lab		Ghost Lab		Ghost Lab		Ghost Lab		
DISN	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	
E!	Girls	Girls	The Sweetest Thing					Chelsea	Chelsea	Chelsea	Maxim
ESPN	College Football						New Year, No Limits		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	College Basketball				College Basketball					SportsNation	
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest H					The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
FOOD	Next Food Star		Next Food Star		Next Food Star		Next Food Star		Next Food Star		
FX	Ice Age: Melt					Night at the Museum					
HGTV	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	
HIST	Gangland		Gangland		Gangland		Strange Rituals		Gangland		
LIFE	Movie				Movie			Movie			
MTV	Eve	S. Park	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		New Year's		New Year's		
NICK	G. Martin	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Twilight		The Twilight Zone		Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	The Twilight Zone		
SPIKE	TNA Wrestling		TNA Wrestling				Jet Li's Fearless				
TBS	Name Earl	Name Earl	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight		Seinfeld	Sex and t	
TCM	The Thin Man				After the Thin Man						
TLC	Forbidden-Polygamy		Anatomy of Sex		Strange Sex		Forbidden-Polygamy		Love-Geisha		
TNT	NBA Basketball			NBA Basketball			Inside the NBA				
TOON	Scooby-Doo!				King-Hill		King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		
TV LAND	Griffith	Griffith	Married	Married	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	
USA	Burn Notice		Burn Notice		Burn Notice		Burn Notice		Burn Notice		
VH1	Music Moments		Music Moments		2009: Happen		Music Moments		Videos of 2009		
WGN	WWE Superstars		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		S. Park		S. Park	WWE Superstars	
Premium Channels											
HBO	True Blood		True Blood		True Blood		Taxicab Conf.		Hung		
MAX	Spider-Man				Wanted				Lingerie		
SHOW	Ed San Juan		Maz Jobrani: Brown		Goin' Native: Indian Comedy			Shaquille O'Neal: Comedy			

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Friday Evening							January 1, 2010				
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Football	Better	Scrubs	Better	20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	Ghost Whisperer		Medium		NUMB3RS		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late Late		
KSNK/NBC	The Biggest Loser				The Jay Leno Show		Local	Tonight Show		Late	
KSAS/FOX	Pregame	College Football		Local							
Cable Channels											
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		
AMC	The Matrix				The Matrix Reloaded						
ANIM	Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls-Parole		
BRAVO	The Biggest Loser		The Biggest Loser		Waiting to Exhale						
CMT	Smarter	Smarter	Strictest Parents		Strictest Parents		Strict Parents		Nanny 911		
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360						
COMEDY	National Lamp.		Jackass: Number Two				Jackass 2.5		South Park		
DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		
DISN	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	Sonny	The Suite	So Raven	
E!	Office Space				The Soup		Bloopers	Chelsea	The Soup	Chelsea	
ESPN	SportsCtr	SportsCenter Special									
ESPN2	30 for 30		High School Football		World Series			Football		NFL Live	
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos				The 700 Club		'70s Show		
FOOD	The Next Iron Chef		Iron Chef America		Diners		Diners	Good Eats	Rachael	Iron Chef America	
FX	There's Something				There's Something						
HGTV	House	House	HGTV Dream Home 20		Outdoor		Antonio Treatment	My First	HGTV Dream Home 20		
<div><div><div>NEW YEAR YOU</div></div><div><div>SUNDAY JAN 3 AT 9PM</div><div>Hoarders: Buried Alive</div></div><div><div>MONDAY JAN 4 AT 9PM</div><div>I Was Dead</div></div><div><div>TUESDAY JAN 5 AT 9PM</div><div>Half-Ton Teen</div></div><div><div>WEDNESDAY JAN 6 AT 9PM</div><div>Confessions of a Reality Show Loser</div></div><div><div>THURSDAY JAN 7 AT 9PM</div><div>Ultimate Dr. Oz</div></div><div><div>Discovery Health</div></div></div> <div>STARTING SUNDAY JANUARY 3, IT'S TIME TO LIVE BETTER!</div>											
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Modern Marvels		Pawn	Pawn	
LIFE	The Break-Up		Management					Will	Will	Frasier	
MTV	S. Park	S. Park	Top 20 Under 25		Drumline					Hatin'	
NICK	Angus, Thongs				Lopez		The Nanny		The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Twilight	Twilight	The Twilight Zone		Twilight		Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	
SPIKE	Die Hard				Die Hard-Veng.						
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	The Nutty Professor				Funny		Ace Ventura: Pet Detective		
TCM	2010				Fahrenheit 451					Another Thin Man	
TLC	Half-Ton Mom		650-lb. Virgin		650-lb. Virgin			Half-Ton Mom		650-lb. Virgin	
TNT	Lord of the Rings										
TOON	Johnny T	Ben 10	Star Wars: Clone		King-Hill		King-Hill	Chicken	Amer Dad	The Office	
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		
TV LAND	Married	Married	Money Train				Reunion		Roseanne	Roseanne	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		
VH1	Music Moments		Music Moments		Behind the Music		Pink: Funhouse		Music Moments		
WGN	BarneyM	BarneyM	BarneyM	BarneyM	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	
Premium Channels											
HBO	Body of Lies				I Am Legend				Babylon A.D.		
MAX	Twins				The Dark Knight			Sex Games			
SHOW	Disaster Movie		Jake Johannsen		Inside the NFL			Mr. Brooks			