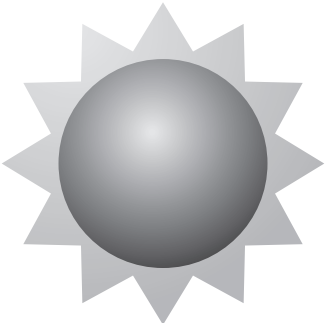




Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Clear, with a low around 14. Blustery, with a west wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 42. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south.
Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 19. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 36. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17.
Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 32.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 9.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 36.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 12.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 39.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 15.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45.

Friday: High, 54; Low 32
Saturday: High, 52; Low 21
Sunday: High, 39; Low 21
Precip: Friday 0.00 inches
Saturday 0.00 inches
Sunday 0.00 inches
Month: 0.12 inches
Year: 0.12 inches
Normal: 0.45 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 7:56 a.m. 5:58 p.m.
Wednesday 7:56 a.m. 5:59 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)



VERA SLOAN/Colby Free Press

John Ireton, a special investigator for Farm Bureau Insurance from Salina, tried to reconstruct the scene at the house in Levant. No one was at home at the time of the fire. Ireton said he couldn't say how long the investigation would take.

Investigators rule Levant fire was arson

From "ARSON," Page 1

Assistant Fire Chief Sean Hankin, who was in charge at the scene, said the fire was mostly out within two hours. The firefighters found flames in both the kitchen and the ceiling between the kitchen and the attic. Bedding and furniture in a nearby bedroom had begun to burn.
Rob Uldridge and Chris Smith, investigators with the state Fire Marshal's office, came to investigate the scene Friday along with Colby Fire Chief Bob McLemore and Thomas County Sheriff Rod Taylor. Friday, McLemore said the fire was "most likely of suspicious origin."
A spokesperson for the fire

marshal's office said Monday that investigators had officially determined that the fire was incendiary, meaning it was set deliberately, and that the crime of arson was involved.
The sheriff's department has been providing security at the scene. A deputy was sent to the house just after midnight Thursday morning. Then, at 10:30 p.m. that night, the department got a call that someone had gone into the house despite "no trespassing" signs posted that day. Deputy Brent Mariman went to check but reported no sign of anyone.
Dale Deaver, who has owned the house for 25 years, was at the house this morning with the insurance company team.

Policy puts a dent in tardies

From "TARDIES," Page 1

tations are made in front of both classes.
• Katherine Kaus, Paige Roopchan, Katrina Kaus, Kayla Hockersmith and Morgan Bell presented some of their Spanish projects. The class took the Spanish Three Kings Day, celebrated on Jan. 6, and put together decorative projects detailing the holiday traditions.
• Brian Staats of Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball presented

the 2008-2009 audit. Staats said the audit found no violations and there was actually an increase in unencumbered cash. Staats said the district does not currently have excessive debt.
"From what I'm seeing, the district is taking appropriate actions," he said.
Staats recommended closing any student activity funds that haven't had any activity. Those funds might be for activities that are no longer put on by the school, he said.

• Activities Director Larry Gabel said the work on a constitution for the Great Western Athletics Conference is mostly finished. There has been a lot of work done on scheduling and the document is at a place where the district can accept it, he said. It is not final, but it is a good guide for next years' sports seasons.
• The board approved Feb. 26 as Adequate Yearly Progress Incentive Day. Since the district met all of the progress goals for the year, school will be cancelled that day.

Norton, Lenora to combine districts

From "LANDFILL," Page 1

"K-12 education in Kansas is 52 percent of the state General Fund budget. If realized, our base aid per pupil would go from \$4,012 to \$3,723 per pupil. It was \$3,600 per pupil in 1992."
Due to the agreement with Lenora, though, the combined Norton budget will not be affected.
"We will know the USD 211 budget for the next three years will be no less than is the 211 and 213 budget at the end of the 2009-10 school year," Mann said.

Many issues have yet to be resolved, Mann said, such as disposition of property, debts and liabilities, board member elections, staff, contracts for services and scholarships. Two members from each board will meet to discuss the issues and will present information to each board, he said.
He hopes to have everything set by July 1.
"The two boards of education have a plan in place to discuss issues related to disorganization of USD 213 and attachment to USD 211," Mann said.
Lenora Superintendent Gary Baxter did not return calls for comment.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS

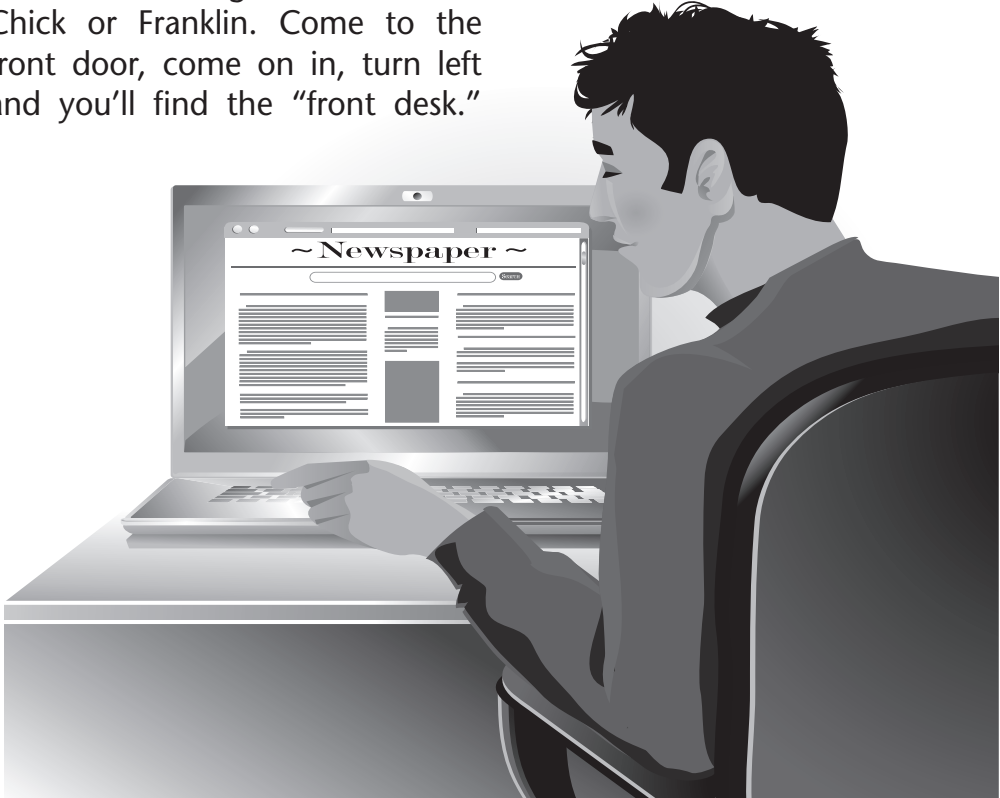
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Tuesday Evening										
January 26, 2010										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Scrubs	Better	Lost				Roller Bg	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		The Good Wife		Roller Bg	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	The Biggest Loser				The Jay Leno Show		Roller Bg	Tonight Show		Late
KSAS/FOX	American Idol		Human Target		Roller Boogie					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Criminal Minds		Psychic Kids		Paranorma	Paranorma	Psychic	Paranorma	Criminal Minds	
AMC	Spy Game						The Fan			
ANIM	Weird	Weird	Wild Recon		Maneaters		Wild Recon		Weird	Weird
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Mill. Matchmaker		Mill. Matchmaker		Mill. Matchmaker		Mill. Matchmaker	
CMT	Mobile Home Disaster		Ron White: Call Me Tater Salad		Just for Laughs		White-Tater		Mobile	
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live	
COMEDY	Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	South Pk
DISC	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Howe & Howe Tech		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs	
DISN	Homeward Bound		Phineas	Phineas	Montana		Wizards	Deck	Suite	So Raven
E!	The Sweetest Thing				Kardashian		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Sweetest
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		NFL Live	Fastbreak
ESPN2	College Basketball		Tennis							
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Secret-Teen	
FOOD	Cakes	Cakes	Unwrapped	Best	Chopped		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Best
FX	Ghost Rider						XXX: Union			
HGTV	My First	First	House	Buck	House	House	Property	My First	House	Buck
HIST	How the Earth		How the Earth		Life After People		Life After People		How the Earth	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Sister Act 2: Back				Will	Will	Frasier	Medium
MTV	Teen Mom		Teen Mom		Teen Mom				Teen Mom	
NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny		The Nanny	The Nanny
SCI	Caprica				ECW		Caprica			
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed		Entourage	Entourage	BlueMount	BlueMount	Entourage	Entourage	BlueMount	BlueMount
TBS	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Lopez Tonight		Name Earl	Name Earl
TCM	Major & Minor				Man Hunt				Red, Hot and Blue	
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	18 Kids and Counting		Little	Little	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	18 Kids and Counting	
TNT	Bones		Bones		Southland		CSI: NY		CSI: NY	
TOON	Ed, Edd	Ed, Edd	Tn-Titans	Tn-Titans	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	101 Chowdown		101 Chowdown		Man Food	Man/Food	101 Chowdown		101 Chowdown	
TV LAND	Griffith	Griffith	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Married	Married	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		White Collar		Burn Notice		Psych	
VH1	40 Greatest Pranks 2		Tough Love		Frank Enter.		Celebrity Rehab		For, Love of Ray J	
WGN	Autumn in New York				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park
Premium Channels										
HBO	Role Models				24/7	Big Love		Watchmen		
MAX	Joe Smb	Swordfish			I Love You, Man					
SHOW	Deal	Superhero Movie			Tracey UI	La La	Call Girl		Bangkok Dangerous	

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Wednesday Evening										
January 27, 2010										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Family	Middle	State of the Union			Cougar	Roller Bg	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Christine	Gary	State of the Union			Two Men	Roller Bg	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Mercy		State of the Union				Roller Bg	Tonight Show		Late
KSAS/FOX	American Idol		State of the Union			Roller Boogie				
Cable Channels										
A & E	Dog	Bounty Hunter		Bounty	Seagal	Seagal	Seagal	Seagal	Dog	Dog
AMC	League-Gentle.					Terminator 2				
ANIM	Wild Recon		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		Wild Recon		I Shouldn't Be Alive	
BRAVO	Next Top Model		Launch My Line		Launch My Line		Launch My Line		Real Housewives	
CMT	Smarter	Smarter	Field of Dreams						Field of Dreams	
CNN	State of Union		State of the Union				Anderson Cooper 360		Larry King Live	
COMEDY	Chappelle	Chappelle	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	South Pk
DISC	Man vs. Wild		Man vs. Wild		Solv.History		Man vs. Wild		Man vs. Wild	
DISN	Smart House		Phineas	Phineas	Montana		Wizards	Deck	Suite	So Raven
E!	Fashion Police		Kardashian		True Hollywood Story		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Girls
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		NFL Live	Fastbreak
ESPN2	College Basketball		Tennis							
FAM	Bring It On				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Greek	
FOOD	Challenge		Flay	Flay			Good Eats	Unwrapped	Flay	Flay
FX	The Simpsons Movie				Nip/Tuck		Nip/Tuck		Damages	
HGTV	Property	Property	House	Income	House	Holmes on Homes		My First	House	Income
Get Fit for the New Year with the Hottest Fitness DVDs! BUY NOW										
HIST	MonsterQuest		MonsterQuest		Ax Men		Modern Marvels		MonsterQuest	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Message in a Bottle					Project Runway	Medium	
MTV	S. Park	South Pk	The Real World		The Real World		Shore		The Real World	Shore
NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters Inter.		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters Inter.		Scariest Places	
SPIKE	Ways Die	Ways Die	Die	Die	Die	MANswers	BlueMount	Die	MANswers	Die
TBS	Payne	Payne	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Lopez Tonight		Name Earl	Name Earl
TCM	My Son John						I Was Communist for FBI		Manchrian Can.	
TLC	Strange Sex		Pregnant	Pregnant	Toddlers & Tiaras		Strange Sex		Pregnant	Pregnant
TNT	Bones		Bones		Leverage		CSI: NY		CSI: NY	
TOON	Dude	Destroy	Star Wars	Hero	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Andrew Zimmern		Man Food	Man Food	Man/Food	Man/Food	101 Chowdown		Andrew Zimmern	
TV LAND	Griffith	Griffith	Married	Married	High School Reunion		High School Reunion		Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	NCIS		NCIS		Psych		Burn Notice		White Collar	
VH1	Hip Hop Songs		Hip Hop Songs		For, Love of Ray J		Fantasia	Pep	Tough Love	
WGN	Oh God! You Devil				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park
Premium Channels										
HBO	Big Love		Big Love		Big Love		24/7		Pride and Glory	
MAX	The Dark Knight				Street Fighter: Chun-Li				Co-ed Confidential 3	
SHOW	Call Girl	Tracey UI	Inside the NFL		Pauly Shore		Inside the NFL		La La	Tracey UI

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