

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 79. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Tuesday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 67. East wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Wednesday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a low around 45. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.
Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers. Cloudy, with a high near 57.
Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Cloudy, with a low around 46.
Friday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 71.
Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51.
Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 79.
Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 80.

Friday: High, 78; Low 45
Saturday: High, 81; Low 47
Sunday: High, 89; Low 48
Precip: Friday None
 Saturday None
 Sunday None
Month: 0.06 inches
Year: 16.11 inches
Normal: 16.36 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 7:23 a.m. 7:56 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 98 percent
Wednesday 7:24 a.m. 7:55 p.m.

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby family recalls 9/11 events

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the radio. By the time I got back home, not 10 minutes later, the second plane hit the second tower and the first tower was in flames. I was dumbfounded. I watched in horror as I cried and prayed for those inside.

As the day unfolded more and more information came out. I have to stop or I won't be able to go on. Even today 10 years later, those memories of 9/11 and the days and weeks that followed, still hurt, immensely. I would venture to say that the memories of Dec. 7, 1941, hurt just as much for those who saw it or heard it on their radios.

I also recall there were no jet trails in the sky for several days afterward. You can see dozens of them on a normal day.

I considered myself patriotic before 9/11, but since that fateful day, I am even more so. For several years we had red, white and blue Christmas trees with American flags and angels on

them. The Star-Spangled Banner always moved me, but now it brings me to tears, as does God Bless America and so many other patriotic songs. They have more meaning than ever. We keep one of the flags from the paper on our door through all seasons. We had red, white and blue ribbons on our vehicles.

Many of you have probably read my letters to the editor over the last two to three years. My Dad taught me that things are

not as they are supposed to be in America and haven't been for many, many years. Many of my ancestors and living relatives have served in one branch or another of our Armed Forces. I wasn't only taught about patriotism, I was shown what it means to be a patriotic American. For that I will always be grateful. We've tried, and hope we are succeeding, to teach our kids the importance of being an American and what character it takes

to do their part as responsible American citizens.

The Colby Free Press would like to encourage readers to share their memories of Sept. 11, 2001. Letters may be sent to 155 W. Fifth St., Colby, Kan., 67701; hand-carried to that address or e-mailed to colby.editor@nwkansas.com. Please include your name, address and phone number.

Group examines sidewalks

From “SIDEWALKS,” Page 1

most dangerous,” added Carmichael. “Ideas have been suggested to build a bridge over the street so kids can just go over traffic, instead of battling through it. But, there are many ideas and we want to make sure that Colby is happy with how the money is spent, if we get it.”

Carmichael said the grant is especially personal for her, with two small children attending Colby Grade School. She and her family moved to Col-

by two years ago and they live in a neighborhood with no sidewalks.

“This grant will benefit everyone in Colby,” stressed Carmichael. “From improved fitness, to cleaner air and a greater sense of community. It will help make Colby the most walkable community in Kansas.”

To become a volunteer and learn more about the Safe Routes to School program, contact Carmichael at 785-465-9103 or ssnwks@st-tel.net.

Cash-strapped governors split over jobs plan

By David A. Lieb

Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — President Barack Obama's latest jobs plan calls for \$130 billion in aid to state and local governments, providing either a welcome infusion of cash for those struggling with budget gaps, government layoffs and crumbling roads or merely a temporary patch for budget holes that are likely to remain long after the federal money runs out.

The perspective of governors and state lawmakers varies but often follows political affiliation, with Democrats generally praising Obama's plan and Republicans remaining skeptical.

“It's a no-brainer: Congress should pass the bill. Now,” said California Gov. Jerry Brown, a Democrat, whose state would receive some \$13 billion for construction projects and teaching and public safety jobs at a time when it has the nation's second highest unemployment rate.

Many Republican lawmakers and governors are less enthusiastic about accepting the federal money, especially if it locks in costs they will have to account for once the aid runs out.

Obama's plan has to clear a politically divided Congress, which could scuttle it entirely or enact bits and pieces of it. As envisioned by Obama, state and local governments would receive \$50 billion for transportation projects, \$35 billion for school, police and fire department payrolls, \$30 billion to modernize public schools and community colleges, and \$15 billion to refurbish vacant and foreclosed

homes or businesses.

It would mark the second, sizable infusion of federal cash to states in less than three years, coming just as they are burning through the last of the billions of dollars they received under the 2009 stimulus act.

In many cases, states used the original stimulus money to fill in for declining tax revenue and lessen or delay spending cuts for public schools, health care programs and other services. But those budget holes remain in many states as high unemployment persists and government tax revenue remains lackluster.

With another round of money, “the federal government may be able to play a critical role in helping states close their budget gaps,” said David Adkins, executive director of the Council of State Governments.

But he said the prospects for receiving the money appear “very, very slim” given the focus on reducing government spending among Republicans in Congress. He said state government leaders are more interested in long-term stable federal funding for transportation projects and education programs.

In New Mexico, Democratic state Sen. John Arthur Smith said provisions of the Obama proposal, such as infrastructure financing for highways and aid to schools, should provide a short-term economic boost for the state. But he worries that it could create a future financial squeeze if state government needs to replace the federal money when the program ends.

He said state spending had to be cut this year to help close a

\$200 million budget gap created when federal stimulus money ran out.

“I'm one of those who would rather confront the enemy at hand right now,” Smith said. “I don't think we're elected to push the issue down the road.”

State budget officials have only estimates of how much they would receive under the Obama proposal, which was announced Thursday to a joint session of Congress. They are waiting to learn exactly how those dollars would be disbursed and what strings, if any, would be attached.

Some Republican governors already have established a precedent of rejecting portions of the federal stimulus money.

A state-by-state breakdown of the president's plan shows that Florida could receive more than \$7.5 billion for schools, roads and other projects. That money would come into a state with a 10.7 percent unemployment rate and one of the nation's highest home foreclosure rates. But Scott spokesman Brian Burgess left open the possibility that the Florida governor could reject money under Obama's latest plan, especially if it added to the federal debt.

Republican Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who is running for president, dismissed Obama's proposal as wasteful spending and argued that budget cuts were the only way to help the economy.

Perry has a history of rejecting federal money that would require changes in state law. Last year he declined to accept \$550 million in additional unemployment funds because it would

have required Texas to adopt a more generous program.

While it is not clear whether the Obama proposal would require Texas to rewrite its unemployment laws, it would extend the benefits of nearly 124,000 people in the state.

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback, a Republican who as a U.S. senator voted against Obama's 2009 stimulus legislation, did not say whether Kansas would accept federal money under Obama's latest proposal. But he said the use of one-time revenue in the earlier stimulus program created budget problems for the state when the funding expired.

Other governors, particularly Democrats, welcomed the potential for more federal aid.

“We need all the help we can get,” said Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin, a Democrat whose state remains devastated by flooding from the remnants of Hurricane Irene.

“I think the hopes that we had for our recovery have been stalled for all kinds of reasons that are beyond Vermont's control,” Shumlin told The Associated Press. “But it seems to me that the president's package for job growth and infrastructure investment is the right thing to help us avoid a double-dip recession.”

Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, chairman of the Democratic Governors Association, said the president's proposal includes some job-creation ideas that have been supported previously by Democrats and Republicans.

Briefly

Seniors plan potluck

The group More Fun Together plans a potluck for people 50 or older who are alone, widowed, divorced, separated or who have partners in nursing homes at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverage will be provided. For information, call 462-6342.

Register for family class

Smart Start is taking registrations for the Nurturing Families program, a 12-session program on Tuesdays beginning Sept. 13. The program teaches families how to create stronger bonds. For information, call 465-9103.

Men's group to meet Wednesday

The Men's Fraternity will begin at 6 a.m. Wednesday at the Colby Berean Church. The non-denominational group will meet weekly with the goal of becoming better husbands, fathers and men. For information, call Todd Murdock at 462-7997.

Kids' cooking class begins on Thursday

Kids-a-Cookin' fall classes with the Colby Recreation Program for kids in third through fifth grades will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m. one Thursday a month — Sept. 15, Oct. 13 and Nov. 17 — at the Colby Community Building. Classes are free. Sign up by calling 460-4440. After business hours leave a message at 460-4582, including child's name and a contact number.

American Red Cross planning blood drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, and 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Colby Community Building. For information, call Vaughn, Red Cross blood drive coordinator, at 462-3861 or 443-1467.

Health department to hold flu clinic

The Thomas County Health Department will hold a Mass Flu Clinic from 3 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the Thomas County 4-H building. No appointments are necessary. Pick up paperwork prior to the clinic at the health department. We will be accepting cash, check and insurance (be sure to bring a copy of your card). Cost is \$25 per shot or mist. For information, call the Flu Information Line at 460-4599.

Get screened at fair

The Wellness Fair is set for 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Colby Community College student union. Health screenings will be offered the day of the fair, including fitness testing, cancer screenings, hearing screening, urinalysis, lifestyle analysis, blood pressure, glaucoma testing, osteoporosis screen, and educational booths. For information, call Jeanene Brown at Citizens Medical Center at 460-4850.

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Tuesday Evening											September 13, 2011										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30											
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		ABC News Special				Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live												
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late												
KSNK/NBC	It's Worth What?		America's Got Talent		Parenthood		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late												
KSAS/FOX	Glee		Raising	Raising	Local																
Cable Channels																					
A & E	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy											
AMC	Rocky III							Rocky III													
ANIM	River Monsters		Human Planet		Human Planet		Human Planet		Human Planet												
BRAVO	Flipping Out		Flipping Out		Rachel Zoe Project		Flipping Out		Rachel Zoe Project												
CMT	Planes, Trains and Automobiles		Planes, Trains						Smarter	Smarter											
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		John King, USA		Piers Morgan Tonight												
COMEDY	Kevin James		Tosh.0		Tosh.0	Work.	Daily	Colbert	Comedy-Roast												
DISC	Auction	Auction	Auction		Auction	D. Money	Auction	Auction	D. Money	D. Money											
DISN	Random		Tinker Bel		ANT Farm	Random	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards											
E!	2011 Miss Universe				Kardashian		Chelsea		E! News	Chelsea											
ESPN	World, Poker		World, Poker		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight												
ESPN2	Hey Rookie		NFL's Greatest Games			Sup. Bowl	Rise Up		NFL Live												
FAM	Bruce Almighty		Evan Almighty				The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?											
FOOD	Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Chopped Champions		Chopped		Chopped												
FX	Iron Man				Sons of Anarchy		Sons of Anarchy		Sons of Anarchy												
HGTV	First	For Rent	Property	The Unsel	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Property	The Unsel											
HIST	To Be Announced		Pawn	Pawn	Top Shot		Top Shot		To Be Announced												
LIFE	American Pickers		American Pickers		Picker Sisters		Picker Sisters		American Pickers												
MTV	Teen Mom		Teen Mom		Teen Mom		Awkward.		Teen Mom												
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Lopez	Lopez	Friends	Friends	'70s Show	'70s Show	Lopez	Lopez											
SCI	Mad Max-Thunderdome		The Bourne Ultimatum				Alphas		Paranorma												
SPIKE	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Repo	Repo	Auction	Auction											
TBS	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Conan		Office	Office											
TCM	Young-Horn				Ace in the Hole				Bad-Beautiful												
TLC	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Big Sexy		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear												
TNT	Rizzoli & Isles		Law & Order		Law & Order		CSI: NY		CSI: NY												
TOON	Looney	Gumball	King-Hill	King-Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen											
TRAV	Caribbean Bch		Killer Beach Houses		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Killer Beach Houses												
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Roseanne														
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Necessary Roughness		Law & Order: SVU												
VH1	La La	T.O. Show	Celebrity Rehab		Celebrity Rehab		Basketball Wives LA		La La	T.O. Show											
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs		Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk										
Premium Channels																					
HBO	127 Hours				24/7		Curb		Entourage	True Blood											
MAX	Drumline				She's Out																
SHOW	Thirst		Weeds	The Big C	Weeds	The Big C	Web Ther.	Web Ther.	Triangle												

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	HIST	American Pickers	Scammed		Brad Meltzer's Dec.	American Pickers
LIFE	Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Roseanne	Roseanne
MTV	Teen Mom		True Life		Get Rich or Die	
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Lopez	Lopez	Friends	Friends
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Paranormal Witness	Paranormal Witness
SPIKE	Deadliest Warrior		Deadliest Warrior		Deadliest Warrior	Deadliest
TBS	Browns	Browns	Payne	Payne	Conan	Office
TCM	The Story of Temple Drake		The Mating Season		Thank-Stars	
TLC	Pregnant	Pregnant	Kate Plus 8		Toddlers & Tiaras	
TNT	The Mentalist		The Mentalist		Exiled: A Law	
TOON	Dude	Destroy	King-Hill	King-Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad
TRAV	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man v Fd	Man v Fd	Man, Food	Man, Food
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	The Nanny	The Nanny
USA	NCIS		NCIS		Necessary Roughness	Burn Notice
VH1	Celebrity Rehab		Ton of Cash		40 Greatest Pranks 3	Ton of Cash
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs
Premium Channels						
HBO	Megamind				True Blood	24/7
MAX	The Book	Throw Momma From the Train			Due Date	
SHOW	Next Day Air		Inside the NFL		NASCAR	Kiss

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