

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 75. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 80. North wind around 5 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 82.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 81.
Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50.
Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 82.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 81.

Monday: High, 87; Low 50
Tuesday: High, 72; Low 48
Precip: Monday None
Tuesday 0.03 inches
Month: 0.43 inches
Year: 16.41 inches
Normal: 16.36 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Thursday 7:32 a.m. 7:42 p.m.
Moon: waning, 28 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Wichita to charge inmates fees

WICHITA (AP) — The Wichita City Council has given first-round backing to imposing fees on some people held at the Sedgwick County Jail on municipal charges.
KFDD-FM reports (http://bit.ly/nCHTGT) the council approved the plan Tuesday on a 5-0 vote. A final vote is expected next week.
The fees of \$2 per hour or \$48 per day would be charged only on people eventually convicted of a municipal offense. The plan also includes a \$10 processing fee and an increase in court costs from \$59 to \$63.
Wichita officials say the fees would help offset the amount the county charges the city for holding people accused of municipal offenses.

Medical services director resigns

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After the phone conference ended, Commissioner Paul Steele reminded his colleagues that the city of Colby will not be reinstating a quarter-cent sales tax that has been disbursing funds to the Thomas County Economic Development Alliance.
The tax will roll off in March and could open up the opportunity to have a vote in November 2012 to add the same amount of sales tax to pay for a jail. After quick calculations, it was thought that a new jail could possibly be paid for in about eight years if they could land a quarter-cent sales tax.
In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved an increase in lease rates at the Thomas County Office Complex for 2012, from \$4.88 to \$5.03 per square foot. This is a 3-percent increase.
- Proposals were accepted and reviewed from Servicemaster of Northwest Kansas and Pro Floor Care to complete an intense cleaning of the court house. Neither bid included the cleaning or waxing of the tile floors. For \$2,026 Pro Floor Care said they would clean only the carpets in the building. For \$940 more, Servicemaster said they would also do housekeeping duties such as cleaning the woodwork, baseboards, windows and small office cleaning.

Commissioners approved the bid from

Servicemaster since they include the additional services that need taken care of.
• Heard from Clair Schrock, road and bridge supervisor, that work on the Mingo road was supposed to begin last week but he got notice that road crews are now hoping to get started on Thursday or Friday. He is concerned that the five or six days worth of roadwork will conflict with corn harvest.
• Commissioners registered to attend the Northwest Kansas County Officials and Highway Association fall meeting for Wednesday, Oct. 19, in Hoxie. Schrock will accompany the commissioners.

Board tripped up by consent agenda

From “AGENDA,” Page 1

ing on them and suggested that they return to the agenda later. Krehbiel put a vote to the trustees, and they all voted not to pass the motion.
After all the other business items had been taken care of, Krehbiel returned to the consent agenda. He announced each item of the agenda individually so that the board could vote on each one. These included agreements, which are usually nursing and physical therapy agreements. Leiker asked if the board needed to be aware of anything new in the local county hospital agreement. Gatz replied that nothing has changed since the previous year.
The next item to vote on was the employee contracts. Leiker made the motion for the board to not approve Judy Epp’s custodial supervisor contract due to a lack of experience and to approve all others. No one seconded the motion and it failed. Krehbiel said he would entertain another motion, but the members had more questions.
Trustee Bill Shields asked if the board was concerned about the wording of the custodial supervisor contract. Leiker said he was, because he thought the title was for a custodial position, not a supervisor position. Shields then asked if these positions entail different duties, and Vacik said yes because she would be supervising the other custodians.

ticed the first day that Epp was working that the building looked cleaner and said she has been working hard and making sure everything gets done right. Debbie Schwanke, public information director, agreed with Washburn’s assessment of the employee.
“She takes a great deal of pride in what she does,” Schwanke said.
Shields then said he would like to see a consensus from the staff and the public about whether the buildings are cleaner. In the end, the board decided to approve all contracts as they were presented.
The final item of the consent agenda was the resolution for payment of claims. Leiker asked the board if anyone had gone through all the documents, and the response was mixed. He said he still didn’t feel comfortable approving something he hasn’t read through.
Krehbiel stepped in and said he understood Leiker’s issue, but said if these reports are here and the staff gave a reason why they were late, then the board should accept them.
“We are paying these individuals a nice salary and they are under our scrutiny, so we have to also have a little trust in them,” Krehbiel said. “I’m not here to micromanage people.”
Shields asked Vacik and Alan Waites, vice president of business affairs, if there was anything out of the ordinary in the payments this month, and both said no.
Leiker then asked about a couple of the charges on the documents, including a payment to Kansas Quick Lube and a payment to J & R Marketing.
Once his questions were satisfied, Wells made the motion that they “pay the bills” and resolution No. 3 was approved.
In other business, the board:

- Heard a report from Dr. Keegan Nichols, vice presi-

dent of student affairs and marketing. She said the college is up to 272 students in the residence halls, which is up 35 students from this time last year, and said the credit hours are up by 700 from this time last year.
“But we also don’t want to do anything until the end of the semester,” Nichols said about comparing credit hours. “But we are optimistic and very excited.”
She mentioned the Cleary Act 2010 Annual Security Report, which lists types of criminal offenses, arrests, and disciplinary actions among other things that occurred on campus last year. She provided a copy of it to the members in their materials. It was released on Sept. 7, and the numbers for the college were very low.
“We are a very safe campus, which is a very positive thing,” Nichols said.
• Heard a report from Washburn about a flyer she included in the board’s materials about community enhancement seminars offered by the college. She said they are putting out these flyers to address the concerns of the community, and after putting

one in the *Northwest Journal*, they had 15 people call to enroll in the seminars.
Washburn also mentioned that the professional development activities they have put together are getting a good response. For this program, each faculty member is required to attend two activities each semester. She listed the events this month, the Grade Book/Attendance Workshop with Julie Weinmann, the Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series: “Survival of Rural America,” and a discussion of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act with Dr. Keegan Nichols.
• Heard Vacik report for Barry Kaaz, dean of external affairs and facilities management, who could not be at the meeting due to an injury. He discussed the photovoltaic (solar panels) system that was activated on Sept. 9 in the Bedker building. He said so far, it has produced 2,006 kilowatt-hours and that it is actually powering Bedker right now.
“I would say that the PV system so far has been very effective,” Vacik said.

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Briefly

Pets available at clinic for adoption

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has a 3-year-old female husky mix, a 1-year-old black and tan male terrier mix available for adoption. Lost or strayed animals are often brought to the clinic. Call or stop by 810 E. Fourth St. All animals have current shots, and costs are minimal. For questions, call 460-8621.

Business After Five at golf course Thursday

The host for the September Business After Five, at 5 p.m. Thursday, will be Meadow Lake Golf Course. Come for an evening of conversation and refreshments. For information, call the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce at 460-3401.

Team roping and dinner to benefit cancer patient

There will be a team roping and chuck wagon dinner benefit at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Arena at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Donations will be accepted to help Gary Garrett with medical expenses. For information, call Larry Maxwell at 462-2905.

Methodists plan luau at church this Sunday

The Colby United Methodist Church will hold a Hallelujah Luau at noon Sunday at the church. The event will include dinner, games and a silent auction to benefit the church’s mission trips. For information, call Ladonna Sloan at 462-9050.

Reception planned for college president

The Colby Community College Board will hold a public reception for Dr. Stephen Vacik, the new college president, at 4 p.m. Tuesday in room 108 at the student union. Vacik began working at the college in April. He previously worked at East Mississippi Community College and Bevill State Community College in Alabama. For information, call Debbie Schwanke at 460-5411.

American Red Cross plans two-day drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. next Wednesday, 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.

Walk to end hunger set for early October

The Thomas County CROP Hunger Walk will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 855 E. Fifth in Colby. The hunger walk has set a goal of 50 walkers and hopes to raise \$5,000 to help stop hunger and poverty. A portion of the funds raised here in Thomas County will go to the Thomas County Genesis Food Bank. For information, call Trinity Lutheran Church at 462-3497.

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TV Listings

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Thursday Evening September 22, 2011										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Charlie's Angels		Grey's Anatomy				Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Person of Interest		The Mentalist		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Community	Parks	Office	Whitney	Prime Suspect		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	The X Factor			Local						
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		Beyond Scared Straig		Beyond Scared Straig		The First 48	
AMC	True Grit				True Grit					
ANIM	Swamp Wars		Handfishin'		Tanked		Swamp Wars		Handfishin'	
BRAVO	Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Matchmaker	
CMT	Angels Among Us		Angels Among Us		CMT Made		Angels Among Us		Angels Among Us	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		John King, USA		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Comedy Central Roast	
DISC	Hogs Gone Wild		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters	
DISN	Shake It Up!		Random	Phineas	ANT Farm	Good Luck	Random	Fish Hook	Wizards	Wizards
E!	True Hollywood Story		Kardash	Kardash	Kardash	Kardash	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	College Football						SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight	
ESPN2	WNBA Basketball		WNBA Basketball				Women's Soccer			
FAM	Dennis the Menace		Richie Rich				The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped Champions		Sweet Genius		Iron Chef America		Chopped Champions	
FX	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Sunny	Archer	Sunny	Archer	Sunny	
HGTV	House	First	Selling	Property	House	Hunters	House Hunters		Selling	Property
HIST	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		UFO Files		Ancient Aliens	
LIFE	Project Runway		Project Runway			Dance Moms		Russian	Project Runway	
MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Ridic.	Teen Mom
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	Friends	Friends	'70s Show	'70s Show	George	George
SCI	Troy						Cerberus			
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed		iMPACT Wrestling				Damage			
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang		Office	Office	
TCM	Ballad of Cafe				The Deceivers				The Perfect Murder	
TLC	Lottery Changed		Undercover Boss		Prison Diaries		Undercover Boss		Prison Diaries	
TNT	Bones		Bones		Bones		CSI: NY		CSI: NY	
TOON	Regular	Problem	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Childrens	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Truck Stp	Truck Stp	Truck Stp	Truck Stp	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Three's Company	
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Three's Company			
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Burn Notice		NCIS	
VH1	Tough Love		Tough Love		Tough Love		Fast Times			
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny
Premium Channels										
HBO	Avatar						Real Sex	Cathouse	Boardwalk	127 Hours
MAX	Big Stan				The Losers			Sin City Diaries		
SHOW	Six Wives-Hen		Web Ther.	The Big C	Weeds	The Big C	Gigolos	Sweet Karma		

Friday Evening September 23, 2011										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Modern Family		Revenge		20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	A Gifted Man		CSI: NY		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	All Night	Whitney	Dateline NBC				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	Kitchen Nightmares		Fringe		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
AMC	The Village				Exorcism-Emily					
ANIM	Handfishin'		Handfishin'		Handfishin'		Handfishin'		Handfishin'	
BRAVO	Matchmaker		National Treasure				National Treasure			
CMT	Son-in-Law				Son-in-Law				Fried	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		John King, USA		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Ron White: Fix		The Comedy Central Roast		South Pk		South Pk	Chappelle
DISC	Man, Woman, Wild		Man, Woman, Wild		One Man Army		Man, Woman, Wild		One Man Army	
DISN	PrankStar	ANT Farm	Fish Hook	Buttowski	Random	Good Luck	PrankStar	Random	ANT Farm	ANT Farm
E!	Sex-City	Sex-City	True Hollywood Story		The Soup	Fashion	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	College Football						SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight	
ESPN2	High School Football						Rise Up		NFL Live	
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Heat See.	Sugar Hig	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FX	How I Met	How I Met	Death Race						The Transporter 2	
HGTV	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Urban Oasis		Hunters	Hunters
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HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American	American	American	American	Brad Meltzer's Dec.		Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Against the Wall		Reba	Reba
MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		American Pie				American Pie	
NICK	SpongeBo	Bucket	George	George	Friends	Friends	'70s Show	'70s Show	George	George
SCI	WWE SmackDown!				Haven		Alphas		Haven	
SPIKE	Gangland	Gangland			Gangland		Gangland		Gangland	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Sahara				Sahara			
TCM	King Solomon's Mines				Boy on a Dolphin				The Golden Mask	
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings		Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings	
TNT	Tokyo Drift				V for Vendetta					
TOON	Star Wars	Thundr.	King-Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Batman Forever				The Nanny		The Nanny	
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		Law & Order: SVU	
VH1	Music Moments		Music Moments		Music Moments		Nirvana: Live		40 Greatest Pranks 3	
WGN	30 Rock	30 Rock	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny
Premium Channels										
HBO	Megamind				Real Time/Bill Maher		Real Time/Bill Maher		A Perfect Getaway	
MAX	Independ		Men in Black		Strike Back		Chemistry	Skin-Max	Strike Back	
SHOW	Love		The Other Woman		Russell Peters		Strikeforce Chall.			