

Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. Breezy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 82. Very windy, with a south wind 20 to 25 mph increasing to between 35 and 40 mph. Winds could gust as high as 50 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. Windy, with a south wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 78. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49.

Saturday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 63.

Saturday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Sunday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 65.

Sunday Night: A slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Columbus Day: Sunny, with a high near 72.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74.

Monday: High, 93; Low 43
 Tuesday: High, 89; Low 56
 Precip: Monday None
 Tuesday None
 Month: None
 Year: 16.41 inches
 Normal: 17.78 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Thursday 7:45 a.m. 7:19 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 75 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)



KEVIN BOTTRELL/Colby Free Press
 People from all over pitched in to help control the fire Tuesday afternoon, whether it was shoveling dirt on a burning corn stalk (above) or cutting a fire line with a tractor and disc (right).



Wind whips fire through cornfield

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River plant. It took much of the afternoon to get the fire completely under control. Volunteers from businesses like Midwest Energy and Red River Commodities helped fight the fire and brought food and water for

the firefighters.

A tractor towing a disc was used to dig fire lines.

The department worked two other fires Tuesday. Trucks were called to the second fire at Hills Feedyard southeast of town at 2:15 p.m. and a third fire was reported on a porch in Colby at

7 p.m., but it was put out before firefighters arrived.

Several crop fires similar to Tuesday's have flared up over the past week. One burned several acres of crops near the Colby Community College farm east of town on Thursday, while another took hold in corn stub-

ble north of Meadow Lake Golf Course on Friday.

The National Weather Service had issued a fire weather warning for Tuesday. The service recorded a high temperature of 93 degrees and sustained wind speeds up to 36 mph with gusts up to 48.

Revenue department looks at tax laws

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out of whack," Hensley said. "The closest we've ever been to parity was the year 2000. Over the past 10 years, property taxes have taken more of the load because of what we've done to local units of government."

He said as the state has eliminated revenue-sharing programs with cities and counties it has forced those governments to either raise their sales tax rates or increase property taxes to fund services, including public school districts.

Kansas currently collects about \$225 million annually in corporate taxes, down from more than \$400 million in better economic

times. Jordan said that whichever tax is modified or reduced it will have to be balanced with the other obligations of the state and in the face of declining federal support for programs.

Kansas is predicted to collect close to \$6 billion in the current fiscal year in taxes and fees.

Community Foundation holds annual meeting

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tion, which paved the way for the organization's 10 years of beneficial grants to the county.

Black was the first president of the foundation and continues to support efforts through her membership and other philanthropic actions.

Following Black was Dickman, who gave a few words about his pride at how far the organization has come since its inception. Morrison also applauded the foundation and thanked board members and staff for their support during a time of loss. He and his family chose to honor his late father, Jim Morrison, with a memorial fund at the foundation.

"What better way to honor my father, than with a memorial fund," he said. "My excitement was echoed by my mother and

the fund was established. Staff at TCCF offered help above and beyond what we expected with little things that meant so much to my mother. Their efforts are nothing short of grandiose."

In addition to the presentations, a short business meeting was conducted by President Jada Tubbs.

Presenting the treasurer's report on behalf of Treasurer Leland Wilson was Vice President Tammi Strutt, who announced \$839,435 in total assets for the foundation as of Dec. 31.

Tubbs also spoke about the history of the foundation and expressed her appreciation to Colby Police Chief Randy Jones and City Manager Carolyn Armstrong, who were influential in getting a \$150,000 donation during the foundation's early years.

"Their contribution in 2001

made a huge impact on the foundation then, and continues to benefit Thomas County now," said Tubbs. "It helped establish two funds that have granted thousands of dollars to area non-profit organizations and scholarship recipients."

Olson then announced Smart Start as the winner of a competition to propose an idea for a new fund at the foundation. Their idea to bring technology to preschools will receive \$500 from the foundation as start-up funds. The fund will begin distributing grants when it reaches \$2,500. Donations to this fund are welcome.

A ballot was distributed to attending Friends of the Foundation with eligible voting rights to fill two board vacancies. Retiring board members are Bill Luna and Tom Chain.

"We appreciate everything

that Bill and Tom have done for the foundation," said Tubbs. "They have both been active members and have spent many hours helping with events and special interest programs such as the Thomas County Fair Breakfast and Food for Kids."

After the annual meeting, members of the foundation met to count ballots and voted to approve new membership of Matt Vogler and Lawrence Mayer, who will fill the two vacancies.

They also voted and approved new officers. The former slate of executive directors were president Jada Tubbs, vice president Tammi Strutt, treasurer Leland Wilson and secretary Jody Metcalf. Taking the place of Tubbs and Strutt are Kristina Hills and Mark Wahlmeier, respectively. Wilson and Metcalf will remain in their current positions.

Briefly

Retreat organizers plan weekend corn maze

Shepherd's Staff is operating a pumpkin patch and corn maze from 3 to 7 p.m. every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October at the paintball park, a half mile east of Rexford. Cost is \$7 per person or \$5 each in groups of four or more. For information, or to schedule a special event, call (785) 687-2565.

Senior center plans potato bar on Thursday

The Senior Progress Center will have its fall potato bar fund raiser from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday. The event, which is open to the public, will also include a bake sale and raffle. For information, call 460-2901.

City plans power outage

The Colby Electric Department is planning to turn off power from Copeland Avenue to Smith Drive and from the First Street Annex to West Sixth Street on Thursday. The outage will begin at 5:15 p.m. and should last about two hours. For information, call the department at 460-4420.

Trash trucks will not pick up grass until spring

The Colby Sanitation Department will stop picking up grass separately on Friday. Residents may continue to put grass clippings in with regular trash throughout the winter. The department will notify people in the spring when they should separate the grass from the trash again. For information, call the Public Works Department at (785) 460-4420.

Oakley corn cook-off set for this Friday

Show off your corn cooking skills at the Open Class Corn Cook-Off from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at The Cave in Oakley. Bring a favorite recipe to be judged in one of three classes: side and main dish; breads and baked goods; or snacks, candies and desserts. The dish must have some form of corn in it. For information, call Judith at (785) 671-4525 or Rosa at (785) 671-3608.

Fatherhood class to begin Tuesday

The 24/7 Dad will start at 7 p.m. Tuesday, meeting at Redeeming Love Ministries in Colby. Classes will be Tuesdays and Thursdays. 24/7 Dad is a fatherhood program with experienced facilitators, W.G. Romine and Jarrod Spencer, bringing fathers together and giving them tools for improvement and to build on their strengths. For information, call Paige Campbell at 460-8177.

Human resources group plans work law seminar

The local chapter of Western Kansas Human Resources Management Association will hold an employment law seminar next Wednesday in room 108 of the student union at Colby Community College. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the presentation at 1 p.m. For information, visit www.wkhrma.org.

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KAKE/ABC	Charlie's Angels		Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		Local	Nightline		Jimmy Kimmel Live												
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Gentleman	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			New Girl	Local																	
Cable Channels											Cable Channels											
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48													
AMC	Road House				Road House																	
ANIM	Rat Busters NYC	Handfishin'		Swamp Wars		Handfishin'		Swamp Wars														
BRAVO	Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Matchmaker		Matchmaker													
CMT	Strictest Parents	Angels Among Us		Angels Among Us		Angels Among Us		Angels Among Us														
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360														
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	Gabriel Iglesias		Stand-Up	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert		Tosh.0	Stand-Up											
DISC	I Faked My Own Death	American Underworld		American Underworld		American Underworld		American Underworld		American Underworld												
DISN	Shake It	Wizards-Waver		Good Luck		Wizards		Wizards		Wizards												
E!	Sex-City	Sex-City	Kardashian		Chelsea		E! News		Chelsea													
ESPN	Coll. Football Live	College Football						SportsCenter														
ESPN2	High School Football				SportsCtr	NFL Live		Baseball														
FAM	The Karate Kid				The 700 Club		Whose?		Whose?													
FOOD	Chopped	Chopped		Sweet Genius		Sweet Genius		Chopped														
FX	Transformers		Sunny	League	Sunny	League		Archer		Sunny												
HGTV	First	First	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters		Selling		Selling												
HIST	Around		History/World		IRT Deadliest Roads		Around															
LIFE	Project Runway	Project Runway		TBA	Dance Moms		Project Runway															
MTV	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		The Real World														
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	'70s Show	'70s Show		Friends		Friends												
SCI	House of Bones	Thirteen Ghosts		100 Feet				Friends		Friends												
SPIKE	King	King	iMPACT Wrestling		MANswers	MANswers		The King of Queens														
TBS	MLB Baseball				MLB			Conan														
TCM	The Gay Sisters				The Band Wagon			The Big Clock														
TLC	Hoard-Buried	Undercover Boss		Sister	Undercover Boss		Sister		Sister													
TNT	Bones	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	Man, Food	Man, Food	Truck Stp	Truck Stp	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food		Truck Stp												
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	3's Co.	3's Co.		3's Co.												
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Burn Notice		Law & Order: SVU														
VH1	Greatest Songs	Greatest Songs		Pop Up	Greatest Songs		Greatest Songs		Basketbal													
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs		Sunny												
Premium Channels											Premium Channels											
HBO	America	Hung	George Harrison		Cathouse	K. Morgan	America	Little Fo														
MAX	Inception			Eurotrip		Online Crush																
SHOW	Vidal Sassoon		The Back-up Plan		Gigolos	Wild Cherry																

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ANIM	I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn																			