

# Weather



**National Weather Service**  
**Tonight:** Clear, with a low around 19. North wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.  
**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 25. South wind around 10 mph.  
**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.  
**Saturday Night:** A slight chance of rain showers before midnight, then a slight chance of rain and snow showers. Mostly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 32. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.  
**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 61.  
**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 35.  
**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 69.  
**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 38.  
**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 70.  
**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 41.  
**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 71.

Wednesday: High, 47; Low 18  
 Precip: Wednesday None  
 Month: None  
 Year: 0.89 inches  
 Normal: 2.11 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Friday 7:04 a.m. 6:46 p.m.  
 Moon: waning, 97 percent  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

# Whodunit?



EVAN BARNUM/Colby Free Press  
 Linda Taylor (left), dressed as Mae West, talked with Pat and Alan Erickson Saturday at the annual Murder Mystery Dinner fund raiser at Pioneer Memorial Library. The Friends of the Pioneer Memorial Library planned the event.

# American Legion post celebrates anniversary

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benefits and other critical veterans issues. For \$17 a year, members can take part in the American Legion Riders, a motorcycle group. "Riders were formed not as a motorcycle club or gang, but as Legionnaires and Auxiliary and SAL members joining to ride as a Legion family," said C.W. Hamilton II, a 40-year member, finance officer and director of the post's Legion Riders. In addition to the Legion Riders, members can

also take part in the Patriot Guard. The Guard was founded in Mulvane in 2005 to protect the sanctity of military funerals from protesters. He said the Riders began in Colby in January 2009 with about 50 members. Today, there are 32 members who meet at 2 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month at the hall. Commander Lewis said new members are always welcome. Questions can be referred to event coordinator Trina Schmidt at (785) 443-3766.

# Japan begins cleaning up radiation zone

By Mari Yamaguchi  
 The Associated Press

FUKUSHIMA, Japan (AP) — Workers in rubber boots chip at the frozen ground, scraping until they've removed the top 2 inches (5 centimeters) of radioactive soil from the yard of a single home. Total amount of waste gathered: roughly 60 tons. One down, tens of thousands to go. And since wind and rain spread radiation easily, even this yard may need to be dug up again. The work is part of a monumental task: a costly and uncertain effort by Japan to try to make radiation-contaminated commu-

nities inhabitable again. Some contractors are experimenting with chemicals; others stick with shovels and high-pressure water. One government expert says it's mostly trial and error. The radiation leak has slowed considerably at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant, nearly one year after the March 11 earthquake and tsunami sent three of its reactors into meltdown. Work continues toward a permanent shutdown, but the Japanese government declared the plant stable in December, setting the stage for the next phase: decontaminating the area so that at least some of the 100,000 evacuated residents can return.

Experts leading the government-funded project cannot guarantee success. They say there's no prior model for what they're trying to do. Even if they succeed, they're creating another problem they don't yet know how to solve: where to dump all the radioactive soil and debris they haul away. The government has budgeted \$14 billion (1.15 trillion yen) through March 2014 for the cleanup, which could take decades. The uncertainty plays out at many levels. One of the workers at the house with the frozen ground said they weren't sure how to measure 2 inches (5 centi-

meters) from the uneven ground or what to do with the snow on top of it. The 60 tons of radioactive waste sat in 60 waterproof bags, waiting to be carted away from the house in Fukushima city's Onami district. Some 40 miles (60 kilometers) from the nuclear plant, the neighborhood is a "hot spot" — an area with high radiation readings that is outside the 20-kilometer (12-mile) ring that has remained closed since the early days of the crisis. Residents of hot spots were encouraged, but not ordered, to leave, and some, including the residents of the house that was decontaminated, have not moved out.

# Briefly

## Republican caucus set for 10 a.m. Saturday

Thomas County Republicans will caucus Saturday to vote on presidential candidates. The session will begin at 10 a.m. at the Cultural Arts Center on the Colby Community College campus. Party workers will start checking photo IDs at 9. Only registered Republicans may vote. The caucus must close at 1 p.m., but anyone who's inside by that time will be allowed to vote. For questions, call Josh Faber, county chairman, at 460-6548.

## Pets ready for adoption at Animal Clinic

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has a silver, white and black neutered male husky, 12 to 16 months old, 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.

## Foundation is accepting applications

The Thomas County Community Foundation is reminding students that it is currently accepting scholarship applications for the 2012-2013 academic year. Applications must be postmarked by Saturday. For applications and further information, visit [www.thomascountycommunityfoundation.com](http://www.thomascountycommunityfoundation.com) or call Melinda Olson at 460-9152.

## Worship, praise night planned by church

A night of worship is planned at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Colby High School Auditorium, sponsored by the Celebration Community Church of Hays and featuring a nondenominational, encouraging message and music by the band Ignite. For information, call Debbie McNinch at 460-4205.

## Salina lawyer to talk about estate planning

The Thomas County Community Foundation and K-State Research and Extension have asked a Salina lawyer to talk on estate planning from 5 to 8:30 p.m. next Thursday at the 4-H Building, off Olive Street west of Range Ave. \$10 pays for supper. Register to attend no later than Friday by calling (785) 460-4582 or e-mailing [jengels@ksu.edu](mailto:jengels@ksu.edu).

## College plans meetings on aid guidelines

The admissions office at Colby Community College will hold four informal information sessions on revised scholarship guidelines and the Thomas County Tuition Scholarship at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in the Student Union, room 106. Refreshments will be provided. For information, contact Brittney Squire at 460-4690.

## Colby first graders plan musical next week

The Colby Grade School first graders will present a musical show, "Carnival of the Animals," at 2 and 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school auditorium. The free event is open to the public. For information, call music teacher Jennifer Koel at 460-5100.

## Seniors plan potluck at Presbyterian Church

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 Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverages will be provided. For information, call 462-6342.

## Citizens offering classes on diabetes

Citizens Medical Center will begin a monthly series of free classes on diabetes from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the hospital conference room. The series, "Journey for Control," will provide information support from others dealing with diabetes. The first topic is "On the Road to Better Managing Your Diabetes." Participants are asked to register with Jeanene Brown if the education department at (785) 460-4850.

## Kids can learn to cook at free classes

Kids-a-Cookin', a free, fun, hands-on cooking and nutrition class for third through fifth graders will be Thursdays, March 15 and April 19. Sign-up by calling the Colby City Recreation Department at 460-4440 so organizers will know how much food and materials to have. Sessions will be canceled if the enrollment is less than 10.

## College offers class on drawing figure

A class in drawing a clothed figure will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday and Thursday, March 20 and 22, in room 502 of Ferguson Hall at Colby Community College. Cost is \$5 per session. Students must bring their own materials and be on time. For information, call instructor David Ketchum at (785) 687-2575.

## We Celebrate Hometown Life

Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper.

HIST	Swamp People	Top Gear	Top Gear	Top Gear	Swamp People
LIFE	Of Two Minds	Of Two Minds	Of Two Minds	Of Two Minds	Of Two Minds
MTV	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore
NICK	Big Time Movie	Rock	70s Show	70s Show	Friends
SCI	Resident Evil	X-Men			Alphas
SPIKE	Walking Tall		Doom		Turistas
TBS	The Hangover		The Hangover		Not Teen
TCM	The Razor's Edge			For Heaven's Sake	Mister Sc
TLC	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.
TNT	National Treasure		Leverage		Guardian
TOON	Herbie: Fully Loaded	God Devil	King/Hill	King/Hill	Fam. Guy
TRAV	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody-Raymond
USA	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene
VH1	40 Funniest Fails 2	Blue Crush		Stevie TV	Women in Music
WGN	NBA Basketball		News/Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs

### Premium Channels

HBO	The A-Team	Game Change	Luck	Game Change
MAX	Bull Durham		The Eagle	Depravity
SHOW	Mask Zro	Faster	Boxing	Shameless

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Saturday Evening March 10, 2012											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		20/20				Local				
KBSL/CBS	NCIS: Los Angeles		Criminal Minds		48 Hours Mystery		Local				
KSNK/NBC	Harry's Law		The Firm		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Saturday Night Live			
KSAS/FOX	IQ/Vival The Chosen				Local		Alcatraz		New Girl	Local	
Cable Channels											
A & E	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy	Billy
AMC	Speed						Speed				
ANIM	Must Love Cats		Too Cute!		Tanked		Too Cute!		Tanked		
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Indiana Jones				Indiana Jones				
CMT	Them Idiots		Bayou	Redneck Vacation	Bayou	Redneck Vacation		Them Idiots			
CNN	Big Hits-Drms		Piers Morgan Tonight		CNN Newsroom		Big Hits-Drms		Piers Morgan Tonight		
COMEDY	Joe Dirt		South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk
DISC	Bering Sea Gold		Bering Sea Gold		Bering Sea Gold		Bering Sea Gold		Bering Sea Gold		
DISN	Austin	Jessie	ANT Farm	ANT Farm	ANT Farm	ANT Farm	ANT Farm	Jessie	Austin		
E!	Shallow Hal				Khloe	Khloe		The Soup	Chelsea	Fashion Police	
ESPN	College GameDay		College Basketball				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	College Basketball				College Basketball				College Basketball		
FAM	Alice	Pirates-Carib.					Willy Wonka & Chocolate				
FOOD	Sweet Genius		Sweet Genius		Sweet Genius		Iron Chef America		Sweet Genius		
FX	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Superbad				Superbad		
HGTV	Candice	Genevieve	Color	Interiors	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Color	Interiors	

  

Sunday Evening March 11, 2012											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Once Upon a Time		Desperate Housewives		GCB		Local				
KBSL/CBS	The Amazing Race		The Good Wife		CSI: Miami		Local				
KSNK/NBC	Harry's Law		Celebrity Apprentice				Local		Dateline NBC		
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Amer. Dad	Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Breakout Kings		Breakout Kings		Storage		Storage
AMC	The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead		Comic Book Men		The Walking Dead		Talk Dead	Walk:Dead	
ANIM	Finding Bigfoot		Rattlesnake Republic		Finding Bigfoot		North Woods Law		Finding Bigfoot		
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Shahs of Sunset		Happens	Housewives/Atl.	Shahs		
CMT	Ron White's Celebrity				Them Idiots						
CNN	CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight		CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight		
COMEDY	The Love Guru		South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Key	Tosh.0	The Love Guru		
DISC	Jesus Conspiracies		Jesus Conspiracies		Secrets of the Tomb		Jesus Conspiracies		Secrets of the Tomb		
DISN	Austin	Shake It	ANT Farm	Jessie	Austin	Jessie	Austin	Jessie	Jessie	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Ice-Coco	Khloe	Khloe	Khloe	Ice-Coco		Fashion Police		Ice-Coco		Ice-Coco
ESPN	Bracketology		Announcement: M. Johnson		SportsCenter				SportsCenter		
ESPN2	NHRA Drag Racing		Bracketology		Announcement: M. Johnson				Bracket		
FAM	Pirates-Dead				Dodgeball: Underdog				J. Osteen	Ed Young	
FOOD	Cupcake Wars		Worst Cooks		Restaurant Stakeout		Chopped		Worst Cooks		
FX	Taken				Taken				Street Fighter		
HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Holmes Inspection		Holmes Inspection		Holmes on Homes		Holmes Inspection		
HIST	Ax Men		Ax Men		Full Metal Jousting		Top Shot		Ax Men		
LIFE	My Sister's Keeper		Army Wives		Coming Home		My Sister's Keeper				
MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		
NICK	Big Time	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	My Wife	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	X-Men		End of Days				Saw III				
SPIKE	Crank: High Voltage				Enter the Dragon				I Am Bru		
TBS	The Hangover		The Hangover				Old School				
TCM	I Was-Bride				George Wash.				The Flying Fleet		
TLC	Hoard-Buried		Hoard-Buried		Addiction	Addiction	Hoard-Buried		Addiction	Addiction	
TNT	Forrest Gump				Falling Skies		Forrest Gump				
TOON	Level Up	Level Up	King/Hill	Squid	Chicken	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Robot Chicken			
TRAV	Extreme Pig Outs		State Fair Foods		Fast Food-Glbl		Deep-Extra		State Fair Foods		
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody-Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	King	King	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Next Friday				
VH1	Mob Wives		MobWives	Mob Wives		MobWives	Stevie TV	Mob Wives		Stevie TV	
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News/Nine	Replay	The Unit		Monk		

### Premium Channels

HBO	Game Change	Luck	Eastbound	Too Short	Luck	Eastbound	Too Short
MAX	Mercury Rising		Date Night		Depravity	Depravity	Depravity
SHOW	Californ.	Lies	Shameless	Lies	Californ.	Shameless	Lies