

Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 38. South wind around 5 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 79. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, mostly clear, with a low around 46. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Sunday: Patchy fog before 10 a.m. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 80. Breezy, with a south wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 54.
Monday: A slight chance of thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny and windy, with a high near 83. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy and windy, with a low around 48.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 71.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 40.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 72.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 44.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 74.

Thursday: High 58; Low 32
 Precip: Thursday None
 Month: 0.78 inches
 Year: 1.67 inches
 Normal: 2.11 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Saturday 7:40 a.m. 8:01 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 4 percent
 Sunday 7:39 a.m. 8:02 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 9 percent
 Monday 7:37 a.m. 8:03 p.m.
 Moon: waxing, 15 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

City weighs using trust to fund energy project

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had any other investment options, such as a different lease-purchase agreement, to get a better return. Jones said he thinks they are restricted to using local establishments.
 Gatz said as far as investing with the county or elsewhere, he's not confident Jones could do that because there is a state law that requires the cash to be in a bank.
 "You can't put it in a mutual fund, you can't put it in annuities, you can't put it in stocks," Gatz said. "It's gotta be in a deposit account, hence you've got a .006 interest rate."
 Armstrong said this agreement would work because it's all within the city organization.

Fire Chief Bob McLemore said he wanted to make an observation that this agreement is kind of like "paying ourselves."
 Taylor said he agreed with that, except that if interest rates increase, the city would then be making money.
 Hutfles said he wants to leave it the way it is because it is short-term thinking, and Armstrong said if worst comes to worst, the city can always pull money out of the reserve funds and pay those back later.
 In the end, the council decided to take no action on the resolution, and since two other items were connected to the resolution, the council voted to table all three items until the next meeting.

Electric cars risk being tainted by nuclear association in Japan

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instead are the lack of charging stations on roads and its relatively high price.
 The Leaf starts at about 3 million yen (\$36,000) in Japan, after the 780,000 yen (\$9,400) green subsidy. In the U.S., the Leaf sells for about \$25,000 after applying a \$7,500 federal tax credit.
 Nissan says prices will come down with sales volume but infrastructure changes are slow in coming: "There is no magic formula," Watanabe said of boosting sales.
 Although the Leaf is now a front-runner among electric vehicles, Nissan faces competition from rivals that already offer them such as U.S. luxury maker Tesla Motors Inc. and Mitsubishi Motors Corp. of Japan with the i-MiEV mini car. Others have them in the works.
 Some electric car owners remain undaunted. They don't equate their nifty green cars with atomic energy at all despite widespread jitters in Japan about

spewing radiation and the safety of what had once delivered a third of the country's electricity. The deficit is currently made up by expensive oil and gas imports.
 "Concerns about global warming are growing," Internet retailing entrepreneur Norishige Namba said while attending a recent gathering for 140 Leaf owners in Tokyo. "We need to preserve nature."
 Namba, who is against nuclear power, is placing solar panels on his condominiums in southwestern Japan, a new branch of his growing business. He plans to set up Leaf recharging stations on its grounds.
 Kino, the author, believes that if electric cars are to become mainstream it's more likely to happen in countries that haven't suffered a nuclear disaster including the emerging markets of India and China.
 He also thinks they will be embraced more quickly by car buffs in the U.S. and Europe, in contrast to the more practical Japanese consumers who look

for good deals in a car.
 Electric vehicles still do have one strong selling point – soaring gasoline prices. Crude oil has shot up above \$100 a barrel lately from \$75 in October.
 "You ain't seen nothing yet," Nissan Chief Executive Carlos Ghosn told reporters this week. "Every time oil prices go up, it's free advertising for electric cars."
 Yoko Usukura, a clerical worker who bought a Leaf a half-year ago, was depressed by the explosions at Fukushima nuclear plants. She hopes Japan will phase out nuclear power but meanwhile is happy electricity for her Leaf, even with daily recharging, is costing a tenth of what she would be paying at gas stations.
 "It is so quiet. It is so different," she said.
 But some of the cost advantage may evaporate in Japan. Electricity bills are almost certain to jump as the operator of Fukushima hikes fees to help cover the massive costs of tackling the meltdowns at the plant.

Brewster grocery store holds fish fry

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eries to about six physically handicapped and elderly shut-ins throughout Brewster, who wouldn't have much access to groceries.
 "We don't even have a convenience store in town," said Stewart, "so if the grocery store closed, people would have to drive to Colby or Goodland to do their shopping."

Carpenter said she is hoping to see 300 to 400 people at the fish fry Saturday, where Stewart's husband Bob has been known to cook a pretty good catfish. She said french fries and coleslaw will also be served, and there is no limit on servings.
 For information, call Carpenter at the store, (785) 694-2824.

Manager says Kansas governor meetings used for business

TOPEKA (AP) – The manager of Gov. Sam Brownback's residence told a lawmaker's employee that the purpose of private dinner meetings with Republican legislators at the governor's mansion was, at least in part, to gather legislative committees to discuss business, a newspaper reported Friday.
 The Shawnee County District Attorney is investigating seven dinners that Brownback hosted at Cedar Crest in January for violations of the Kansas Open Meetings Act, which prohibits a majority of a legislative body from gathering behind closed doors to discuss business.
 Many participants say they viewed the events as social gatherings, even though Brownback's invitations grouped lawmakers by committees. All but one of the legislators invited were Republicans.
 The Topeka Capital-Journal (bit.ly/GJbGLJ) reports that among hundreds of emailed RSVPs obtained through an open records request, there is one in which an assistant for Rep. Joe McLeland, R-Wichita, asks if McLeland can bring his wife to the House Appropriations dinner on Jan. 24.
 "It is not the intent that spouses attend, although there have been some who have come," responded Rebecca Witte, who manages Cedar Crest. "The committee members will spend some time discussing business during/immediately following dinner...."
 Shawnee County District Attorney Chad Taylor has said the act does not apply to Brownback as an individual and that the alleged violations are civil, not criminal, matters. Violators can

be fined up to \$500 per incident, though penalties are unusual. Typically, a case leads to an order or agreement spelling out what steps the government body will take to avoid future violations.
 The governor's spokeswoman, Sherriene Jones-Sontag, said Witte's "speculation" to McLeland's office was "far outside the scope of her knowledge about the event." She said Witte couldn't comment because of the ongoing investigation.
 "Mrs. Witte misinformed Rep. McLeland's office and she very much regrets this," the statement said.
 McLeland said there were no violations and that his secretary arranged for him to attend the dinner.
 Jones-Sontag said the governor is not subject to the act because he is not a member of the committees in question and that "nothing in these dinners would have caused Legislators to violate the Open Meetings Act."
 The governor's office has said the dinners were social in nature and, though Brownback outlined his policy priorities at them, leg-

islators didn't discuss business at a level that exceeds the standard of "interactive discussion" established in a 2009 attorney general opinion on the law.

Briefly

Home and living show starts today in Colby

The Better Home and Living Show begins at 4 p.m. today at the Colby Community Building and closes at 8 p.m. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. For information, call Sacha Sanguinetti at 462-3305.

Legion plans breakfast feed Saturday

The Colby American Legion will hold a breakfast feed from 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the post hall, 1850 W. Fourth St. Legionaires will be serving biscuits and gravy, hash browns and scrambled eggs for a donation. For information, call the Legion at (785) 462-3809.

Benefit will help woman with medical bills

A benefit hamburger luncheon to help Bert Withers with continuing expenses will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 855 E. Fifth St. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will supplement donations raised. For information, call Linda Pabst at 462-3497.

Animal clinic has shepherd mix available

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has a 4-month-old tan shepherd mix female puppy 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.

Commodities to be given out here Monday

U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center at Fike Park. Distribution is first come, first-served, but you may send a signed permission slip with another person. Bring a sack or box. Expected commodities include pasta, corn, cereal, apricots, chicken, figs and juice. For questions, call the office at 462-6744.

Dance team tryouts next week at Colby High

Tryouts for the Colby High Dance Team for the 2012-2013 school year will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the high school gym. Packets are available in the high school and middle school offices. Call Coach Denita Rodgers at (785) 269-7908 with questions.

College offers horsemanship for beginners

Colby Community College plans a horsemanship workshop from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Tuesday at the college farm. The class, taught by Dr. Paige Ayers, will meet through May 1. It's designed for beginners and for experienced riders who want to improve. Cost is \$20; enrollment for those 65 and older will be paid by a Thomas County senior grant. The farm is three miles east of Colby on U.S. 24 and one north. For information, call Penny Cline at 460-5404.

Brewster students sponsoring blood drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, April 2, at the Brewster School, sponsored by the student council. Call (785) 694-2236 for information or to make an appointment. Walk ins are welcome.

Free help with taxes offered by senior group

Free tax preparation will be available from experts trained by the American Association of Retired Persons Tax-Aide program, by appointment only, on Wednesdays through April 11 at the Colby Community College library. For an appointment, call Earle Rice at 462-2990.

Fourth graders draw historic buildings here

A free exhibit of drawings by fourth graders at Colby Grade School is on display at the Prairie Museum of Art and History through Friday, April 6. The drawings depict buildings important to the area's history. For information, call Ann Miner at (785) 460-4590 or e-mail museumed@st-tel.net.

Workshop will help people manage diseases

A workshop to help people learn to self-manage chronic diseases will be offered from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays from April 2 to May 7 in the Citizens Medical Center conference room. A light meal will be served, and preregistration is required. For information or to register, call Jeanene Brown at the hospital's education department, (785) 460-4850.

Kindergarten enrollment at grade school

Kindergarten pre-enrollment and visitation for the 2012-13 school year will be held at the Colby Grade School Activity Room from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3. Bring your child's birth certificate, immunization records and Social Security card. For information, call the grade school office at (785) 460-5100.



Monday Evening										March 26, 2012	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Dancing With Stars				Castle		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	How I Met	2 Broke G	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late		
KSNK/NBC	The Voice				Smash		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late		
KSAS/FOX	Alcatraz				Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Hoarders		Hoarders		Intervention				Hoarders		
AMC	CSI: Miami		Mad Men					CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami		
ANIM	Pit Boss		Pit Boss		North Woods Law		Pit Boss		Pit Boss		
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Bethenny Ever After		Happens	Bethenny Ever After	Atlanta		
CMT	Bayou	Bayou	Bayou	Bayou	Redneck Vacation		Redneck Vacation		Redneck Vacation		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight		
COMEDY	South Pk	South Pk	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk	
DISC	American Chopper		American Chopper		Toughest Truck		American Chopper		Toughest Truck		
DISN	Random	Good Luck	Charlie		Good Luck	Good Luck	Austin	Shake It	Wizards	Wizards	
E!	Fashion Police		Ice-Coco	Ice-Coco	Khloe	Khloe	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea		
ESPN	Wm. Basketball		Wm. Basketball				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	HS Basketball		NBA Coast to Coast				Dunks of the Year		Baseball Tonight		
FAM	Secret-Teen		Make It or Break It		Secret-Teen		The 700 Club		Prince	Prince	
FOOD	Heat See.	Heat See.	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	
FX	Transformers				Transformers						
HGTV	Million Dollar Rooms		Property	House	House	Hunters	My House	First	Property	House	
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Rizzoli & Isles		Pawn	Pawn	
LIFE	Medium		Amer. Most Wanted		Amer. Most Wanted		Amer. Most Wanted		Medium		
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	The Challenge		
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	'70s Show	'70s Show	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	Being Human		Being Human		Lost Girl		Being Human		Lost Girl		
SPIKE	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Office	Office	
TCM	Kes				Darling					Pumpkin	
TLC	My 600-Lb Life		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		My 600-Lb Life		To Be Announced		
TNT	The Mentalist		The Mentalist		The Closer		Rizzoli & Isles		CSI: NY		
TOON	Regular	MAD	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Boondocks	
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		No Reservation		Bizarre Foods		
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	The King of Queens		
USA	Rock/Cena: Once		WWE Monday Night RAW				Psych		NCIS		
VH1	Basketball Wives		La La	By June	Basketball Wives		La La	By June	Basketball Wives		
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Death	
Premium Channels											
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher		Harry Potter					Too Short	Boxing		
MAX	X Men	My Big Fat	Greek Wedding		Unknown						
SHOW	Homeland		Californ.	Lies	Shameless		Lies	Californ.	Shameless		

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