

Weather



National Weather Service  
**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 41. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. Breezy, with a southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 45. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 73. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Patchy fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, mostly clear, with a low around 43.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 78.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 51.

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 86.

**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 85.

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 52.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 82.

Thursday: High, 65; Low 35  
 Precip: Thursday None  
 Month: 2.30 inches  
 Year: 3.97 inches  
 Normal: 3.98 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)  
**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Saturday 6:58 a.m. 8:28 p.m.  
 New Moon at 2:19 a.m.  
 Sunday 6:56 a.m. 8:29 p.m.  
 Moon: waxing, 2 percent  
 Monday 6:55 a.m. 8:30 p.m.  
 Moon: waxing, 5 percent  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

# County discusses health options

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Taylor. "I don't think there's a person over there who thinks they'll get a raise this year. But they feel they deserve something, and this would help."

Harms said she found that if the county approved the 10 requests, it would cost an additional \$84,000 for the annual premiums.

It was the consensus among the department heads that the money spent to pay Fernandez, who oversees the reimbursement account, could be used for additional employee benefits. They said Blue Cross provides the same service she does at no additional cost.

"Having Rhonda is money wasted," said landfill supervisor Larry Jumper, "and I think you'll see insurance being an even bigger issue in the future for new hires."

Commission Chairman Ken Christiansen asked County Attorney Kevin Berens if he had any opinions. Berens said he did, and added that he is not on the county's insurance plan and could provide an unbiased opinion.

"The way I see it is the county has to balance between coworkers' needs and taxpayers' money, and that is difficult," he said.

"A state plan could be an option, but I don't think it is fiscally beneficial to go that way with the number of employees we have."

"I am for the added benefits, since I have staff with families, but I think we should do it in measures. We can lower the deductible now for immediate benefits and add family later."

"Every little bit helps, especially since we don't know about raises," added road and bridge supervisor Clair Schrock.

Christiansen summarized the discussion, saying they would look into lowering the deductible, staying with a single plan and canceling services with Fernandez.

In other business:

• Bob Standage, Ben Hoeting, Clint Milliman and Diann Gerstner of K-State Research and Extension explained that many Extension offices throughout the state have merged into districts to consolidate resources and save money.

Standage, Thomas County Extension executive board president, said that Rawlins County had expressed interest in joining with Thomas County. He said the group wanted to gauge the commissioners' interest and opinions. They were mostly interested in what merging would do to the tax levy; they agreed the issue will be revisited in

May.  
 • Landfill supervisor Jumper got approval to spend \$22,578 on four new tires and foam for the loader. The cost is within \$300 from the last time they were replaced, he said, and they are saving some money on transportation.

The commissioners also agreed to partner with the City of Colby again this year for the annual Spring Clean-up Week. From Monday to Friday, May 7 to 11, the city will run an extra truck to pick up people's yard debris and outside litter.

• Thomas County Health Department director Kasiah Rothchild was given permission to start advertising for a nurse to fill a vacancy that will open on May 3.

• Commissioners approved a request to vacate portions of Cadillac and Lincoln drives in the Murray subdivisions north of town. Mark Bredemeier, James Denny, Denis Wieland and Jim Deibert, the landowners affected by the vacation, are in favor, they were told.

• A contract was approved with Penco Engineering of Plainville for \$2,805 to conduct bridge inspections throughout the county in May. The charge is \$85 per bridge for each of 33 bridges to inspect. The county will absorb the cost on behalf of the townships.

# College board hears report on nursing

From "COLLEGE," Page 1

year, using the former armory for the classes, which she said has worked out well.

She finished her report by talking about the clinical model project that the department has been involved in. She said the state Board of Nursing approved a proposal for several colleges to work together on this approach, which she said is a completely different model than the clinical models used in the past.

"It's such a real opportunity that Colby College is involved in that," Wolfram said.

Board Chair Kenton Krehbiel asked if the new facilities in Norton are ready, and Wolfram said they're not, but they hope to have them done in mid-May.

She said that when the renovation is complete, the Norton campus would like to have an open house and invite the board. Vacik suggested that they coordinate it so the open house and a board meeting could be held as one big event.

Wolfram said the new facilities have about three times the space they had in Norton before

and it's bigger than Colby's.

Trustee Dale Herschberger asked how many students the program will have if it's full and Wolfram said 182, with 10 in each of the evening practical nursing programs, one in WaKeeney and one in Norton, 10 in the daytime registered nursing program and 10 in the evening program at both sites and 12 in Goodland.

Trustee Bill Shields asked if the WaKeeney campus is functional, and Wolfram said yes, but there are still some things that need to be done like cleaning and painting. She said they have been using the building, though, and there are classes being offered there now.

"We plan on starting both the Norton and WaKeeney satellite campuses June 4," she said.

Vacik said they hope to take some of the equipment and other things they had in Norton and move it to WaKeeney to get the college foundation is going to help the college with some new furniture and the Hansen Foundation gave money to pay for some of the technology equip-

ment there. He also said they were able to convert part of their federal Title III grant for next year to buy interactive television equipment for Norton and WaKeeney.

"So we've done, I think, a lot with a little, really, in a short

time, too, and that's a tribute to Ruth," Vacik said. "If nothing else, let me tell you there's not a harder working person at this college than she is, and she deserves so much of the credit for their success, and I really appreciate her."

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# Florida shooter's bail set at \$150,000

By Curt Anderson and Mike Schneider

Associated Press  
 SANFORD, Fla. — George Zimmerman can be released on \$150,000 bail as he awaits trial for the shooting death of Trayvon Martin, a judge ruled Friday during a hearing that saw Zimmerman apologize to Martin's parents for the teenager's death.

Circuit Judge Kenneth Lester set several conditions Friday for

Zimmerman's release, which he said would not occur Friday, but he did not say when exactly Zimmerman could go free.

Zimmerman's attorney, Mark O'Mara, also wants his client to be allowed to live in another state because of threats made against him, and wear a GPS monitor to track his whereabouts.

Zimmerman, 28, is charged with second-degree murder in the Feb. 26 shooting of the 17-year-

old Martin. He claims self-defense and has said Martin was the aggressor in their confrontation at a gated community where Martin was staying. Zimmerman was a neighborhood watch volunteer at the community, where he also lived.

The lack of an arrest for 44 days spurred protests nationwide in which participants chanted and held signs that said, "Arrest Zimmerman Now!"

**RAWLINS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Dr. Rubowitz Oncology  Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	3	4  Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	5 Dr. Reeves Podiatry	6 Dr. Reeves Podiatry  Nuclear Medicine Cardiac Rehab MRI's	7
8	9  Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	10 Mammograms	11 Dr. Frankum Surgery  Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	12	13  Cardiac Rehab MRI's	14
15	16  Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	17	18 Dr. Curtis Cardiology  Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	19	20  Nuclear Medicine Cardiac Rehab MRI's	21
22	23  Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	24 Dr. Frederick C. Miller Cardiology	25  Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	26	27  Cardiac Rehab MRI'S	28
29	30 Dr. Rubowitz Oncology  Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab					

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**Cheryl Banister, RN - Specialty Clinic Director**

# Briefly

## Two dogs at clinic looking for good homes

Colby Animal Clinic has two dogs eager for adoption. One is an intact male 1-to-1 1/2-year-old silver Weimaraner. The other is an intact male 2-year-old pug mix, black and tan. 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.

## City to start separate pickup for grass

The City of Colby will start separating grass from household trash on Monday. Leave your grass clippings unbagged in a tipper can marked "Grass," and have cans to the curb by 8 a.m. on your trash day. For information, call Anita Powell at Public Works, (785) 460-4420.

## Firm to explain programs for tracking

At a public webinar at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Thomas County Office Complex, representatives of Computer Information Concepts will explain the firm's software to track Neighborhood Revitalization Plan projects and how it can be integrated into a budget. For information, call Christy Rocca, director of the Thomas County Economic Development Alliance, at 460-4511.

## City to preview "Earth Quest" video

The City of Colby will have a preview of the "Earth Quest USA" video, which features the Take Charge Challenge, at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the council chambers at City Hall. Everyone is invited. The full program will be shown on PBS on Sunday, May 6. For questions, call the city manager's office, 460-4410.

## Prairie Museum features art club's work

The Prairie Museum of Art and History has a free exhibit by members of the High Plains Art Club through May. Works include oils, acrylics, watercolors, mixed media and ceramics and subjects range from landscapes to portraits to flowers. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Call Ann Miner at the museum, 460-4590, for information.

## A few spaces left for 'Art of Marriage' class

A few places remain for an "Art of Marriage" weekend conference Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5, at the Colby Berean Church, 1000 S. Franklin. Sessions will begin at 7 p.m. Friday and continue from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$25 person, including books and lunch. For information or to register, call the church at (785) 460-2763 or Jim and Shelly Myers at 462-9665.

## Fourth, fifth grades to give concert at school

Colby Grade School fourth graders will play their recorders and the fifth-grade band will play at a free concert at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Thursday, May 3, in the Colby Grade School Auditorium. For information, call Jennifer Koel at 460-5100.

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Monday Evening										April 30, 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	Bones		House		Local						
<b>Cable Channels</b>											
A & E	Beyond Scared Straig	Beyond Scared Straig	Beyond Scared Straig	Beyond Scared Straig	Beyond Scared Straig	Beyond Scared Straig	Beyond Scared Straig	Beyond Scared Straig	Beyond Scared Straig	Beyond Scared Straig	
AMC	CSI: Miami	The Pitch	The Pitch	The Pitch	The Pitch	The Pitch	Mad Men	The Killing	The Killing	The Killing	
ANIM	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Housewives/NJ	Happens	Bethenny Ever After	Jersey	Jersey	
CMT	The Singing Bee	The Singing Bee	The Singing Bee	The Singing Bee	The Singing Bee	The Singing Bee	J. Garth	J. Garth	Melissa	Melissa	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	E. B. OutFront	Chelse	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Futurama	South Pk	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk	
DISC	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	
DISN	Jessie	Radio Rebel	Radio Rebel	Radio Rebel	Radio Rebel	Radio Rebel	Good Luck	Shake It	Wizards	Wizards	
E!	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Chelse	E! News	Chelse	Chelse	
ESPN	MLB Baseball	MLB Baseball	MLB Baseball	MLB Baseball	MLB Baseball	MLB Baseball	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	
ESPN2	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	
FAM	Secret-Teen	Secret-Teen	Secret-Teen	Secret-Teen	Secret-Teen	Secret-Teen	The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	Prince	
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Meat Men	Diners	Diners	Diners	
FX	Mr. & Mrs. Smith	Mr. & Mrs. Smith	Mr. & Mrs. Smith	Mr. & Mrs. Smith	Mr. & Mrs. Smith	Mr. & Mrs. Smith	Mr. & Mrs. Smith	Mr. & Mrs. Smith	Mr. & Mrs. Smith	Mr. & Mrs. Smith	
HGTV	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	
LIFE	August Rush	August Rush	August Rush	August Rush	August Rush	August Rush	August Rush	August Rush	August Rush	August Rush	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Strangers	Ridic.	Strangers	Punk'd	
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show	
SCI	Eureka	Eureka	Eureka	Eureka	Eureka	Eureka	Eureka	Eureka	Eureka	Eureka	
SPIKE	Lethal Weapon 4	Lethal Weapon 4	Lethal Weapon 4	Lethal Weapon 4	Lethal Weapon 4	Lethal Weapon 4	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	
TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Conan	The Office	The Office	The Office	
TCM	Nobody Lives Forever	Nobody Lives Forever	Nobody Lives Forever	Nobody Lives Forever	Nobody Lives Forever	Nobody Lives Forever	The Conspirators	Daddy Long Legs	Daddy Long Legs	Daddy Long Legs	
TLC	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	
TNT	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	Inside the NBA	Inside the NBA	Inside the NBA	Inside the NBA	
TOON	Regular	MAD	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Boondocks	
TRAV	No Reservation	No Reservation	No Reservation	No Reservation	Hotel Impossible	Hotel Impossible	Last Resorts III	No Reservation	No Reservation	No Reservation	
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	King	King	King	King	
USA	NCIS	NCIS	WWE Monday Night RAW	WWE Monday Night RAW	WWE Monday Night RAW	WWE Monday Night RAW	Fast & Furious	Fast & Furious	Fast & Furious	Fast & Furious	
VH1	Basketball Wives	La La	By June	By June	Basketball Wives	Basketball Wives	La La	By June	Basketball Wives	Basketball Wives	
WGN	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Death	
<b>Premium Channels</b>											
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher	Horrible Bosses	Horrible Bosses	Horrible Bosses	Horrible Bosses	Horrible Bosses	Gervais	Speaking	Boxing	Boxing	
MAX	Death-Her	Diggstown	Diggstown	Diggstown	Diggstown	Diggstown	The Tree of Life	The Tree of Life	The Tree of Life	Cancun 3	
SHOW	Weeds	Weeds	The Borgias	The Borgias	Nurse	The Big C	The Borgias	Nurse	The Big C	The Big C	