

Weather



**National Weather Service Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. South wind around 15 mph becoming east.

**Friday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 67. Breezy, with a northeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Friday Night:** A 40 percent chance of showers, mainly after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46. Northeast wind around 15 mph.

**Saturday:** Rain likely. Cloudy, with a high near 55. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

**Saturday Night:** A 50 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44.

**Sunday:** A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 64.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 45.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 73.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 48.

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 77.

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

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 80.

Wednesday: High, 82; Low 47  
Precip: Wednesday None

Month: 0.03 inches  
Year: 4.53 inches  
Normal: 7.21 inches  
(K-State Experiment Station)

**Sunrise and Sunset**  
Friday 6:34 a.m. 8:48 p.m.

Moon: waning, 63 percent  
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

# Colby museum receives grants from Kan. council

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The proposal Taylor turned in to the council is to enhance the current agriculture exhibit in the Cooper Barn by updating some of the information and changing the "look."

She said the technology used to create the look of the exhibit has changed so much over the years that they can make the exhibit look even better.

However, she said, all of the machinery featured in the exhibit will stay.

The stories of the 15 museums, historical societies and libraries will contribute to a statewide conversation about work through oral histories, exhibitions, public programs and photo documentary projects.

Representatives from "The Way We Worked in Kansas" grant recipients met at the Smoky Hill Museum in Salina on April 27 to discuss plans for their upcoming projects and ideas for partnering with the Kansas hosts of the "The Way We Worked" exhibition with staff from the Smithsonian Institution and the Kansas Humanities Council.

For information about "The Way We Worked in Kansas" projects and activities, visit [www.kansashumanities.org](http://www.kansashumanities.org).

The Prairie Museum of Art and History received

a grant from the council as well that is going to be put to use this summer.

Ann Miner of the Prairie Museum said they received a grant for a little more than \$9,000, with in-kind contributions of \$16,000 from each of the museums and Ride Into History for a project called Night at the Museum.

It will be a week-long camp held at three locations and will help kids, ages 10 and up, and adults create first-person performances as historical characters. Each camp is limited to 15 participants.

Camps will be held in Elma and Belleville in June and the final camp will take place at the museum in Colby from July 9 to 13. Ride Into History is the organizer of the camps.

Each day of that week will be an afternoon camp from 1 to 5 p.m. where the participants will do research on their character. Then on the evening of July 13, they will give their performances, which will be free and open to the public.

Miner said the museum will most likely have four stations set up inside that will hold performances, and groups will move through the stations, staying at each one for about five minutes.

For information or to register for the camp, call the museum at 460-4590.

# Obama backs gay marriage during fund raising tour

From "OBAMA," Page 1

that civil unions would be sufficient," Obama said in the interview. But he added that now, "it is important for me personally to go ahead and affirm that same-sex couples should be able to get married."

Even though Obama doesn't have the power to make same-sex marriage legal, his announcement was the first by a sitting president.

Gay rights advocates, who had long urged Obama to state his support, immediately cheered his declaration.

Obama's re-election campaign also quickly sought to take advantage of Obama's embrace of gay marriage and draw a sharp contrast with the president's Re-

publican rival Mitt Romney.

By day's end Wednesday, the campaign had emailed a clip of the interview and a personal statement from the president to its vast list of supporters, drawing attention to his stance. On Thursday morning, the campaign released a web video claiming Romney would roll back some rights for same-sex couples and calling the Republican "backwards on equality."

When asked in a portion of the ABC interview that aired Thursday morning on "Good Morning, America" if his public statement was part of his re-election strategy, the president replied, "It would be hard to argue that somehow this is something that I'd be doing for political advantage because frankly, the poli-

tics, it's not clear how they're going to cut."

Gay marriage remains enough of a divisive issue that there could be political risks. If opposition to gay marriage drives even a sliver of the voting population, it could make a difference in close swing states. Moreover, it could boost fund raising for social conservative groups that are mounting their own campaigns against Obama and galvanize conservatives still uncertain about Romney's commitment to their causes.

In announcing a position that he said had been evolving for some time, Obama emphasized that it was his personal view. Aides said he continues to believe that marriage is an issue best decided by states.

# Kan. lawmakers pass tax cuts, face budget issues

From "TAX," Page 1

effects on the budget, but they allowed the bill to go forward so negotiators from both chambers could work out a compromise.

The House's conservative GOP leaders had initially favored a less aggressive plan drafted by negotiators, but fearing that proposal would fail in the Senate - where rumors floated that leaders would let any tax bill die - they forced a quick vote on deeper tax cuts Wednesday in a

maneuver that bypassed the Senate. With the bill most legislators don't like headed to Brownback, conservatives hope to push Senate GOP leaders to pass something else.

One financial forecast from the Legislature's staff predicted that the plan would produce a budget shortfall by July 2014 that would grow to almost \$2.1 billion by July 2017; another staff projection estimated it could exceed \$2.7 billion. In either scenario, the state would be forced to slash

aid to public schools and spending on social services and other programs.

Still, Brownback and House Speaker Mike O'Neal, a Hutchinson Republican, said the bill's passage was a step toward meaningful tax reform that will stimulate economic growth and create jobs.

"I am prepared to sign the bill," the governor said in a statement, but he said the GOP-controlled Legislature should keep working on tax issues and send him addi-

tional legislation with offsets to the tax cuts they've approved.

The bill cuts individual income tax rates, dropping the top rate to 4.9 percent from the present 6.45 percent. It ends some tax credits and deductions but increases the standard deduction for all individual filers, and it eliminates income taxes for 191,000 partnerships, sole proprietorships and other businesses. It drops the sales tax to 5.7 percent in July 2013, from its present 6.3 percent.

Briefly

## Colby Spring Cleanup runs through Friday

Colby's annual Spring Cleanup will be from Monday through Friday. Residential trash customers may clean and spruce up their yards and have the city remove the debris if they are boxed and bagged, weigh less than 50 pounds and placed at the curb. Call the city manager's office at 460-4410 to schedule a pickup. For questions, call Jo Strange at the same number.

## College plans retirement-farewell reception

Colby Community College will hold a retirement-farewell reception at 3 p.m. Friday in the Robert Burnett Memorial Student Union for Suzi Calliham, sociology and psychology instructor since 2007; Cathy Horinek, nursing instructor since 2008; Ruth Wolfram, director of nursing since 2004; Micheal McVay, psychology instructor since 1993; and Dr. David Kruse, physics and computer science instructor since 1987. For information, call Debbie Schwanke at 460-5411.

## Once a Month Lunch set for Saturday

Anyone interested in having a no cost, no donation, no obligation, no requirement lunch is invited to the Once a Month Lunch on Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the basement of the Colby Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. No reservations are needed, and the meal is open to anyone who wants to come, for any reason. The meal will be held the second Saturday of each month. Questions can be directed to the church office, 462-6342.

## New church to gather for worship on Sunday

The church at Range and Third will be opening with a new congregation as Faith Fellowship at 2 p.m. on Sundays beginning May 13, with future services planned. Come enjoy singing old-time gospel songs, along with newer songs, and join in an opportunity to worship God in spirit and truth. All are welcome. For information, call pastor Dan Keel at (337) 401-7207.

## Tornado sirens to be tested Monday

Due to impending weather on Monday, the tornado sirens were not tested. Testing will be done at noon this Monday, weather permitting.

You can go to Facebook and follow Thomas County Emergency Management [www.facebook.com/pages/Thomas-County-Emergency-Management/185523374812622](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Thomas-County-Emergency-Management/185523374812622) and Thomas County Local Emergency Planning Committee [www.facebook.com/LocalEmergencyPlanningCommittee](http://www.facebook.com/LocalEmergencyPlanningCommittee). Just click the Like button and keep in touch with the county's planning process.

You can also stay in touch with Emergency Management Department and Local Emergency Planning Committee on the counties website, [ks-thomas.manatron.com/Departments/EmergencyManagement/tabid/7886/Default.aspx](http://ks-thomas.manatron.com/Departments/EmergencyManagement/tabid/7886/Default.aspx).

For information, Call Susan McMahan at 460-4516.

## 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. Under new guidelines, households of one with monthly income under \$1,211 are eligible. For two people, the amount is \$1,640, and so on, adding \$429 for each person. Bring a sack or box. For questions, call the office at 462-6744.

## Library plans open house for reopening

The Pioneer Memorial Library will reopen at 9 a.m. Friday, May 18. To show off its new look, there will be an open house at the library from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 20. Cookies and iced tea will be served. For information, call Melanie Wilks at 460-4470.

## College offering class for health students

The Colby Community College adult education and nursing departments are offering a free class for students studying for or considering health care professions from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, May 21 to 25, in the Rooks Room on the lower level of the library. It will focus on math, reading and study skills. For information or to register, call Adult Basic Education Director Nance Munderloh at (785) 460-4665.

## Auditions for college dance team May 26

Auditions for the Colby Community College Dance Team will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 26, at Nicole's Dance Studio, 315 N. Franklin. Participants will learn techniques and the audition routine from 10 a.m. to noon. Tryouts will begin at 3 p.m. For information, contact Nicole Weigel at (785) 324-0382.



Saturday Evening											May 12, 2012	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Pirates-Worlds						Local					
KBSL/CBS	CSI: Miami			NCIS		48 Hours Mystery						Local
KSNK/NBC	Harry's Law		The Firm		Law & Order: SVU			Local	Saturday Night Live			
KSAS/FOX	NASCAR Racing				The Finder		New Girl		Local			
<b>Cable Channels</b>												
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Flipped Off		Flipped Off		Storage	Storage		
AMC	Space Cowboys				Heartbreak Ridge							
ANIM	Cats 101		Tanked		Tanked		Tanked		Tanked			
BRAVO	Raids-Lost Ark				Raids-Lost Ark							
CMT	Blazing Saddles				Them Idiots			Ron White				
CNN	CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight		CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	Office Space		Jackass: Number Two		40-Year-Old Vir							
DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters			
DISN	Good Luck Good Luck		Jessie	Jessie	ANT Farm		Jessie	Austin	Austin	Austin	Wizards	
E!	The Hot Chick		Khloe		Khloe	The Soup		Chelsea	Fashion Police			
ESPN	College Softball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter			
ESPN2	Boxing	Boxing	Boxing	Boxing	Boxing	Boxing	Boxing	Boxing	NBA			
FAM	Leap Year		The Notebook				Legally Blonde					
FOOD	Best of Food		Food Ne.		Diners	Diners	Drive	Iron Chef America	Food Ne.	Diners		
FX	Mr. & Mrs. Smith		Louis CK: Live		Louie	Louie	Wilfred	Wilfred				
HGTV	High Low	Mom Caves	Grt Rooms	Interiors	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Grt Rooms	Interiors		

## We Celebrate Hometown Life

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

	American	American	American	American	American	American	American Restoration	American	American	
HIST	American	American	American	American	American	American	American Restoration	American	American	
LIFE	Triple Dog	Sexing in Suburbia			Triple Dog					
MTV	Fantasy	Punk'd	Ridic.	Strangers	8 Mile			Ridic.		
NICK	iCarly	Big Time	Victorou	Victorou	Friends	Friends	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	
SCI	Resident Evil		Growth		Splinter					
SPIKE	Rambo				First Blood			Rambo II		
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Yes Man		Fun With Dick & Jane			
TCM	Diabolique				The Browning Version			The Sandpiper		
TLC	20/20 on TLC		20/20 on TLC		20/20 on TLC		20/20 on TLC		20/20 on TLC	
TNT	NBA Basketball		Inside the NBA			Con Air				
TOON	Garfield's Pet Force	King/Hill	Delocated	Eaglehear	Fam. Guy	Boondocks	Boondocks	Bleach	Fullmetal	
TRAV	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	
USA	Just Not		It's Complicated		He's Just Not					
VH1	Music Moments		Music Moments		Left Eye			Behind the Music		
WGN	MLB Baseball		WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Chris		
<b>Premium Channels</b>										
HBO	Harry Potter			Hall Pass		Fight		Face Off		
MAX	The A-Team		The Pool Boys		Depravity		The Change-Up			
SHOW	MrHolland	Beastly	Scream		The 2012 AVN Awards					

# LOCAL TV Listings

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Sunday Evening											May 13, 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				Local					
KBSL/CBS	Survivor: One World		Survivor: One World		Local							
KSNK/NBC	Harry's Law		Celebrity Apprentice				Local	Dateline NBC				
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Amer. Dad	Local							
<b>Cable Channels</b>												
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Storage	Storage		
AMC	Cinderella Man		The Killing		Mad Men		The Killing		Mad Men			
ANIM	River Monsters		Swamp Wars		River Monsters		Swamp Wars		River Monsters			
BRAVO	Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ			
CMT	Them Idiots				Ron White: They Call Me Tater							
CNN	Voters-Vets		Piers Morgan Tonight		CNN Newsroom		Voters-Vets		Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	40-Year-Old Vir		Kevin Hart: Laugh		Tracy Morgan		Kevin Hart: Laugh		Tracy Morgan			
DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters			
DISN	Good Luck Good Luck		Shake It	ANT Farm	Jessie	Austin	ANT Farm	Shake It	Good Luck	Wizards	Wizards	
E!	Khloe	Khloe	Khloe	Khloe	Khloe	True Hollywood Story	Eastwood	Khloe	Chelsea			
ESPN	MLB Baseball				SportsCenter			SportCtr				
ESPN2	World, Poker		World, Poker		World, Poker		World, Poker		Poker	NBA Baske		
FAM	The Time Traveler's Wife		A Walk to Remember		J. Osteen							
FOOD	Cupcake Champions		Food Network Star		Invention		Diners	Food Network Star				
FX	Avatar				Avatar							
HGTV	Best of Holmes		Holmes Inspection		Holmes Inspection		Holmes on Homes		Holmes Inspection			
HIST	Ax Men		United Stats		Swamp People		Ax Men					
LIFE	The Quiet				The Quiet							
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Punk'd	Punk'd	America's Best Dance		Pauly D	Punk'd	Ridic.	Ridic.		
NICK	70s Show		George	George	Friends	Friends	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	Friends		
SCI	Eureka		Eureka		Dreamcatcher							
SPIKE	I, Robot		I, Robot		History of Viol.							
TBS	Men in Black II				The Mummy Returns							
TCM	Stella Dallas		Mildred Pierce		Torrent							
TLC	Sister Wives		Sister Wives		Gypsy Wedding		Sister Wives		Gypsy Wedding			
TNT	Edge of Darkness				Edge of Darkness							
TOON	Adventure	Adventure	King/Hill	King/Hill	Chicken	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Loiter Squad				
TRAV	Hotel Impossible	Baggage B	Baggage B	Man v. Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Baggage B	Baggage B	Baggage B		
TV LAND	M*A*S*H Farewell	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King	King		
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		The Break-Up							
VH1	Mob Wives		Tough Love		Mob Wives		Tough Love		Mob Wives			
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News/Nine	Replay	The Unit		Monk			
<b>Premium Channels</b>												
HBO	Harry Potter		Game of Thrones		Veep	Girls	Game of Thrones		Veep	Girls		
MAX	Master and Commander		My Cousin Vinny		Co-Ed Confidential							
SHOW	The Big C	Nurse	Nurse	The Big C	The Borgias	Nurse	The Big C	The Borgias				