

Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 23. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-west after midnight.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 68. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 58. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east in the afternoon.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24.

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 42.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 48.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 57.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 57.

Precip: Month: 0.05 inches
Year: 11.74 inches
Normal: 20.03 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 7:38 a.m. 5:23 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 87 percent
Sunday 7:40 a.m. 5:23 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 93 percent
Monday 7:41 a.m. 5:23 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 97 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)



STEVE HAYNES/Colby Free Press

A loaded train of coal waited in a siding west of Oakley on Wednesday while track crews built a "shoo-fly" detour around spilled corn from the Frontier Ag elevator at right. The bulge where the elevator broke out can be seen on the right side.

Railroad workers move line around bad elevator

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Railroad spokesman Mark Davis. "Once we're told that it's safe to work around there, I'm sure our team will start."

Police, sheriff's deputies and state troopers blocked off the area Tuesday afternoon. Crews couldn't approach the elevator until a structural engineer could arrive and assess the risk of another collapse, said Pappy Lies, director of emergency management for Logan and Gove counties.

After a meeting of responders at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Lies said, emergency workers went home for some well-deserved rest. By that time, track crews had finished the shoo-fly and trains were running. Davis said the line, Union Pacific's main track between Denver and Kansas City, carries about eight trains a day. Most carry coal headed east to power plants, along with grain and general freight.

Three empty tank cars among those knocked over by spilling grain sat to the side of the track this morning, missing their wheels, and about nine cars were parked on the track on either side of the spill.

The new track was open around the pile of grain at the bottom of the elevator. Emergency personnel and railroad workers were gone, and only "no parking" signs were left along Second Street where it passes the elevator.

"Actually, those rail cars are needed for service," Davis said of the ones parked beside the elevator. He said the derailed cars would be put back on their wheels or place on a flatcar later, maybe seven to 14 days after an accident. The parked cars will be taken away as soon as it's safe, he said, although he wasn't sure when that would be.

Lies said Wednesday evening before the meeting that a structural engineer was on the scene, but did not know what his assessment was. Davis believed that the engineer was working for Frontier Ag, but officials of the farm cooperative were out of the office Friday and could not be reached.

He said officials were really pleased with the cooperation among all the agencies that responded to the collapse.

"We've had very good cooperation from everyone," he said, "from the facility to all the responders, the surrounding counties and other agencies."

He said both the Thomas and Logan county sheriff's offices sent deputies down to help with traffic, and Thomas County emergency management Director Susan McMahan brought some equipment down. The state Department of Transportation and Highway Patrol also sent help.

"It's worked out to make it as good as it could be in this situation," he said.

Thousands protest Islamists in Egypt

CAIRO (AP) - Thousands of opponents of Egypt's Islamist president clashed with his supporters in cities across the country today, burning several offices of the Muslim Brotherhood, in the most violent and widespread protests since Mohammed Morsi came to power, sparked by his move to grant himself sweeping powers.

The violence reflected the increasingly dangerous polarization in Egypt over what course it will take nearly two years after the fall of autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

Critics of Morsi accused him of seizing dictatorial powers with his decrees a day earlier that make him immune to judicial oversight and give him authority

to take any steps against "threats to the revolution." Today, the president spoke before a crowd of his supporters massed in front of his palace and said his deeds were necessary to stop a "minority" that was trying to block the goals of the revolution.

"There are weevils eating away at the nation of Egypt," he said, pointing to old regime loyalists

he accused of using money to fuel instability and to members of the judiciary who work under the "umbrella" of the courts to "harm the country."

Clashes between his opponents and members of Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood erupted in several cities. In the Mediterranean city of Alexandria, anti-Morsi crowds attacked Brotherhood backers coming out of a mosque, raining stones and firecrackers on them. The Brothers held up prayer rugs to protect themselves and the two sides pelted each other with stones and chunks of marble, leaving at least 15 injured. The protesters then stormed a nearby Brotherhood office.

In the capital Cairo, security forces pumped volleys of tear gas at thousands of pro-democracy protesters clashing with riot police on streets.

Museum wants to fix up barn

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cost of \$35,000. A chair lift will be installed to the barn to provide accessibility for the handicapped and elderly, and other items such as tables and chairs will be purchased for use in the barn."

Taylor said the barn, listed as one of the 8 Wonders of Kansas Architecture, is already used for events throughout the year, but its lack of amenities and accommodations deters many from using it for special occasions. Not only does the barn attract tourists and income to the museum, said Taylor, but it also generates money for the town when guests stay overnight.

The benefits of improving the barn could be endless, she added.

"Since accepting the barn, the museum has spent over \$210,000 on moving and renovating it," Taylor said. "The expenses on

the barn so far since 1992 include moving the barn, foundation and floor, a metal escape stairway, painting the barn, new roof, windows and a fire suppression sprinkler system. All of the money ... has been received by donations and private support."

The largest barn in Kansas, what is now known as the Cooper Barn was built for the former Foster Farms in Breton, just west of Rexford. It was used to house prize-winning Hereford cattle.

In 1965, Taylor said, it sold to George, Charles, Wilf, John and Gene Ostmeyer; Willard and Gary Cooper; Leo and Les Keller; and Bridge Kruse. Willard Cooper retained the barn after the partnership dissolved and it was later used in the 1970s by Colby Community College for their horse production program.

After Cooper's death in 1980, it was donated to the museum by Gary and Elfriede Cooper and

Mary Jo Cooper Pawlus, and in 1992, the 66-foot-wide, 114-foot-long, 48-foot-high barn was moved 16 miles to the museum.

"Preserving this historical building as we blend interests through the generations is important to us at the museum," Taylor said. "We hope to premier the barn's improvements next spring, at the same time as we unveil a newly restyled exhibit in the lower level."

The exhibit, "High and Dry: Farming in Western Kansas," is being put together now and will open in 2013, she said. It includes agricultural photos, implements and tools.

For information about the campaign or museum attractions, contact Taylor at (785) 460-4590 or prairiem@st-tel.net or go to www.prairiemuseum.org.

Donations can be mailed to 1905 S. Franklin Ave., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Women gathering food for kids

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4 Kids program. This program provides backpacks filled with food to students who might be hungry over the Christmas break (almost two full weeks this year). It's operated by the Colby Public Schools, with help from Genesis and the Kansas Food Bank out of Wichita. Kyle Shively, school counselor, said they expect to serve 30 to 40 students during this year's break.

Last year, the community showed great support, Brown said. Over \$350 and 340 pounds of food was collected for the food bank and over 300 pounds for Food 4 Kids.

This year's event is going to be even bigger and better. There will be six vendors at the Thomas County 4-H Building from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, she said, so come out and shop. Part of all sales will again be given to Genesis along

with any cash or food donations people bring. Brown said most of the food is provided by the Kansas Food Bank, Genesis-Thomas County contributes to the program.

The Colby schools got involved in the Food 4 Kids program about two years ago when it wanted to expand out of the Wichita area. The district started giving out food in the spring semester of 2010 and Genesis joined the effort that fall.

The idea is to provide enough healthy snacks so that a child could have six meals over a weekend: two breakfasts, two lunches and two suppers, and more for holidays. The food sent home is ready to eat and doesn't have to be prepared or refrigerated.

Typical items are crackers, peanut butter, packaged milk, pudding and fruit cups, granola bars, jerky and foods with pro-

tein. All student information is kept confidential. Containers will be set up at Dillons and Walmart between Wednesday and Friday, Dec. 7, so people can buy items for Food 4 Kids program drop them off on the way out.

"It has been a great program," said Robb Ross, principal at Colby Middle School. "We use money from the (Thomas County Community) Foundation and other donations for long breaks, Christmas and Spring breaks."

Nonperishable items may be dropped off at the Genesis office on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., or anytime at Leroy's Printing and the Presbyterian, Lutheran, Methodist, and Catholic churches.

For information, talk with any of the women at the Extension center at 462-6281 or call Brown at 460-6101 after 5 p.m.

Briefly

Library, offices were closed today for holiday

Federal offices, banks, restaurants and most business were to reopen today after the Thanksgiving holiday. Mail service was to be normal today and Saturday. State, county and city offices remained closed, however, which means there was no trash service. Friday routes will be picked up Monday, commercial routes Saturday. The Pioneer Memorial Library was closed today, but will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. The Thomas County landfill also was to have regular weekend hours.

Santa City to open for the holiday season

Santa City, in the Scout Hut at Fike Park, was to open its doors for the season from 1 to 5 p.m. today. The display will then be open every weekend from 1 to 5 p.m. Starting Monday, Dec. 10, the winter wonderland will be open weeknights from 6 to 8 p.m. On Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24, it will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. as well. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

Legion to have big breakfast feed Saturday

The American Legion plans a breakfast feed from 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the post hall, 1850 W. Fourth St. Biscuits and gravy will be served, along with hash browns and scrambled eggs. Donations will be accepted. For information, call Tracy Galli at 462-0450 or 462-3809.

Genesis collecting for Christmas baskets

Genesis-Thomas County food bank is getting ready for its annual Christmas food basket project. Nonperishable food items and money donations are needed to make the holidays brighter for those in need. Donations may be dropped off between 10 a.m. and noon or 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays at the food bank, 350 S. Range, or at Leroy's Printing or any Colby church. Checks may be mailed to Genesis-Thomas County, Box 214, Colby, Kan., 67701. Any organization planning a food drive is asked to let Genesis know by leaving a message at 460-7930.

Church women are selling holiday nuts

The Colby Episcopal Churchwomen are selling fresh-crop pecans, walnuts and cashews for the holiday season. Almonds, pralines, chocolate covered pecans and mixed nuts are also available. Call Martha Hullett at 462-2505 for delivery or you can make a purchase at Colby Canvas, 285 E. Third St.

Class will teach on diabetes, healthy eating

Citizens Medical Center continues a monthly series of free classes on diabetes, "Journey for Control," from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Monday in the hospital conference room. The topic will be how to manage diabetes, plan meals better and answers questions using a "fun, interactive" learning style. It stresses the importance of checking blood sugar and what the results mean. Register by calling Jeanene Brown at the hospital's education department, 460-4850.

Storyteller to tour Ellis Island for the library

Actress and storyteller Pippa White will present "Voices of Ellis Island" at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Pioneer Memorial Library. Admission is free. For information, call Melany Wilks at 460-4470.

KanCare meeting coming to Colby soon

Seating is limited for a Kansas Pharmaceutical Association's KanCare roadshow meeting in Colby. Representatives from the association and state Medicaid staff will be at the Holiday Inn Express at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, to discuss changes that KanCare will cause for the pharmacy industry. Registration is free for members and \$30 for nonmembers. Go to the association website or call (785) 228-2327.

Christmas Light Parade set for next weekend

Starting at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, downtown Colby will be all lit up for the annual Christmas Light Parade, with the theme "A Merry Little Christmas From A to Z." Santa will lead the way from the corner of Second Street and Franklin Avenue to Santa City. The deadline to register a float is next Friday. Registration forms are available at the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce office, 350 S. Range, Suite 10. Contact the Chamber at 460-3401 or at colbychamber@thomascounty.com.

Three holiday homes will be open for tour

The Holiday Home Tours will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children at the Colby United Methodist Church, 950 S. Franklin; Horlacher Jewelers, 442 N. Franklin Ave.; at any of the homes during the event; or from any of the Methodist Church Women. On the tour are the homes of Evan and Regina Barnum, 770 N. School; Dr. Stephen and Candace Vacik, 540 Woofier; and Mike and Jeanene Brown, 1070 W. Third St. For questions, contact Kathy Calliham at 462-2081.

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Monday Evening							November 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/Stars		Extreme Makeover		Extreme Makeover		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	How I Met	Partners	2 Broke G	Mike	Hawaii Five-0		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	The Voice				Revolution		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	Bones		The Mob Doctor		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Intervention		Intervention		Intervention			Intervention		
AMC	A Few Good Men							First Blood		
ANIM	Rattlesnake Republic		Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot		Rattlesnake Republic	Finding Bigfoot		
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Start-Ups		Happens	Real Housewives	Start-Ups	
CMT	Reba	Reba	Big Texas	Big Texas	Chainsaw	Chainsaw	Gridiron Gang			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan Tonight		
COMEDY	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	Brickle	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk
DISC	American Chopper		American Chopper		Jesse James		American Chopper	Jesse James		
DISN	Jessie	Sky High			Phineas		Jessie	ANT Farm	Wizards	Wizards
E!	Studio E!	Nicki Min	Sweet Home Alabama				Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	Countdown	NFL Football						SportsCenter		
ESPN2	World/Poker		World/Poker		World/Poker		SportCtr	Football	NBA	NFL Films
FAM	A Boy-Charlie		WALL-E				The 700 Club		Christmas Every Day	
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Mystery D	Health	Diners	Diners
FX	The Proposal							The Proposal		
HGTV	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It		Love It or List It	
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	Invention	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Liz & Dick				Dear Santa			Liz & Dick		
MTV	MTV Special		MTV Special		Catfish	The Inbet	World	Special	MTV Special	
NICK	Nick News	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Indiana Jones		The Mist					The Mist		
SPIKE	Star Wars VI: Return							Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Family Guy		Conan	Office	Office	
TCM	Pride and Prejudice				Jane Eyre			Great Expectations		
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss: Next Great Baker		Cake Boss	Cake Boss: Next Great Baker		Cake Boss		
TNT	NBA Basketball		In NBA		The Mentalist		CSI: NY	CSI: NY		
TOON	Regular	Annoying	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua
TRAV	The Layover		The Layover		Hotel Impossible		Hotel Impossible		The Layover	
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	The King of Queens	
USA	WWF Monday Night RAW						The Soup	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI	
VH1	Basketball Wives LA		T.I.-Tiny	Marry	Basketball Wives LA		T.I.-Tiny	Marry	Basketball Wives LA	
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos	Rules	Rules	
Premium Channels										
HBO	Little Fockers		Witness		Tower Heist					
MAX	End Days	Chronicle			Horrible Bosses					
SHOW	Untold History		Homeland		Dexter		Homeland		Dexter	