

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Areas of blowing dust before 9 p.m. Mostly clear, with a low around 31. Breezy, with a south wind 20 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.
Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. Windy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to 25 to 30 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.
Saturday Night: A chance of rain showers before 1 a.m., then a chance of snow. Some thunder is also possible. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 25 mph becoming west after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.
Sunday: Areas of blowing snow and a chance of snow before 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 39. Windy, with a northwest wind 20 to 25 mph increasing to 25 to 30 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 18. Blustery.
Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 35.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 18.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 42.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 23.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 50.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 43.

Thursday: High, 55; Low 21
Precip: Thursday None
Month: None
Year: 0.16 inches
Normal: 0.51 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 7:43 a.m. 6:14 p.m.
Moon: waning, 1 percent
Sunday 7:42 a.m. 6:16 p.m.
New moon at 1:21 a.m.
Monday 7:41 a.m. 6:17 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 3 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

College board hears from two dining services

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college would be \$90,000, including a 12 percent commission back to the college. With this investment, Eusebio said, the company would provide the college with an access system, a replacement soft-serve ice cream machine and a snack bar.

Also, Chartwells would increase catering funds for the school. The presidential fund would increase from \$1,200 to \$10,000 and the student fund, for student groups, etc., would go from zero to \$2,500. Unused money at the end of the year would not be returned.

Eusebio said another important item for Colby is accounts receivable, and he said they understand that. College attorney John Gatz had asked for language about charging interest to be removed from the contract, but Eusebio said it legally cannot be taken out.

“Everyone (at the company) is in agreement that our past practices with regards to receivables,” Eusebio said, “should be an indicator to the college how our future efforts of collections will be.”

Billie Jennings, vice president of sales and marketing for Great Western, presented after Eusebio answered questions from the trustees.

She started with the facts of Great Western, a small company with a flat organizational structure that began in 1990 and is based in Tipton, Mo.

Jennings said they are dedicated to making dining on the college’s campus the best it can be and try to put the needs of the customers and clients first.

“Our goal is to always say ‘yes’ to the customer,” she said.

She said they have a menu cycle that they start out with, but try to incorporate campus favorites as they learn the campus.

Jennings said Great Western provides personalized service, excellent catering and they try to save the college money wherever possible.

She added that they have great food at a great value and a personalized approach, which includes having the food service director always on the floor, especially during meal times to talk the students and customers.

“If there’s any issues, that’s how they find out,” Jennings said.

Another key benefit, she said, is that the district manager will visit campus often and are asked to stay through four meal periods.

Also, Jennings said they bring marketing and communication and design and development expertise.

She said they have a reciprocal service, meaning students can receive food from any other school that uses Great Western.

“We think the next step would be doing the transition,” Jennings said, “and we think it’d be a win-win for Colby and Great Western.”

The trustees asked Jennings questions after her presentation as well and then discussed what they were feeling after hearing both presentations.

Vacik said he still felt the same about who to go with. Chairman Arlen Leiker asked about the difference in pricing between the two and Dr. Keegan Nichols, vice president of student affairs and marketing, said the prices were comparable with just a 9-cent difference for the 18-meal plan.

Trustee Bill Shields said he was more confused about what to do than before because Chartwells came more prepared than Great Western, maybe to try and retain the account, he said. Trustee Nick Wells agreed, bringing up the fact that Chartwells moved their prices down \$19,400.

Leiker said he was worried about being locked into one of these deals, which are both for five years, and wondered if there would be a way for them to get out.

Also, as mentioned in previous meetings, if the college changes to Great Western right now, it would have to buy out the Chartwells contract which would cost \$42,000.

Gatz said he thinks both of the contracts are ambiguous and problematic. He said he would want to change them, whichever company the board picks.

After some more discussion about what each company would offer, Shields made a motion to explore further with Great Western and iron out the details, but make sure the college would be able to do it from a financial standpoint.

Once again, there was a tie vote, 3-3, with trustees Kenton Krehbiel, Leiker and Shields voting for the motion and trustees Dale Herschberger, Cindy Black and Wells voting against.

The board decided to find the current contract the college has with Chartwells to find out when it expires.

Nichols said the contract is up on June 30, 2013, but after a couple of previous agreement extensions, the college is paying them until 2015.

With support from Vacik, Shields made a new motion: Due to financial obligations and past relationships with the Chartwells organization, the college would continue its relationship with Chartwells through June 30, 2014.

In other business, the board approved modifying a resolution for bank signatory cards.

City puts off water contract

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discussion. Rates for picking up trash from two tipper cans will now be \$20, up from \$16.50; for a three-yard dumpster it will be \$30, up from \$15; and it will be \$50 for a six-yard dumpster, up from \$20. The city will now charge \$7 for a second pick-up from two cans, \$13 from a three-yard dumpster and \$24 from a six-yard dumpster. It used to add a \$1.90 timing charge for every minute spent on trash pick-up.

The council voted on the increase Jan. 15 and McGreer said that the only thing he heard was that some businesses might not want to pay for extra pickups.

- Approved a change in a work order for the spill-containment

project at the power plant, adding \$2,800 to add a trench with two more electrical conduits.

“We didn’t know we would have to change the conduit,” Weber said, adding that Jim’s Electric will be doing the job. McGreer said that the project is still under budget.

- Put off a discussion on using software called BoardDocs instead of paper at board meeting.

“I don’t really have any grand feelings one way or the other,” McGreer said, suggesting the council table the decision since four members are stepping down after the elections this year.

He said that the software would be mainly for the convenience of the council members, that it would not

make any money for the city and if anything would add an extra cost.

- Discussed the addition of the St. Thomas Hospital complex on South Range Avenue to the National Register of Historic Places. McGreer said that he and Mayor Gary Adrian were going to City Hall Day in Topeka on Wednesday. He also mentioned that the Kansas Department Wildlife, Parks and Tourism planned to dump 300 trout in Villa High Park that day.

“Hopefully there’s enough water to float a fish,” he cracked.

Briefly

Random Acts of Kindness Week begins

The Thomas County Community Foundation invites you to participate in Random Acts of Kindness Week from Monday to Sunday, Feb. 17. For ideas on ways to make someone’s day a little brighter, visit www.randomactsofkindness.org. For information, call Melinda Olson at 460-9152.

Evangelist will lead meetings on marriage

Evangelist Matt Pringle will lead a series of meetings on marriage and the family at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday at the Colby Independent Baptist Church, 730 E. Second St. Everyone is invited. For information, call Pastor Bernard Heinz at 460-0313.

Sacred Heart Church commission plans walk

The Family Life Commission of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby invites everyone to take part in the annual Walk for a Grieving Heart at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Sacred Heart School gym. Walk inside or out. Everyone who totals \$50 in donations will receive a T-shirt. Refreshments and door prizes will be available. All money goes to help Rachel’s Vineyard put on retreats for women, men and families affected by abortion. To register, contact Laura Krejci at 443-3354.

Once-a-Month Lunch coming up on Saturday

Once-a-Month Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the basement of the Colby Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. No reservation is needed, and the free meal the second Saturday of each month is for everyone. For questions, call the church office, 462-6342.

College will hold tryouts for musical

Tryouts for the Colby Community College musical of “Paint Your Wagon” will be held Monday through next Friday. Auditions are open to community members and students. Contact Vocal Music Director Randy Berls at his office in the Cultural Arts Center Addition, at Randy.berls@colbycc.edu or call him at 460-5520 for a time to audition or information. The musical will be held Thursday, April 18, and Saturday, April 20.

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 at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share; table service and beverage will be provided. For information, call 462-6342.

Program needs volunteer to provide tax help

The American Association of Retired Persons program to provide free tax help in Colby needs a volunteer who understands basic taxes and is willing to commit about four hours a week to help senior citizens. Regional Director Cathy Eddleman said she would provide a day of training in Colby. The service is for people with limited income. Volunteers work in the Pioneer Memorial Library meeting room on scheduled days. For information or to volunteer, call Eddleman at (785) 821-1827.

Massage clinics offered by college program

Physical Therapist Assistant students at Colby Community College are offering a massage clinics in February, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Allied Health Building on campus. Choose a 30-minute massage for \$15 or a one-hour massage for \$25. Walk-ins are accepted for the 30-minute massage as available. For information, call Marie Wolkomir at 460-4797.

Extension offers class on calibrating sprayer

Registration deadline is Friday for a sprayer calibration workshop from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Thomas County 4-H Building. Robert Klein, University of Nebraska cropping systems specialist, will lead the session, designed to help farmers do a professional job of pesticide application. The \$10 registration fee is payable at the door. To register, call the Thomas County Extension office at 460-4582.

Equestrian team sponsors safety course

The Colby Community College Equestrian team will offer a free Women’s Safety Course at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union, Room 106. The class will be taught by Trooper Tod Hileman of the Kansas Highway Patrol. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided by the Thomas County Farm Bureau Association. For information, contact Shanda Mattix at 460-5464 or e-mail shanda.mattix@colbycc.edu.

Library plans “Chocolate and All That Jazz”

The Pioneer Memorial Library will feature “Chocolate and All That Jazz” at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, for Valentines Day. The Colby Community Jazz band and Sunflower Singers will perform while their audience snacks on desserts and such. The event is free to all and no tickets are required. For information, call Librarian Melany Wilks at 460-4470.

Senators seek deal on gun-sale checks

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friend at a shooting range,” Schumer said last week in one of the senators’ few public remarks about the package the group is seeking.

Polls show that requiring background checks for nearly all gun purchases has more public support than Obama’s proposals to ban assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines, and it is among those given the best chance of enactment. Even so, it is opposed by the NRA and many congressional Republicans, who consider it intrusive and unworkable for a system they say already has flaws.

“My problem with background checks is you’re never going to get criminals to go through background checks,” Wayne LaPierre, NRA executive vice president, told the Senate Judiciary Committee at its gun control hearing last week.

An agreement among the four senators could help overcome that opposition by opening the door to support from other conservative Republicans besides Coburn. It also could make it easier to win backing from Democratic senators from GOP-leaning states, many of whom face re-election next year and who have been leery of embracing Obama’s proposals.

Schumer and Kirk each have “F” scores from the NRA, while Coburn and Manchin have “A” ratings.

Prompted by the December massacre of 20 first-graders and six adults in Newtown, Conn., the Democratic-led Judiciary Committee plans to write gun control legislation in the next few weeks. The committee’s chairman, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., has expressed strong support for universal background checks and it is expected to be a cornerstone of his bill, but a version of that language with bipartisan support could give the entire package a boost.

“If the language is meaningful, it would be obviously a huge step,” said Josh Horwitz, executive director of the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, which represents child welfare, religious and other groups favoring gun curbs. “To have someone like Coburn, who’s voted consistently with the gun lobby, to come out and endorse a meaningful background check would be very helpful.”

It is likely that any gun-control bill will need 60 votes to pass the 100-member Senate. Democrats have 55 votes, including two Democratic-leaning independents.

Leaders of the GOP-run House are planning to see what, if anything, the Senate passes before moving on gun legislation.

Strategists believe that a measure that passes the Senate with clear bipartisan support could pressure the House to act.

Federal data on gun purchases is gathered by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, which is run by the FBI.

According to Justice Department estimates, the federal and state governments ran 108 million background checks of firearms sales between 1994 when the requirement became law and 2009. Of those, 1.9 million – almost 2 percent – were denied, usually because would-be purchasers had criminal records.

People legally judged to be “mentally defective” are among those blocked by federal law from firearms purchases. States are supposed to make mental health records available to the federal background check system and receive more generous Justice Department grants if they do, but many provide little or no such data because of privacy concerns or antiquated record-keeping systems.

Coburn got involved in the background check talks about two weeks ago and says a compromise could make it harder for dangerous people to acquire firearms.

LOCAL TV Listings										
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Monday Evening February 11, 2013										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	The Bachelor				Castle		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	How I Met Rules	2 Broke G	Mike		Hawaii Five-0		Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	The Biggest Loser				Deception		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	Bones		The Following		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping
AMC	Happy Gilmore				Happy Gilmore				Shanghai Noon	
ANIM	Wild West Alaska		Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot		Wild West Alaska		Finding Bigfoot	
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Vanderpump Rules		Happens	Real Housewives	Vanderpum	
CMT	Reba	Reba	Top Gun					Top Gun		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Brickie.	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Kroll
DISC	Extreme Smuggling		Shipwreck Men		Bering Sea Gold		Shipwreck Men		Extreme Smuggling	
DISN	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Good Luck Charlie	Good Luck		Jessie	Good Luck	Wizards	Wizards
E!	E! News	Studio E!	Fashion Police				Chelsea	E! News		
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	Wm. Basketball		Wm. Basketball				SportsNation	NBA	NASCAR	
FAM	Switched at Birth				Switched at Birth		The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Mystery D	Mystery D	Diners	Diners
FX	Live Free-Die						Live Free-Die			
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	Top Gear		Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Houstons	Houstons	Houstons Remember		Twist of Faith				Houstons	Houstons
MTV	Teen Mom 2		Teen Mom 2				Catfish: The TV Show		Teen Mom 2	
NICK	Nick News	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Continuum		Being Human		Lost Girl		Continuum		Being Human	
SPIKE	Tokyo Drift						Tokyo Drift			
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Office	
TCM	Little Women						Abe Lincoln-III.			Love Affr
TLC	Next Baker Ro		Cake Boss: Next Great Baker		Cake Boss		Next Baker Ro		Cake Boss:Next	
TNT	The Mentalist		Dallas		Monday Mornings		Dallas		Monday Mornings	
TOON	Hall Game	IncrediBl	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Hotel Impossible		Hotel Impossible		Bizarre Foods	
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	The King of Queens	
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW						NCLIS: Los Angeles		CSI: Crime Scene	
VH1	Black Ink Crew		Black Ink Crew		Love & Hip Hop		Black Ink Crew		Marry	Marry
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Rules	Rules
Premium Channels										
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher		Wrath of the Titans				Chronicle			Sitter
MAX	Red Tails	Shark Tale			Harry Potter					Banshee
SHOW	Homeland		Californ.	Lies	Shameless		Comedy	Lies	Californ.	Shameless