

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Areas of fog after 2 a.m. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 30. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast after midnight.

Friday: Areas of fog before 9 a.m. Otherwise, cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 56. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

Friday Night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, then a chance of showers after midnight. Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly cloudy, with a low around 41. Breezy, with a southeast wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Saturday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 53. Breezy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: Snow likely with areas of blowing snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. Blustery. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Sunday: Areas of blowing snow and a chance of snow. Partly sunny, with a high near 37. Breezy. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 20.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 50.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60.

Wednesday: High, 57; Low 23
 Precip: Wednesday None
 Month: 0.02 inches
 Year: 0.80 inches
 Normal: 2.11 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Friday 7:06 a.m. 6:44 p.m.
 Moon: waning, 12 percent
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

County commissioners discuss land valuations

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Donita Applebury and acting appraiser Kathy Cunningham to rescind an earlier decision before approving the minutes from its Feb. 11 meeting. The commission voted Feb. 11 to approve a maintenance contract on an AS400 computer and split the \$1,745 cost between the treasurer's and appraiser's budgets. Applebury and Cunningham told the commissioners that other county employees can use the computer, and they decided to take it out of the county's general fund.

- Approved a \$75 line item budget transfer to reimburse the county reserve fund. The county originally wanted it paid out of its capital outlay fund.
- Passed a resolution opposing changing the status of the lesser prairie chicken to "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act, but not before remarking that very few of them live here. The resolution stated that the scope of protections the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would provide this species would harm the economy.
- Approved two contracts with

Computer Information Concepts, a Greeley, Colo. software company, for help with computers at the county. One was a \$1,820 yearly contract for software, the other was for \$1,888 for Orion software at the county appraiser's office.

- Approved the warrant registers for accounts payable and payroll. They included the February accounts for the noxious weed department, which came to \$1,336, and the road and bridge department, for \$22,533, and \$297,278 for all other county departments from Feb. 11 to 22.

Payroll for all county employees in the second half of February came to \$248,752. \$354 in purchases from 2012 were also approved.

- Approved corrections for taxes charged to several companies and individuals to account for discrepancies on land for which they do not hold the mineral rights to, and discrepancies over trucks, which are personal property.
- Worked on compensating county employees. The commissioners approved payroll compensation forms for three county

employees at the Law Enforcement Center: Aaron Schriener and Cody Haas, who work as jailers for \$14 an hour, and Lance Goodman, who works at the sheriff's office for \$17.

The commissioners also approved a work site benefit claim approved last year but not processed until the end of January. A suggestion to raise the salaries for 14 employees in the county road and bridge, noxious weed and landfill departments was considered and tabled.

- Discussed quotes for car decals from Colby Canvass and Commercial Sign.
- Heard a report about a defensive-driving class which about half the county employees took from the Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties cooperative.
- Received a thank-you letter from the Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center for county support, a notice from the city of Colby of an increase in trash pick-up rates and a letter from the Kansas Department of Agriculture declaring the week of March 17 to 23 to be Kansas Ag Week.

Colby Fire Department trains for Hazmat situations

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"They wouldn't take over the scene, but they would come help us," he added.

The Colby team and the National Guard team trained at the same site, but completed the drills in separate hangars. Both teams were trained by Konkel and followed the same steps.

First, the teams went out to look at the scene and take pictures. They left the hangars and decided what samples they wanted to take and then prepared for collecting samples. They put together bags with all of their supplies, put the bags in a wagon and took it with them to the hangar. The green-suited men used the supplies to take samples, with one taking pictures as another collected the samples.

Samples were taken from a barrel and jars in the hangar. Some of the samples could be analyzed on site but others, particularly ones that are opaque, had to be taken back to the mobile lab in the trucks and analyzed.

Then when they find out what the samples are, they figure out what information they need to give to hospitals and other officials and make recommendations.

The 23-member National Guard unit includes experts on hazardous materials who train with fire departments statewide. This is their first training with the Colby department. In real-world emergencies, McLemore said, the unit helps fire departments with sampling and identifying chemicals.

City approves water main for firm

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"I don't think our police department's sole purpose was to be out writing tickets to two-wheel drive cars," he said, adding that most of the city police vehicles are two-wheel drive.

His suggestion was to divide the emergency into stages, with one stage banning parking on main streets and another banning two-wheel drive vehicles. Councilman Phil DeYoung suggested a third stage banning all traffic on city streets.

- Approved the sale of 50 old electric meters to the City of Osawatimie for \$20 each. The city will advertise other old equipment, and council

members discussed putting an ad in the newsletter for the Kansas Municipal Energy Association. Any sale of property over \$750 requires approval from the council.

- Discussed new hires of city employees. A supervisor has been hired for the Aquatic Park, which still needs an assistant and lifeguards for the summer. A new police officer from Liberal with two years of experience starts her job on Wednesday, March 20.

McGreer pointed out that sending an officer to the academy can cost a city about \$13,000, so finding someone with experience and training is good.

Briefly

American Legion will celebrate its birthday

The Colby American Legion is having a potluck party to celebrate its birthday at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 17. The public is invited to come help celebrate and three long-term members will be honored with certificates. The club's regular meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday. For information call Monte Lewis at (785) 952-1061.

Annual dress sale continues this week

The annual formal dress sale, featuring "gently-used" dresses in an array of colors, styles and sizes, continues from 6 to 8 p.m. through Friday in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. Come find your dream dress. All proceeds go to support the Genesis-Thomas County food bank. For information, call Sue Draper at 460-6332.

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 First Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St. No reservation is needed, and the free meal, held the second Saturday of each month, is open to everyone. For questions, call the church office, 462-6342.

High Plains Lions plan ham-and-beans feed

The Colby High Plains Lions invite everyone to a ham-and-beans feed from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Orscheln Farm and Home in Colby. Donations will pay expenses for two high school band students to attend the Lions' state Band Camp and convention. For information, call Larry Koon at 462-6617.

Community Foundation accepts applications

The Thomas County Community Foundation is accepting scholarship applications for the 2013-14 school year until Sunday and first-quarter grant applications until Sunday, March 31. For information, go to www.thomascountycommunityfoundation.com or call Melinda Olson at 460-9152.

Wrestling awards potluck set for Sunday

The Colby High Wrestling Awards Banquet will be a potluck at 6 p.m. Sunday in the Commons at the high school. Bring a covered dish and your own tableware. For information, call Brandi Wark at 460-5300.

Girl Scouts cookie drive into its last week

Colby Girl Scouts will wind up their annual cookie sale Sunday. Price is \$3.50 per box and the new cookie this year is called "Mango Crème." For information or questions, call leader Penny Cline at 460-5404.

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.

Brewster church will have speaker

Dr. Bill Federer will be speaking this month at the Brewster Community Church. "Change to Chains" will be his topic at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 16; "Religion in America" is the subject at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 17. Following the service Sunday will be a hamburger steak meal; donations will go to Water for Life, which drills water wells in impoverished countries. Another message will follow the meal. For information, call Mike Pinkelman at (785) 694-2720.

Missionary to speak at Lutheran Church

The Rev. Dr. Jorge E. Groh will preach at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16, and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 17, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 850 E. Fifth St., in Colby. Groh, a strategist with the Lutheran Urban Mission Association, has spent much of his life in Argentina, with service in Spain, Nicaragua and the Ukraine. A psychotherapist, he will be discussing strategies for ministry with and for Hispanics at meetings, including an adult Bible class at 9:15 a.m. Sunday and a potluck dinner with a question-and-answer session following Sunday worship.

'Kids a Cookin' classes continue in March

Spring sessions of Kids-a-Cookin', a hands-on food preparation and nutrition class for third through fifth graders, continue Thursdays on March 21 and April 11. Sessions will start right after school, about 3:45 p.m., at the Colby Community Building, sponsored by Thomas County Extension. Classes are taught by Extension agents Karen Jones and Diann Gerstner. Sign up by calling the Colby Recreation Department, 460-4440.



Saturday Evening March 9, 2013

	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	20/20					Local			
KBSL/CBS	Person of Interest	48 Hours	48 Hours	48 Hours			Local			
KSNK/NBC	Ninja Warrior	Chicago Fire	Saturday Night Live	Local	Saturday Night Live					
KSAS/FOX	Cops	Cops	The Following	Local	Hell's Kitchen	30S	Local			
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	Underworld				League-Gentle					
ANIM	Too Cute!	Pit Boss		Tanked: Unfiltered	Pit Boss		Tanked: Unfiltered			
BRAVO	How to Lose			How to Lose						
CMT	Buckwild	Buckwild	Redneck Vacation	After	Redneck Vacation	After	Swamp Pawn			
CNN	The Bully Effect	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	Piers Morgan Tonight	The Bully Effect		Piers Morgan Tonight			
COMEDY	Chuck	Jeff Dunham: Spark	Dumb & Dumber				The Dukes of Hazzard			
DISC	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud			
DISN	Ramona and Beezus			Jessie	Shake It	Austin	ANT Farm	Jessie	Shake It	
E!	Fashion Police	He's Just Not					Burning L	Chelsea		
ESPN	College GameDay	College Basketball				SportsCenter	SportsCenter			
ESPN2	College Basketball	College Basketball				College Basketball				
FAM	You Again			When in Rome			Austin Powers			
FOOD	Restaurant Stakeout	Restaurant: Im.		Mystery D	Mystery D	Iron Chef America	Restaurant: Im.			
FX	Wall Street: Money					Anger	BrandX With	Archer		
HGTV	Love It or List It	Love It or List It		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It		

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HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Vikings	Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Restless Virgins			Sexing in Suburbia			Restless Virgins		
MTV	Get Rich or Die			Malibu's Most Wanted			Ridic.	Ridic.	
NICK	Wendell	Marvin	Ninjas	Wendell	See Dad	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends
SCI	Lake Placid 3			Flying Monkeys			Land of the Lost		
SPIKE	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Diggers	Diggers	Diggers	Diggers	Auction
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	King of the Nerds	Cougar	Sullivan
TCM	Grand Hotel				Week-Waldorf				Big Chill
TLC	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.
TRN	American Gangster	The Town				Road to Perdition			
TOON	Cloudy-Mtballs	Venture	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Cleveland	Dynamite	Boondocks	Bleach	Naruto
TRAV	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures
TV LAND	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King
USA	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	The Ugly Truth				
VH1	100 Sexiest Artists	100 Sexiest Artists	100 Sexiest Artists	100 Sexiest Artists	Beyonce... I Am				
WGN	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	Bones		Bones			

Premium Channels

HBO	Project X	Boxing	Fight	REAL Sports Gumbel
MAX	Road House	Banshee	El Gringo	Banshee
SHOW	My Week With Marilyn	My Week	Chicago	Lies

LOCAL TV Listings

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Sunday Evening March 10, 2013

	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	Revenge	Red Widow				Local			
KBSL/CBS	The Amazing Race	The Good Wife	The Mentalist				Local			
KSNK/NBC	Dateline NBC	Celebrity Apprentice					Local	Dateline NBC		
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Cleveland	Fam. Guy	Burgers	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Storage	Storage
AMC	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	Talking Dead		The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead			
ANIM	Wild West Alaska	Gator Boys	Finding Bigfoot	Gator Boys	Finding Bigfoot					
BRAVO	Housewives/Alt.	Shahs of Sunset	LA Shrinks	Happens	Housewives/Alt.	Shahs				
CMT	The Karate Kid Part II		The Karate Kid							
CNN	Healthcare			CNN Newsroom	Healthcare					
COMEDY	Dumb & Dumber	Tosh.0	Work.	The Jesel	Ben Show	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Nathan	
DISC	The Crucifixion	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	
DISN	Shake It	Shake It	Austin	Jessie	ANT Farm	Austin	Jessie	Shake It	Wizards	Wizards
E!	He's Just Not	Kourtney-Kim	E Special	Kourtney-Kim	E Special	Chelsea	After Lat			
ESPN	Clásico Béisbol				SportsCenter		SportsCenter			
ESPN2	Wm. Basketball			MLS Soccer			SportsCenter Special			
FAM	Happy Gilmore			Happy Gilmore			J. Osteen	K. Shook		
FOOD	Cupcake Wars	Worst Cooks		Restaurant: Im.	Iron Chef America	Worst Cooks				
FX	Knight and Day			Knight and Day						
HGTV	You Live in What?	Hawaii	Hawaii	House Hunters Reno	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hawaii	Hawaii		
HIST	The Bible			Vikings	Vikings		The Bible			
LIFE	The Switch			Army Wives	The Client List	The Switch				
MTV	Snooki & JWOWW	Teen Mom 2	World of Jenks	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.		
NICK	Wendell	See Dad	Rugrats in Paris: The Movie	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
SCI	Ice Quake		Snowmageddon		Super Eruption					
SPIKE	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue		Car Lot Rescue	Bar Rescue				
TBS	Step Up 2 St.			Step Up		Step Up 2 St.				
TCM	Heaven Knows			The Sundowners					Ace Heart	
TLC	Gypsy Sisters	Gypsy Sisters		Welcome to Myrtle Ma	Gypsy Sisters		Welcome to Myrtle Ma			
TRN	Gran Torino			Gran Torino						
TOON	Incredibl	Looney	Oblongs	King/Hill	King/Hill	Cleveland	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Loiter	Metal
TRAV	David Blaine		Magic Out	Magic Out	Extreme Yachts	Extreme Yachts	Magic Out	Magic Out		
TV LAND	Cleveland	Cleveland	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King	
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Knocked Up					
VH1	Dirty Dancing	Mob Wives	Mob Wives	Mob Wives	Mob Wives				100 Sexiest Artists	
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News/Nine	Replay	30 Rock	30 Rock	Rules	Rules