

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. South wind around 10 mph.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. Breezy, with a west wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north 15 to 25 mph in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.
Tuesday Night: Rain showers likely before 5 a.m., then rain and snow showers likely. Some thunder is also possible. Cloudy, with a low around 37. Windy, with a northeast wind 20 to 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.
Wednesday: Rain showers likely before 10 a.m., then rain and snow showers likely between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., then rain showers likely after 11 a.m. Cloudy, with a high near 42. Breezy, with a north wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.
Wednesday Night: A chance of rain and snow showers before 10 p.m., then a chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. Blustery. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 52.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 31.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 59.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37.
Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 63.

Friday: High, 76; Low 37
Saturday: High, 81; Low 41
Sunday: High, 89; Low 46
Precip: Friday None
Saturday None
Sunday None
Month: 0.37 inches
Year: 1.89 inches
Normal: 3.98 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 6:46 a.m. 8:37 p.m.
Moon: waning, 70 percent
Wednesday 6:45 a.m. 8:38 p.m.
Moon: waning, 59 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Board looks for money

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out the year.
Thomas County commissioners have turned down all requests to open the fairgrounds to alcohol sales.
Despite financial challenges, Jones said, the board tries to keep rental rates low so everyone has access to the facility.
“It’s for the community to use,” he said, adding that the 4-H building is popular for weddings, meetings and other community events.
The fair itself does not provide much income, Jones said, because money raised at the fair goes to pay for judges, utilities, groundskeeping and other expenses.
Workers from the county Road and Bridge Department will provide much of the labor and equipment to complete the

improvement project, Jones said. They will put together the archway and lay stem walls and forms for the concrete. Earlier this month, the crew moved and leveled dirt to prepare for the sidewalks.
“It’s a big help, because they have equipment we don’t have,” Jones said. Many of the board members offer their time to help in the evenings and on weekends.
Colby High School ag students are rebuilding aging fairgrounds bleachers at the high school’s shop, and next month 4-H volunteers will help clean up the grounds. 4-H members frequently provide labor and funding for improvement projects around the grounds, such as pouring concrete, improving the hog watering system and moving sand.
Though the project has been

delayed by recent snowstorms, the board hopes to have it completed by the end of May, said Hines.
Eventually, the board plans to add sidewalks connecting all of the buildings, including the livestock barns, and benches and lights along each sidewalk, said Jones. However, they need more money to make these improvements happen.
This year’s fair will run July 29 through Aug. 3. Though there will be no races this year, other events include the Texaco Country Showdown singing competition, a free barbecue, the demolition derby, a livestock auction and a concert featuring the group Restless Heart.
Contact Jones at 462-6132, Austin Moser at 462-5524 or any board member to make a donation.

Bomb aimed at Syrian chief

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Syria’s prime minister escaped a brazen assassination attempt today when a bomb exploded near his convoy in Damascus, state media reported, in the latest attack to target a top official in President Bashar Assad’s regime.
Prime Minister Wael al-Halqi was not hurt in the explosion in the capital’s western neighborhood of Mazzeh, state TV said. The TV showed footage of heavily damaged cars and debris in the area as firefighters fought to extinguish a large blaze set off by the blast.
The state news agency said several people were killed in the blast, while the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights activist group said the explosion killed at least five, including two of al-Halqi’s bodyguards and one of the drivers in his convoy.
As evidence that the prime minister was unhurt, the state-run Al-Ikhbariya station said al-Halqi went into a regular weekly meeting with an economic committee straight after the bombing. The station broadcast video of the prime minister sitting

around a table in a room with several other officials.
But in comments after the meeting, al-Halqi made no reference to the blast, nor was he asked about it by reporters, leaving doubt as to whether the footage was filmed before or after the bombing.
The state news agency, meanwhile, quoted al-Halqi as saying that the assassination attempt exposes how armed groups “are bankrupt” after the latest advances made by Syrian troops around the country.
Syria’s conflict started with largely peaceful anti-government protests in March 2011 but eventually turned into a civil

war that has so far killed more than 70,000 people, according to the United Nations.
State TV quoted Syria’s Information Minister Omran al-Zoubi as saying that targeting al-Halqi, who is in charge of carrying out the political program to end Syria’s crisis, shows that some in the opposition “reject a political solution.”
In January, al-Halqi formed a ministerial committee to conduct dialogue with opposition groups. The dialogue is part of efforts to implement a peace plan, including a national reconciliation conference, Assad outlined in a speech earlier that month.

Reorganization cited

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“standardized patients” to present a variety of medical situations to allow students to practice their diagnostic skills. More were needed than in the past because of increased student enrollment, said Donna Peck, a medical center spokeswoman.
The state report found the

state cut 937 regular positions but added 1,080 temporary positions in fiscal 2013. Out of 1,080 new temporary positions, only 103 included benefits. Student positions at the state’s universities account for many of the temporary positions without benefits, the *Capital-Journal* reported.

Police teach women how to shoot

The Colby Police Department and Colby Community College teamed up last weekend to offer their second National Rifle Association First Steps Pistol Class for women.
Twelve women attended the six-hour training session April 20, which included four hours of classroom instruction and two hours at the law enforcement shooting range located east of Colby.
“The college appreciates the support for this class from the Thomas County commissioners and the Thomas County sheriff’s office for allowing the use of the range for training purposes,”

said Barry Kaaz, dean of external affairs. “Sgt. Kent Dible from the police department assisted with teaching the class.”
The First Steps course is designed to teach the beginning shooter how to safely handle, load, fire, clean and store a revolver or semi-automatic pistol, Kaaz said. Students learn three steps to ensure they are using the proper ammunition, how a pistol functions and different types of misfires.
The next course for women will be Saturday, June 15. Class size is limited to 14. To register, call Kathy Britton at (785) 460-5550.

Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the next edition. The deadline for Monday’s paper is noon Friday.

City crews will trim trees along power lines

The city crew will be trimming trees along power lines as weather permits. For information, call Public Works Director Omar Weber at 460-4420 or go to www.cityofcolby.com.

Clinic collecting pet food for animal shelter

Swartz Veterinary Hospital, 1775 W. Fourth St. in Colby, is accepting pet food donations to help the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter in Goodland mark National Pet Week, May 7 to May 10. Help them feed a friend. For information, call Doris Helin at 460-1078.

Missionary to give update about her work

Dr. LaDonna Regier will give an update on her missionary work as a physician in Ghana, West Africa, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 855 E. Fifth in Colby. For information, call Linda Pabst at 462-3497.

Gardeners reschedule several classes

Because of the snow Tuesday, the Thomas County Master Gardener have rescheduled several sessions on gardening. At 6 p.m. Thursday at the Thomas County 4-H Building, Jim Strine, northwest area extension forester, will demonstrate tree pruning and planting and talk about tree care. At 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at the Thomas County 4-H Building, John Beckman, Scott County Extension agent will be giving tips and tricks for growing great tomatoes and Julie Niehage, Golden Prairie District Extension agent, speaking about the Top 40 Annuals for Kansas. For information, call the Extension Office at 460-4582.

Reception to honor six retirees at college

The public is invited to a retirement reception honoring Colby Community College employees Connie Davis, Sandy Hill, Tom Moorhous, Bob Selby, Joyce Washburn and Diane Williams, along with other departing employees, at 3 p.m. Thursday in Room 108 of the Student Union. For information, call Debbie Schwanke at 460-5411.

Colby Grade School plans concert Thursday

Fourth and fifth graders will give a free recorder and band concert at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Thursday in the Colby Grade School Auditorium. Everyone is invited. For information, call band teacher Jennifer Otten at the grade school, 460-5100.

Ministers plan prayer in front of courthouse

The Thomas County Ministerial Alliance will hold its annual “See You at the Flag Pole” event at noon Thursday in front of the Thomas County courthouse to pray for our nation’s government officials, troops, local authorities and God’s continued hand of protection and national safety. The event is Colby’s observance of the National Day of Prayer. For information, call Pastor W.G. Romine III at 462-6294.

Church plans friendship day next month

May Friendship Day, continuing the long history of Church Women United in inviting women of diverse races and traditions to draw together into a Christian fellowship, will be Friday at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. There will be a gathering at 10 a.m., followed by a worship service at 10:30. For information, call Joyce Gatlin at 460-3656.

Farm Credit to hold Business After 5

Come congratulate Larry Maxwell on his retirement and Randy Wilson, new president of Farm Credit of Western Kansas, at a Business After Five event from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at 1190 S. Range. For information, call 462-6714.

Signup next week for Little League Football

Colby Little League Football will hold an information and registration meeting from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 10, in the Commons at Colby High School for kids who will be in third through sixth grades. Bring your child to be sized for a jersey. Anyone new to the league should bring a photocopy of the child’s birth certificate and insurance information. If you have questions, are interested in coaching or are not able to attend, call Amy Wildeman at 460-7815.

Event will raise money for cancer victim

There will be a spaghetti benefit for Danielle Wolf, who is fighting cancer, at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Colby American Legion. Dinner will be at 6 p.m., followed by an auction and dance with deejay Chris Wassemiller. Donations will be taken for dinner; dance tickets are \$10 at the door; or send a donation to S&T Communication, Box 345, Colby, Kan., 67701. For information, call Deanna Mallory at 443-2767.

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Tuesday Evening											April 30, 2013										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30											
KAKE/ABC	Splash		Dancing With Stars		20/20		Local		Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline											
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		NCIS: Los Angeles		Golden Boy		Local		Late Show Letterman	Ferguson											
KSNK/NBC	The Voice				Grimm		Local		Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon											
KSAS/FOX	Hell's Kitchen		New Girl	Mindy	Local																
Cable Channels																					
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Storage	Storage											
AMC	Godzilla								League-Gentle.												
ANIM	Blue Planet: Seas		Blue Planet: Seas		Blue Planet: Seas		Blue Planet: Seas		Blue Planet: Seas												
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Tardy		The Kandi Factory		Happens	Tardy	The Kandi Factory												
CMT	Dog and Beth: On the Hunt				Dog and Beth		Guntucky		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.											
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live												
COMEDY	Work.	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Amy Sch.	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Amy Sch.											
DISC	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Backyard		Backyard		Backyard												
DISN	Austin	Ella Enchanted			Austin	Jessie	Good Luck	Wizards	Wizards												
E!	Kourtney-Kim		Jonas		Jonas		What-Ryan	What-Ryan	Chelsea	E! News											
ESPN	Audibles		Bryce Begins		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		SportsCenter												
ESPN2	E:60		2012 CrossFit Games		CrossFit		CrossFit		Audibles	Baseball Tonight											
FAM	Coach Carter						The 700 Club		Prince	Prince											
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped												
FX	Unstoppable				Unstoppable				Hellboy												
HGTV	Flip or F	Flip or F	Income Property		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Flip or F	Flip or F	Income Property												
HIST	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	American	American	Chasing	Chasing	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars											
LIFE	Dance Moms				Preachers	Daughters	Preachers	Daughters	Dance Moms												
MTV	Teen Mom 2		Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.	Girl Code	Ke\$ha	Awkward.	Girl Code	Ke\$ha											
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends											
NICK	Fact or Faked		Weird or What?		Weird or What?		Weird or What?		Weird or What?												
SCI	Haunted Collector		Haunted Collector		Austin	Jessie	Good Luck	Wizards	Wizards												
SPIKE	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Urban Tar	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants											
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Laugh	Big Bang	Conan		Laugh	Conan											
TCM	A Stolen Life				The Loves of Carmen				The Undercover Man												
TLC	19 Kids	19 Kids	19 Kids and Counting		Couple	Couple	19 Kids and Counting		Couple	Couple											
TNT	NBA Basketball						NBA Basketball														
TOON	Looney	Adventure	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen											
TRAV	Airport 2	Airport 2	Airport 2	Airport 2	The Layover		No Reservation		Airport 2	Airport 2											
TV LAND	Golden	Golden	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	The King of Queens												
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene												
VH1	T.I.-Tiny	T.I.-Tiny	Love, Hip Hop		SNL in the 2000s		SNL in the 2000s		I'm Married to A...												
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Funniest Home Videos		Rules	Rules											
Premium Channels																					
HBO	Ice Age: Continental Drift		The Campaign				Game of Thrones		VICE	Veep											
MAX	Long Kiss Gdnt				In Time																
SHOW	Stepmom			50/50			The Big C: Hereafter		Nurse	Borgias											

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	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30											
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Family	Mod Fam	How-Live	Nashville		Local		Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline											
KBSL/CBS	Survivor: Caramoan		Criminal Minds		CSI: Crime Scene		Local		Late Show Letterman	Ferguson											
KSNK/NBC	The Voice		Law & Order: SVU		Chicago Fire		Local		Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon											
KSAS/FOX	American Idol				Local																
Cable Channels																					
A & E	Duck Dynasty		Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.		Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck Dynasty											
AMC	The Breakfast Club						Sixteen Candles			Mad Men											
ANIM	River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters												
BRAVO	Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Dukes of	Dukes of	Happens	Housewives/OC	Tardy												
CMT	Miss Congeniality				Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Swamp Pawn												
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live												
COMEDY	Chappelle	Chappelle	South Pk	South Pk	Work.	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk											
DISC	MythBusters: Blast F		MythBusters		The Big Brain Theory		MythBusters		The Big Brain Theory												
DISN	Jessie	Gravity	Dog	Austin	ANT Farm	Austin	Jessie	Good Luck	Kim Poss	Kim Poss											
E!	Mean Girls 2				The Soup	Jonas	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea												