

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 20. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north after midnight.
Thanksgiving Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east in the afternoon.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 20. Southeast wind around 5 mph.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 48. South wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 27.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 54.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 52.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.
Monday: Sunny, with a high near 57.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 49.

Monday:	High, 47;	Low 16
Tuesday:	High, 41;	Low 12
Precip:	Monday	None
	Tuesday	None
Month:	0.38 inches	
Year:	14.44 inches	
Normal:	20.03 inches	
(K-State Experiment Station)		
Sunrise and Sunset		
Thursday	7:42 a.m.	5:22 p.m.
	Moon: waning, 22 percent	
Friday	7:43 a.m.	5:22 p.m.
	Moon: waning, 14 percent	
(U.S. Naval Observatory)		

Creationist speaks here

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against the dominant culture.

A choir of Heartland students from pre-kindergarten to fifth grade sang and quoted Bible verses before the presentation. Schriener said they were directed by kindergarten teacher Lona Donley. Junior high and high schools students provided table service.

Four long tables had been set out at the banquet, decorated to reflect a Biblical view of the creation of the universe. One was covered with strings of Christmas lights, others with model planets, plastic animals, and bowls with fish in them to represent water. About 60 seats lined each of the tables, which were almost entirely full.

After the talk, Gene Rothfuss, pastor of the Colby Wesleyan Church, told the audience he feels the country is moving away from its Judeo-Christian roots. He asked everyone to pray for their students, whom he said will be made fun of for being Christians. Rothfuss also suggested they take a moment to donate money to help keep Heartland running.

After his presentation, Young stuck around and talked to the audience members. As a principal, he said that he felt there was a lack of unbiased education in science, which he said ought to teach creationism and evolution. He had some of his books on sale at the back of the gym to pay for his traveling expenses.

On an overhead projector, he showed the audience quotes and played videos of leading cultural figures, including university professors. Young showed the audience several video clips of Dr. Lawrence Krauss, a professor at Arizona State University.

“They were created in the nuclear furnaces of stars,” Krauss said of the atoms that make up a human being, “and the only way they could get into your body is if the stars are kind enough to explode, so forget Jesus; the stars died so that you could be here today.”

In the video, Krauss’s audience laughed at this

remark.

“We think that Christianity is a disease today” Young said. “They think it’s child abuse. What he’s saying is, you’re crazy if you believe the Bible is the word of God.”

Krauss, whom Young described as rising to become one of the main evolutionist thinkers today, was shown in a different video saying that it is child abuse to teach kids creationism because those kids will lose their edge. Bill Nye, a common figure in science education for kids, was shown saying more or less the same thing, and suggesting that the world needs educated people who can pay taxes and contribute to society.

“Apparently, if you teach your kids creationism, they can’t pay taxes,” Young said, and this time his audience laughed.

The world has many Christian scientists, Young said. Children can learn reading and math in school, but without knowing God, they won’t have the wisdom to apply their learning.

Next, he showed the audience a “tweet” that Richard Dawkins – a former professor at Oxford University in the England – made on the website Twitter, saying that a fetus is less human than an adult pig.

“I believe Richard Dawkins is very intelligent,” Young said, “but he’s a fool, because the Bible says so, because he knows not God.”

He told the parents in the audience that their children are not theirs, but a gift from God that they were given on borrowed time. And out of all things a parent has in life, he added, their kids are the only thing they can take with them when they die.

Young said that three-fourths of Christian students loose their faith in their first year of study at a public university. By indoctrinating their kids, all parents isolate them in one way or another, he said. It’s just a matter of what they are being isolated from.

“Isolate them from what the world has to offer, isolate them from the culture,” Young urged.

Budget transfers considered

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Beran and Ball to prepare an amended budget and bring it to you at our next meeting,” said Steele at the Nov. 19 meeting.

Commissioner Mike Baughn said he preferred to amend the budgets all at once.

Steele said the accounting firm told him the county will

have about \$57,000 in budget authority left at the end of the year, based on the taxes paid in the county and current spending levels.

“On the last business day of December,” said Steele, “we can take more or we can leave it.”

Commissioner Byron Sowers said the commissioners need to consider the expenses for the proposed construction of a new courthouse and jail.

“I think we have over \$400,000 (in the building line

item),” Steele whispered to Sowers.

At their Tuesday meeting, the commissioners approved a notice of budget hearing, proposing an overall increase of \$128,000 to the county’s 2013 general fund budget and \$97,480 for the health department’s 2013 budget.

The public hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Dec. 9 in the commission’s chambers on the main floor of the county courthouse.

Holiday closes schools

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open regular hours.

If you notice at the last minute you forgot to buy the cranberry sauce, or even the turkey, never fear. The groceries will be open. Walmart will be open, although its pharmacy will not. Dillons will be open until 8 p.m. on Thanksgiving, but the deli will close at 5 p.m. and the pharmacy will be closed all day.

Other businesses will shut down for the holiday, including all banks. Bank West, Sunflower Bank, The Bank and both loca-

tions of Farmers and Merchants Bank will be closed all day, and People’s State Bank will be closed on both Thursday and Friday.

Colby Bowl will open late on Thanksgiving, at 4 p.m. Tubbs and Sons Ford Sales and Colby Dodge will both be closed on Thanksgiving. P&D Auto and the High Plains Co-op will be closed on both Thanksgiving and Friday. Palace Drug will be closed Thursday, but open Friday. And the Pioneer Memorial Library will be close at 5 p.m. today and stay closed through Friday.

Health care update heard

TOPEKA (AP) — A Kansas insurance department official says the agency is working with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas on continuing coverage for some 10,000 policies that had been canceled under the federal health care law.

Linda Shepherd told a legislative oversight committee Monday that Blue Cross would renew the policies for a year and is working to get them reviewed and in place.

The company’s decision to restore the canceled policies came after President Barack Obama announced that insurers would be allowed to keep offering existing plans for at least another year, even if they don’t comply with federal coverage mandates.

At least 4 million Americans received cancellation notices because their plans didn’t meet the requirements of the 2010 health care law championed by Obama.

Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the following day, space available. The deadline for Monday’s paper is noon Friday.

Foundation for Hope tickets on sale

Tickets are on sale for the Northwest Kansas Foundation for Hope’s annual New Year’s Eve banquet starting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the City Limits Convention Center. Tickets are \$40 each or \$280 for an eight-person table, including a social hour, dinner, auction and dance. Contact Pat Sloan at 443-3261.

No trash pickup on Thanksgiving, day after

Residential trash for Friday will be picked up Monday. The commercial truck will run on Saturday, but not on Thursday or Friday. For information, call Director Omar Weber at the Public Works Department, 460-4420.

The Thomas County landfill will be closed Thursday and Friday and re-open for regular weekend hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. For information, call 462-8139.

Library will take food to pay your fines

The Pioneer Memorial Library will have its annual Christmas “Foods for Fines” campaign from Sunday to Monday, Dec. 23. Bring canned or packaged food to pay your fines. For information, call the library at 460-4470. The library will be closed from 5 p.m. today and both Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.

Donations to group will support food aid

Help support the Genesis-Thomas County food bank and the Food 4 Kids backpack program. Drop off your donations from 3 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Thomas County Office Complex to support the “Community Can” food challenge, sponsored by the Women of K-State at the Northwest Research-Extension Center. For questions, call Becky Darling at 462-6281.

College concert to be Tuesday evening

Colby Community College’s free annual winter concert will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Cultural Arts Center, featuring the Concert Choir, Sunflower Singers, Jazz Band and Concert Band. On Tuesday, Dec. 10, private voice students at the college will perform at 4 p.m. in the Cultural Arts Center for their final. The public is invited. For information, contact vocal instructor Randy Berls at 460-5520 or instrumental music director Tony Schroer at 460-5519.

Golden Plains plans soup supper Dec. 3

Golden Plains Elementary School will hold its annual soup supper from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the Selden Community Building, serving homemade chicken-noodle soup, chili and desserts right before the annual Christmas concert at 7 p.m. at the school. Donations will be accepted for the playground and outdoor wildlife learning site. For questions, call the school at (785) 386-4560.

Harvest of Holidays at library Dec. 4

Harvest of Holidays, “Rise to the Occasion – Breads and Friends!”, will be at 6:30 p.m. next Wednesday at the Pioneer Memorial Library. There is a \$5 fee to pay for supplies and taste testing, payable at the door. Call the Thomas County Extension office at 460-4582 by noon Monday, Dec. 2, to ensure we have enough supplies. Each cook will go home with their own Walnut Twist yeast bread, ready to bake and eat. For information, call Diann Gerstner at 460-4582.

Red Cross schedules blood drive at college

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at the Student Union of Colby Community College. Call (800) 733-2767 or go to www.redcrossblood.org to make an appointment, but walk-ins are welcome.

Workshop offers kids chance to shop

The Thomas County Community Foundation’s Santa’s Workshop will be open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7. Kids in preschool through fourth grade are invited to shop for their families with the help of our friendly elves. Suggested donation is \$4 per gift, and each child can buy up to four. Proceeds will be used for grants in Thomas County. For information, call Executive Director Melinda Olson at 460-9152.

Cookie walk at Methodist Church Dec. 8

The United Methodist Women will have a cookie walk from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Colby United Methodist Church. Cookies and candy will be sold by the pound; all money will be used for mission projects. For information, call Kathy Calliham at 462-2081.

LOCAL TV Listings

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Thursday Evening November 28, 2013										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Charlie Brown		Mod Fam	Lady Gaga & the Muppets'			Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Crazy	Crazy	Elementary			Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Pregame	NFL Football						Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon
KSAS/FOX	The X Factor		Glee		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck Dynasty		Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC									Godfather II	
ANIM	River Monsters		Megalodon: The Monst				Megalodon: The Monst			
BRAVO	How to Lose		Legally Blonde				Something's			
CMT	A Christmas Story 2					Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Live		AC 360 Later		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Live		
COMEDY	Dunham	Jeff Dunham: Spark of Insanity		Jeff Dunham: Controlled Chaos		Jeff Dunham Special		Gabriel		
DISC	Punkin Chunkin 2013			Last Frontier		Punkin Chunkin 2013				
DISN	Despicable Me			Good Luck Dog		ANT Farm	Phineas	Good Luck	Good Luck	
E!	Kardashians		Maid in Manhattan			Chelsea	Kardashian		Kardas	
ESPN	College Football					SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	College B	College Basketball				College Basketball				
FAM	Harry Potter-Prince					The 700 Club		I'll Be Home		
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped			Chopped		Restaurant Express	Chopped	
FX	Kung Fu Panda					Kung Fu Panda 2		Kung Fu Panda 2		
HGTV	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Rent/Buy	Rent/Buy	Property Brothers	
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Swampsgiving 2		Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	
LIFE	The Switch				The Breakfast Club			The Switch		
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Jackass 3D				Jackass 3D	
NICK	Cloudy-Mtballs				Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	Die Another Day		Casino Royale					Goldfinger		
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	iMPACT Wrestling				Cops	Cops	The Rundown	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Ground	Ground	Conan		Pete Holm	Conan
TCM	Chitty-Bang					Doctor Dolittle				
TLC	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss		
TNT	Castle		Castle		Castle	Hawaii Five-0		CSI: NY		
TOON	Adventure	Adventure	Adventure	Adventure	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Eaglehear	The Eric
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Mysteries-Museum		America Declassified	Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody-Raymond			
USA	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam
VH1	Sixteen Candles		Michael Jackson					Scary Movie		
WGN	The Matrix					How I Met	Rules	Rules	Parks	
Premium Channels										
HBO	Getting	Pitch Perfect				Ja'mie	Real Sex			
MAX	The Campaign		Strike Back: Origins		Les Misérables				Life	
SHOW	The Words		Killing Them Softly			Gigolos	Masters of Sex		Polyamory	

Friday Evening

November 29, 2013

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Grinch	Shrek	Shark Tank		20/20		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
KBSL/CBS	Hoops &	The Elf o	Garth Brooks				Local	Late Show Letterman	Ferguson	
KSNK/NBC	Dateline NBC		Grimm		Dracula		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	J. Fallon	
KSAS/FOX	Bones		Raising Hope		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48	
AMC	Ghost						The Walking Dead		Ghost Rider	
ANIM	Tanked		Tanked		Tanked		Redwood Kings		Tanked	
BRAVO	2 Fast 2 Furious								Enough	
CMT	Ghostbusters		Sweet Home Alabama	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	CMT Crossroads	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	Piers Morgan Live		Crossfire	Unguarded	Anthony Bourd.		Anderson Cooper 360		
COMEDY	Fluffy	Gabriel Iglesias: Aloha Fluffy		South Park		The Comedy Central Roast		Comedy		
DISC	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt		Gold Rush		Bering Sea Gold	Gold Rush		Bering Sea Gold		
DISN	Good Luck Jes.	Liv-Mad.	Austin	Good Luck	Austin	Austin	Good Luck	Shake It	Good Luck	
E!	Kristin C	Ryan Seac	Fashion Police		Hello Ross	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea		
ESPN	College Football					SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball			College Basketball				
FAM	Harry Potter					The 700 Club		Richie-C'mas		
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	
FX	What Happens		Easy A			Easy A				
HGTV	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl

AmericanProfile

// CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN SPIRIT //

HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn
LIFE	Dear Santa				Love at Christmas				Dear Santa	
MTV	Ridic.	Fantasy	Guy Code	Ridic.	I Love You, Man				Dinner for Schmucks	
NICK	Jinxed	Thunder	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	WWE SmackDown!				Quantum of Solace				Licence	
SPIKE	Star Wars Ep 2		Star Wars: Ep. III						Pitch Blk	
TBS	Surviving Christmas				This Christmas			Pete Holm	Office	
TCM	The Lady Eve				Christmas in July		The Palm Beach Story			
TLC	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings		Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings	
TNT	Pirates-Carib.						Pirates-Dead			
TOON	Gumball	Total	Regular	Adventure	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files		The Dead Files		Ghost Adventures	
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	The King of Queens	
USA	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Faster	
VH1	Scary Movie				8 Mile				Liar Liar	
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		How I Met	Rules	Rules	Parks
Premium Channels										
HBO	Taken 2		Boardwalk Empire		Getting		Sarah Silverman: We	Ja'mie	Dark Knt	
MAX	Contraband				Strike Back: Origins		Strike Back			
SHOW	Masters of Sex		Time of Death		Twilight-Dawn				Masters of Sex	