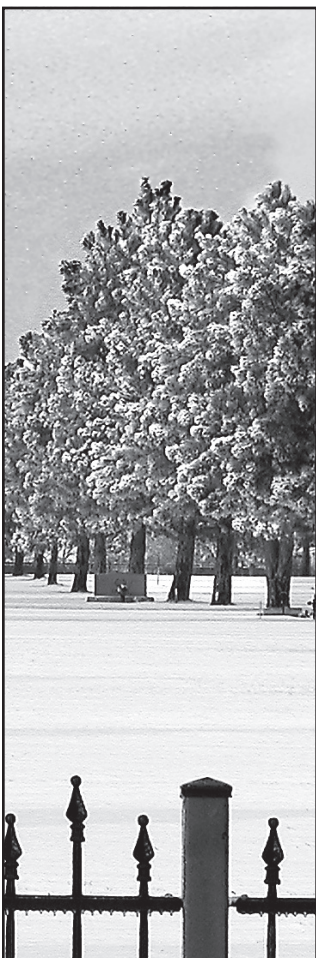


Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around -4. Wind chill values as low as -18. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday: A 20 percent chance of snow after 10 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 15. Wind chill values as low as -20. Breezy, with a southeast wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.
Saturday Night: A 40 percent chance of snow, mainly after 9 p.m. Cloudy, with a low around 5. Wind chill values as low as -10. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.
Sunday: A 40 percent chance of snow, mainly before 4 p.m. Cloudy, with a high near 17. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north in the afternoon.
Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 1.
Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 18.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 6.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 32.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 12.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 25.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 13.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 42.

Thursday: High, 13; Low 1
Precip: Thursday None
Month: None
Year: 14.44 inches
Normal: 20.86 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Saturday 7:51 a.m. 5:21 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 29 percent
Sunday 7:52 a.m. 5:21 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 40 percent
Monday 7:53 a.m. 5:21 p.m.
First quarter moon at 9:12 a.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Two angel trees up in Colby

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People in Colby have been volunteering to get presents this holiday season for local kids who need the help.

The Colby Berean Church has had an Angel Tree up in the church for the last two Sundays, as a way for members to donate gifts to local kids. Todd Murdock, a volunteer who set up the angel tree, said the trees are set up to help Prison Fellowship, an organization that ministers to prison inmates and helps them reunite with their families after they are released.

The prisoners come to the organization to get presents sent to their children, Murdock said. Lists go out to local churches, which hang angels up on a Christmas tree with a kid’s first name, age, sex and what they need.

The Berean Church learns what size of clothes a kid needs from their current guardian, and someone in the church takes an angel and buys a present. Then the gifts go to a kid with a Christmas note from their parents, as if the parent had sent the gift.

Around the end of October this year, the church got a list of about 12 kids in northwest Kansas who needed gifts. Volunteers put up two angels for each kid: one for clothing, and one asking for a toy or less-pressing gift.

Murdock said church members took about 20 angels off the tree the last Sunday of November, and the last four this last Sunday. He is trying to get the gifts by next Sunday. He has been in charge of the tree



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Deyanira Molina (left) and Isabella Sanie, “littles” at Big Brother Big Sisters, tied angels to the tree set up by the group in Orscheln’s.

for about six years, and said the church has served between eight and 18 kids each year.

Another “angel tree” was set up by a pair of “littles” from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County Sunday in Orscheln’s. They put 46 angels on the tree, each with the name of a little in the organization, from 5 to 14 years old. The tree is not connected to Prison Fellowship, but these angels also had the child’s age, gender and an item of clothing they want.

You can pick up one of the angels and drop off the gifts at the Colby United Methodist Church by Wednesday, Dec. 18. The organization will have its Christmas party at the church on Saturday, Dec. 21.

Orvella Romine, director of Big Brothers Big Sisters, said the organization has had the tree for about five years now. This is the second year it has been at Orscheln’s, she said, and last year there were only 15 angels on the tree.

City tables bids on tower

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that, it would maintain the tower for \$52,566 a year, he said. Dugger discussed the merits of adding a water mixer. This would keep water in the tower from separating by temperature.

McGreer pointed out at that meeting that the city has about \$300,000 set aside to renovate the 1.5 million-gallon water tower.

He said at the last city council meeting that the city’s water standpipe by Interstate 70 will need a water mixer installed to meet environmental regulations, which might also help keep the standpipe from breaking down. The water in the top of the standpipe is freezing, forming a block of ice which is breaking the small pipe and ladder on the side of the standpipe as the ice slides up and down. The company which built the pipe will inspect it for \$900.

In other business, the council:

- Voted to have the end-of-the-year council meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31.
- Approved raising the speed limit on Horton Avenue from 30

mph to 40 mph. McGreer and other employees felt the road is safe to drive at 40 mph. pointed out that Willow by Walmart is a much busier road, and the speed limit there is already 35 mph.

- Voted to let out trade-in bids to for two sport utility vehicles or sedans for the police department, and sell an old police pickup.

McGreer said it would be good for the police to have two pursuit-ready vehicles after they acquired two pickups last year. The bids will go out of Tubbs and Sons Ford Sales and Colby Dodge. He said the bids went out for sedans as well to see if the sport utility vehicles cost a lot more. The police department will not need another car for three years after this. The council voted to sell a police 1995 Ford F-150 to Lavelle Palmgren for \$1,100.

- Approved salaries for Municipal Court judge Richard Ress, Sarah Garcia, the clerk of the court and City Attorney John Gatz. Gatz will make \$165 per hour, with a staff expense of \$775 per month. The judge will make, \$2,800 a month and

the clerk \$1,100 a month, with both of them working at most 17 hours a week for the city.

- Approved an ordinance mandating increase in city sewer rates, putting into law an increase of \$1 in base sewer rates and 5 percent in usage fees that the council approved last month. Starting in January, the city will charge residential customers and commercial customers inside the city \$23 a month, and commercial customers outside the city \$45 a month for the first 2,000 gallons a customer uses. gallons, commercial customers outside the city will pay \$6.80, and all other customers had paid \$3.25 for the next 1,000 gallons each month. Residential and in-town commercial customers pay \$29.83 a month until they set their own rate based on their water usage over the winter. Out-of-town rates by usage.

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.

Santa City open now open weekends

Santa City will be open 1 to 5 p.m. weekends until Monday, Dec. 16. After that, it will be open from 6 to 8 p.m. weeknights as well. On Christmas Eve, hours will be 1 to 3 p.m. Bring the whole family with their Christmas lists. For information, call the Colby Chamber at 460-3401.

Piano recital set for Sunday

Piano students of Pat Ziegelmeier will perform in a Christmas recital at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the sanctuary of the Colby United Methodist Church. The program will be a variety of Christmas selections. There is no charge, and everyone is welcome. For information, call Ziegelmeier at 460-5518.

Combined choirs to give special program

Everyone is invited to the Colby United Methodist Church service at 11 a.m. Sunday, when the Colby Community College Concert Choir, under the direction of Randy Berls, will be performing with the church’s Choir. Phillip Shuman, retired vocal director from the college, has created a program for the service. The public is also invited to hear college voice students at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Cultural Arts Center. For information, contact Berls at 460-5520.

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 have a partner in a nursing home at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share. For information, call 462-6342.

Santa offers kids chance to shop

The Thomas County Community Foundation’s Santa’s Workshop will be open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday. Kids in preschool through fourth grade can shop for their families. Suggested donation is \$4 per gift; each child can buy up to four. Proceeds will be used for grants in Thomas County. For information, call Melinda Olson at 460-9152.

Group plans dance Saturday at Legion

A public dance is planned for 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Colby American Legion Hall, 1850 W. Fourth St. Craig Stevens will provide music. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Lue Duffey at (785) 269-7057.

Nativity sets on display at church ‘Nativi-Tea’

Come and view over 300 nativity sets on display and enjoy a cup of hot cider and a cookie at the First Presbyterian Church’s Nativi-Tea from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Call 462-6342 with questions.

Legion Auxiliary plans craft and vendor fair

The Colby American Legion Auxiliary will hold a craft and vendor fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Legion Hall, 1850 W. Fourth St. Lunch will be served. For information, call Megan Quenzer at 443-3611.

Legion cooking up chili, soup for Sunday

Come for soup at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the America Legion, 1850 W. Fourth St. Warm up with chicken-noodle soup or chili, with the proceeds going to Santa City. For information, call Tracy Galli at 462-0450.

Cookie walk at Methodist Church on Sunday

The United Methodist Women will have a cookie walk from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday 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.

Holiday Home Tour will be Sunday

The Holiday Homes Tour from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday will raise money for Kappa Upsilon sorority to support causes in Colby and the surrounding area. The tour will feature four Colby homes decorated for the holidays. Tickets \$10 are, available at Plum Creek, Donelan Jewelry and Just Peachy, or Sunday at the homes. For questions, call Lana Johnson at 462-3727.

Gem Lions cooking pancakes Dec. 11

The Gem Lions Club will have its annual pancake feed from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. next Wednesday at the Gem Community Building. Drop in for lots of good food and visiting, with pancakes, sausage, eggs, pie and Lions Candy Day mints. Donations will be accepted for community projects, sight programs and education. Bring used eyeglasses and hearing aids to recycle. For information, call Ken Poland at 462-7809.

LOCAL TV Listings

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Monday Evening										December 9, 2013	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Santa Claus, Town		Light Fight		Castle		Local		Jimmy Kimmel Live		Nightline
KBSL/CBS	How I Met	2 Broke G	Mike		Hostages		Local		Late Show Letterman		Ferguson
KSNK/NBC	The Voice		The Sing-Off				Local		Tonight Show w/Leno		J. Fallon
KSAS/FOX	Almost Human		Sleepy Hollow		Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Bonnie & Clyde		Bonnie & Clyde				Bonnie & Clyde				
AMC	Home Alone 2				Home Alone 2						
ANIM	Raised Wild		Raised Wild		To Be Announced		Raised Wild		Raised Wild		
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Vanderpump Rules		Real Housewives		Happens		Real Housewives		Vanderpum
CMT	A Christmas Story 2				Cops Rel.		Cops Rel.		Cops Rel.		Cops Rel.
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		AC 360 Later		11th hour		ICYMI		Piers Morgan Live
COMEDY	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily		Colbert		South Pk
DISC	Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Street Outlaws		Fast N' Loud		Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws
DISN	Secret of the Wings			ANT Farm		Phineas	Jessie	Austin		Dog	Good Luck
E!	E! News		Kardashian		After Shock: Heidi &		Chelsea		E! News		Chelsea
ESPN	Countdown		NFL Football						SportsCenter		
ESPN2	SportsCenter		30 for 30				SportCtr		Olbermann		Baseball
FAM	Dr. Seuss'				Grinch		The 700 Club		Snow		
FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	
FX	Ice Age: Dawn				Ice Age: Dawn				Sugar & Spice		
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	Bonnie & Clyde		Bonnie & Clyde				Bonnie & Clyde				
LIFE	Bonnie & Clyde		Bonnie & Clyde				Bonnie & Clyde				
MTV	Catfish: Mentiras		Generation Cryo		Generation Cryo		Generation Cryo		True Life		
NICK	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends		Friends		Friends
SCI	Hulk		The Matrix						The Devil's Advocate		
SPIKE	The Departed				Academy		Cops		Cops		VGX Replay
TBS	Fam. Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang		Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Pete Holm		Conan
TCM	To Be and to Have				Russian Ark				Climates		
TLC	Bigger & Batter		Bakery Boss		Best Fune		Bakery Boss		Best Fune		Best Fune
TNT	Major Crimes		Major Crimes		Rizzoli & Isles		Major Crimes		Mob City		
TOON	Steven	Uncle Gra	Regular	Adventure	Fam. Guy		Rick	Fam. Guy	Cleveland	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Gem Hunt		Bizarre Foods		
TV LAND	Griffith	Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	The King of Queens		
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW				White Collar				NCIS: Los Angeles		
VH1	Love & Hip Hop		Chrissy	Black Ink Crew		Love & Hip Hop		Mob Wives		Chrissy	
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		How I Met		Rules	Rules	Parks
Premium Channels											
HBO	Identity Thief		Six by Sondheim			Getting		Boxing			
MAX	American History X				Contraband						
SHOW	Homeland		Masters of Sex		Homeland		Masters of Sex		Time of Death		

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