Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 16. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday: Scattered flurries between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 49. Breezy, with a southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 17. West wind 5 to 15 mph.

Christmas Day: Sunny, with a high near 46. West wind 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 18. Thursday: Mostly sunny, with

a high near 45. Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 21.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 56. Friday Night: Mostly clear,

with a low around 23. Saturday: Sunny, with a high

near 53. Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 36.

Friday: High, 29; Low 8 Saturday: High, 32; Low 8 Sunday: High, 39; Low 13 Precip: Friday None Saturday None 0.01 inches Sunday 0.03 inches Month: Year: 14.47 inches Normal: 20.86 inches (K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset Tuesdav 8:02 a.m. 5:26 p.m Moon: waning, 58 percent Christmas day 8:03 a.m. 5:26 p.m. Last guarter moon 7:48 a.m. Thursday 8:03 a.m. 5:27 p.m. Moon: waning, 38 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

From "CITY," Page 1 whether to use Utility Service or one of three other companies to repaint the

tower, or just set aside \$50,000 each year and then paint the tower when it needs it. Utility Service bid the project for \$465,000. Cunningham Inc. bid \$339,339, Jetco Limited \$588,900 and AmCoat Painting Technologies \$607,430.

At the last meeting, when the council tabled a decision on which company to go with, McGreer expressed reservations on using Cunningham, the company with the low bid. He asked the council to hold off so he could check references. This time, he said that about half the references he checked were good and half were not. He suggested hiring a construction supervisor if the council decided to choose Cunningham.

Utility Service was the only company offering to taking full responsibility for the maintenance of the tower over an extended time. The company would take over painting and maintaining the tower. The city would pay \$52,566 a year and could cancel the contract at any time.

McGreer, who worked with the company under a similar contract when he was city administrator at Grant, Neb., pointed out that the company takes full responsibility for the upkeep of the water tower, and has to fix anything that goes wrong with it, short of a catastrophe not related to maintenance. "Someone shoots a hole in the side

of the thing, they come up and weld it shut," he said.

Councilman Mike Hake admitted he is biased against that sort of agreement. If the city has enough money saved up over the years, he said, then

city would put aside about the same amount of money as it would pay Utility Service each year.

City plans to heat water tower

"The thing is, I'm more comfortable having it in my bank account than theirs," Hake said.

Jake Dugger a representative of Utility Service, said the company could iron out details in the contract, such as how long the company will be able to go without painting the tower.

Technology Director Mike Albers told the council the tower was built in 1981 or 1982, and McGreer said it had its last paint job in the late 1990s. Mc-Greer said the tower could last indefinitely if the paint is kept up-to-date, but that the tower has been ignored long enough that it is past any sort of warranty.

In other business, the council:

• Decided to work on a master plan for walking trails rather than trying to get a grant to work on the trails. Mc-Greer pointed out that Sue Evans, a member of the Thomas County Coalition, had asked the city to seek a grant to extend the trails. But he said the city would probably have to pay around \$50,000 to have a good chance of getting the grant, plus design and engineering costs.

• Voted to use \$30,000 set aside for overages or other issues regarding the new city water meters to help pay Johnson Controls, the company did the water meter project. The city originally borrowed the money as part of the financing agreement for the project.

• Accepted a bid for \$640,914 to retrofit all six engines at the city power plant from Farabee Mechanical Inc.,

the council will be able to make its a Hickman, Neb., firm that specialown decisions about what to fix on izes in working on water tanks. The the tower. He pointed out that the city decided to retrofit all six engines, and will pay between \$85,000 and \$127,000 each.

> McGreer pointed out that two companies returned bids out of the three that the city sent out. Farabee's was lower than the engineer's estimate of \$800,000, and the other bid was \$817.057.

> He said the city will run the engines on "emergency status," only when power is needed, from April 2 until the project is completed. This is actually much the same way the city has been operating, McGreer said, adding that it costs more to operate the plant than to buy power. The project is required to keep the plant up to Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Environmental Protection Agency standards. All six diesel engines have to be retrofitted for the plant to run over 100 hours a year.

"In my opinion, we spend money or shut down," he said.

"No, we can't do that," said Mayor Gary Adrian.

• Decided to refinish, rather than replace, the playing floor of the Community Building. City employees did some research on the floor, and Mc-Greer told the council they could not find a time that the floor had ever been completely refinished. As far as they know, it is original to the building.

Recreation Director Dane Olofson said he found the floor could be refinished for \$8,000 to \$10,000. McGreer suggested the city take the money from the capital reserve fund, which he said has enough to replace the floor if necessary.

Jail design needs input from agencies

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len Beck, author of the jail's demographics study released Monday. After those talks, he said, he feels that a mix of four-person and one-person cells would be most appropriate.

In two-person cells, Finley explained, one prisoner is always dominant and cellmates tend to get into more fights because of their relationship dynamics.

In four-person or six-person cells, the inmates interact differently, easing conflicts. Finley said he did not feel comfortable with six-person cells because it might be tough to maintain control when inmates do get into

fights.

Steele said Finley's opinion was important "because he's got the boots on the ground."

"I would like to see a bigger exercise area," suggested Taylor. "Those people need to get out and move around so they can at least get a little bit tired for the night."

Taylor said some exercise equipment, such as barbells, can be unsafe in a small jail, but there are options that aren't as easily used as weapons.

Commissioner Paul Steele asked if exercise areas have to be outdoors or if they can be enclosed. Taylor said an exercise area can be inside, outside or each day to buy more.

The group also discussed options for providing meals for inmates.

Regulations require that inmate meals meet certain dietary guidelines, said Finley, but there are companies that provide food service management for small jails, hiring local folks to make meals on-site based on dietary guidelines.

The current jail's "kitchen" is a converted cell that also doubles as a laundry room, said Finley.

Inmates are fed TV dinners, which meet dietary guidelines, but the jail's freezer space is so limited that during peak times, jailers must go to the store



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.

Church offers class on divorce

A 10-week program of hope, healing and support for women experiencing divorce will be offered from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday evenings from Jan. 6 through March 10 at the Colby United Methodist Church. Women of all faiths are welcome. Call Lynette Ball at (785) 675-8606 to enroll or for information.

Church invites all to free lunch

Come and bring a friend to a free "Joyful Blessings" meal from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, Webster and Grant. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Radonda Buford at 462-2804.

Methodists plan Christmas potluck

The Colby United Methodist Church plans a Christmas potluck meal and fellowship at noon Wednesday. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share, along with a favorite board or card game. For information, call Kim Barnett at the church, 460-2761.

Trash crew off Christmas Eve

Colby city offices will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and city workers will be off. The residential trash route for Tuesday was to be picked up today. The Wednesday route will be collected on Thursday.

City sanitation trucks will not be running on New Year's Day, Wednesday, Jan. 1, either. Residential trash will be picked up on Thursday, Jan. 2. For information, contact Omar Weber at the Public Works Department, 460-4420.

The Thomas County Landfill will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday for Christmas Eve and Christmas, reopening at 9 a.m. Thursday. For information, call Larry Jumper at 462-8139.

Tree of Hope supports shelter

A Tree of Hope supporting the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter is at the Farmers and Merchants Bank. For a donation of \$10 for providing homeless animals with food and shelter this winter, your pet or loved one's name can be on a keepsake magnet displayed on the tree. Call Angie Harris at 460-1078 for information.

Mingo church plans service

The Mingo Bible Church will have its first Christmas Eve candlelight communion service at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, open to everyone. For information, call Pastor Tom Peyton at 462-2992.

Church women selling fresh nuts

The women of Ascension Episcopal Church are selling fresh holiday nuts, including pecans, walnuts, cashews and variety packs. For delivery, call Martha Hullett at 462-2505, or pick some up at Colby Canvas.

Foundation applications due

The Thomas County Community Foundation will accept applications for its fourth-quarter grant cycle until Tuesday, Dec. 31. Grant areas include children, education, literacy, cultural, senior citizen services, beautification and more. Go to www.thomascountycommunityfoundation.com for an application or call Executive Director Melinda Olson at 460-9152 if you have questions.

Businesses to be closed for Christmas, Christmas Eve

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be open all day; the pharmacy will be shutting down. The K-State Research fice Complex, Thomas County Land-Extension, the Senior Progress Cen-

fill and the Thomas County

closed on Christmas.

to 6:30 p.m. on Christmas and from 6 will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 2 sources Conservation Service and the Christmas and open until noon on a.m. to 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Other area businesses that are closed on Christmas will be open for at least part of the day on Christmas until 4:30 p.m. Eve, including, Walmart, which will

open until 6 p.m. Dillon's, including the pharmacy, will be open until 6 ter Veterans Affairs Office The U.S. house will also be closed both days. Starbucks will be open from 7 a.m. p.m. on Christmas Eve. Palace Drug Farm Service Agency, Natural Rep.m. and Dollar General will be open Thomas County Conservation Disfrom 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. The Colby trict will be closed on Christmas and Bowl and Fun Center will be open Open on Christmas Eve.

Government offices will also be department, the Thomas County Of- lon's location.

Banks in town will be closed on Christmas Even, including Bank West, People's State Bank, Sunflower Bank, The Bank and Farmers and City Hall and the city public works Merchants bank, including the Dil-

Foster parenting classes set

Foster parenting classes by TFI Family Services will begin Wednesday, Jan. 6, in Colby, with the time and location determined by interested families' schedules. Call Vicki Beiser at (785) 443-0650 or (800) 279-9914.



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ANIM	North America		North America		North America		North America		North America		
BRAVO	Forget Sarah					How to Lose					
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FAM	The Santa Clause 2		Santa Clause 3		_		The 700 Club		Nat'l-Christmas		
FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Diners	Diners	Chopped		
FX	Kung Fu Panda			Kung Fu Pa	anda 2			Shrek Forever After			
HGTV	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hawaii	Hawaii	
HIST	American P	ickers	American F	ickers	American F	vickers	American F	Pickers	American F	Pickers	
LIFE	Christmas Bay				Dear Secre	t Santa	•	Christmas Bay		Bay	
MTV	Nightmare-	Nightmare-Christmas			Adam Sand	dler's			Pranked	Pranked	
NICK	Instant	See Dad	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	Batman Be	gins	The Prestig	le	•	•	Warehouse		e 13	Warehouse	
SPIKE	The Mumm	The Mummy Returns The Scorpion King		on King			Lara Croft-Life		•		
TBS	A Christmas Story				A Christmas Story				A Christmas Story		
TCM	Christmas-0	Con.			Sun Valley Serenade				•		
TLC	Long Island	Medium	Long Island	Medium	Long Island	d Medium	Long Island Medium		Long Island Medium		
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TRAV	Bizarre Foo	ds	Bizarre Wo	rld	Bizarre Wo	rld	Bizarre World		Bizarre World		
TV LAND	Griffith	Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Kirstie	The Exes	King	King	
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MAX	The Negotiator			This Means War			Baby Dolls Behind Bars				
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KBSL/CBS	Undercover Boss		Hawaii Five-0		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman		Ferguson		
KSNK/NBC	Kelly Clarkson's		Michael Bublé		Blake Shelton-Xmas		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno		J. Fallon		
KSAS/FOX				Raising	Local		•					
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AMC	El Dorado				Sons of Katie				•			
ANIM	Gator Boys		Gator Boys		Gator Boys		Gator Boys		Gator Boys			
BRAVO	Steel Magnolias				Steel Magnolias		•			Gangs NY		
CMT	A Christmas Story 2				Cops Rel. Cops Rel.		Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Win, Lose		
CNN	CNN Prese			CNN Presents		lan	CNN Presents		• •			
COMEDY	Jeff Dunham Special		Jeff Dunham: Arguing		Jeff Dunham Special		The Comedy Central Ro		oast Get Him			
DISC	Last Frontier		Last Frontier		Last Frontier		Last Frontier		Last Frontier			
DISN	Good Luck	Jes.	Liv-Mad.	Shake It	Good Luck	Jessie	Dog	Austin	'Twas the N	ight		
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FAM	Santa Clause 3		Nat'l-Christmas				The 700 Club		Bruce Almighty			
FOOD	Rachael v. Guy		Rachael v. Guy		Rachael v. Guy		Diners Diners		Rachael v. Guy			
FX	Kung Fu Panda 2		Train Dragon				Megamind					
HGTV	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Br	others	Property Brothers			
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HIST	Bible Secrets		Bible Secrets		Bible Secrets		Bible Secrets		Bible Secrets			
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TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office	Conan		
TCM	Top Hat				Swing Time				I'll Be Seeing You			
TLC	Undercover Boss Undercov			Boss				Boss	Undercover Boss			
TNT	Pirates-Dea				Pirates-Worlds							
TOON	Gumball	Gumball	Regular	Adventure		Amer. Dad	,	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen		
TRAV	Bizarre Foo	ds	Wh. Magic	Wh. Magic	Magic Man		Bizarre Foo	ds	Wh. Magic	Wh. Magic		
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Kirstie	The Exes	King	King	King	King		
USA	Bridesmaids				Mod Fam Mo		Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam		
VH1	Happy Gilmore				Wild Wild West					Josie		
WGN			Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos			
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