

# School Calendar

**Colby Public Schools**  
**Kirk Nielsen, superintendent, 460-5000**  
**Brian Kraus, high school principal, 460-5300**  
**Robb Ross, middle school principal, 460-5200**  
**Terrel Harrison, grade school principal, 460-5100**  
**Sunday, April 4** - Palm Sunday. Daylight Savings Time begins, set clock forward one hour.  
**Monday, April 5** - Black Day. FFA livestock invitational at 9 a.m. at Cheylin. School board meeting at 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday, April 6** - Orange Day. Forensics at Norton at 3 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 7** - Black Day. Red Cross Blood Drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Colby High School.  
**Thursday, April 8** - Orange Day. PTSA board meeting at noon at Colby Middle School. FFA Northwest District Banquet at 4:30 p.m. at Quinter.  
**Friday, April 9** - No school, Good Friday.

Breakfast, Monday - cinnamon toast, grape juice, milk and cereal choice. Tuesday - breakfast sandwich, apple juice, milk and cereal choice. Wednesday - French toast styx with syrup, orange wedge, milk and cereal choice. Thursday - pancake with syrup, applesauce, milk and cereal choice. Friday, NO SCHOOL.  
Lunch, Monday - taco with the works, rice, cinnamon cornbread with honey, veggies, fruit, dessert, milk.  
Tuesday - ham and cheese or beef and cheese pocket, chips, veggies, fruit, dessert, milk. Wednesday - Soup Day - chili/chicken noodle/broccoli, raw veggies, strawberry fruit mix, crackers, cinnamon roll, milk. Thursday - Pizza/Pizza Hut, garlic toast/bread sticks, veggies, fruit, dessert, milk.



**Sacred Heart School**  
**David Evert, principal 462-2813**  
**Sunday, April 4** - Daylight Savings Time begins.  
**Monday, April 5** - Home and school meeting at 7 p.m.  
**Friday, April 9** - NO SCHOOL, Good Friday.

Lunch - Monday, ham. Tuesday, macaroni and cheese. Wednesday, chicken strips. Thursday, hamburger. Friday, NO SCHOOL, Good Friday.



**Golden Plains Public Schools**  
**Roger Baskerville, Superintendent, 687-326**  
**Wednesday, April 7** - Progress reports due.  
**Friday, April 9** - NO SCHOOL, Good Friday.

Breakfast, Rexford/Selden - Monday - Long Johns/biscuits and gravy. Tuesday - scrambled eggs/Long Johns. Wednesday - breakfast pizza/breakfast burrito. Thursday - hash browns, pancakes.  
Lunch, Rexford/Selden - Monday - wiener wrap/chicken and noodles. Tuesday - pizza/ham. Wednesday - potato bar/tacos. Thursday - chicken nuggets/grilled cheese.



**Brewster Public Schools**  
**Sherry Edmundson, Superintendent, 694-2236**  
**Web site at www.usd314.ks.us**  
**Tuesday, April 6** - Junior High math relays at 2:30 p.m. at Tribune. Drill team awards at 7 p.m. at Brewster Community Church.  
**Friday, April 9** - Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. at the football field. NO SCHOOL, Good Friday.

Breakfast, Monday - pancakes and sausage, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Tuesday - blueberry muffin, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Wednesday - grilled cheese, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Thursday - cinnamon twists, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Friday - NO SCHOOL.  
Lunch, Monday - chicken and noodles, peas, carrots, apricots and pears, rolls, salad bar, milk.  
Tuesday - spaghetti and meatballs, green beans, peaches, mixed fruit, garlic bread, salad bar and milk. Wednesday - taco salad, salsa, tomato chunks, apple halves, applesauce, Jell-O, rolls, salad bar, milk. Thursday - ham and cheese rolls, pickle spear, potato chips, apple and orange halves, salad bar, milk.

# Senate rejects two school finance plans

**By JOHN MILBURN**  
*Associated Press Writer*  
TOPEKA (AP) — With only a single day of work left before the Legislature went on its annual spring break, the Senate still hadn't approved an education funding plan.  
Senators rejected two plans Thursday night differing in size but both raising taxes to benefit elementary and secondary schools.  
A House-passed measure that would have generated an additional \$155 million for school districts failed on a 23-16 vote. A short time later, the Senate defeated a \$59 million proposal — drafted by its own Republican leaders — on a vote of 25-12.  
Senate President Dave Kerr said other senators were working on a plan that would surface Friday. Kerr, R-Hutchinson, said he will vote for the proposal, though he declined to disclose its details.  
“It has its merits and we need to get something moving,” Kerr said.  
GOP leaders were not sure before the Senate took up the two plans that either would pass, given the chamber's inability to approve anything

previously. Legislators are scheduled to recess Friday, then return April 28 to wrap up their business for the year.  
The \$59 million proposal from Senate GOP leaders would have raised the 5.3 percent state sales tax to 5.4 percent, dedicate some lottery funds to schools and change laws to give the state more access to unclaimed private property.  
Under that plan, school districts would receive an additional \$100 per student and more money for bilingual education and programs to help children at risk of failing in school.  
The House-passed package, drafted by Rep. Bill Kassebaum, R-Burdick, would increase the sales tax to 5.5 percent and impose a 4.5 percent surcharge on individual income taxes.  
Schools would receive an additional \$100 per pupil, plus more money for at-risk programs, bilingual education and special education.  
Kassebaum's measure would also let school boards increase local property taxes by up to \$120 million with voter approval.

Sebelius backs the House-approved plan, having seen both chambers reject her proposal to phase in a \$304 million increase in education funding over three years.  
The state currently spends \$2.6 billion on aid to school districts. In December, Shawnee County District Judge Terry Bullock issued a preliminary order that labeled the existing school finance formula unconstitutional and the level of funding it yields inadequate.  
Bullock's ruling, which gave legislators until July 1 to revise the funding formula, has been appealed by the state to the Kansas Supreme Court.  
But the parties remain under a series of deadlines set by Bullock, who ordered them to submit recommendations for what remedy the judge should impose in a final ruling.  
The proposed remedy from the Dodge City and Salina school districts, which brought the lawsuit in 1999, is an additional \$1 billion in state aid to school districts.  
Thursday was the deadline for the attorney general's office and State Board of Education to submit their

suggestions. The board's attorney, Dan Biles, did not propose any remedy, writing instead that Bullock was “without authority” to impose a remedy until after the Supreme Court rules.  
Attorney General Phill Kline's office took the same position.  
“This Court should resist the temptation to aid the plaintiffs in applying political pressure on the Legislature, the governor or any other government officials,” Kline's office said in its document.  
In other action:  
— Legislation allowing Kansans to carry concealed handguns went to Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, who has said she won't sign the bill in its current form.  
— A compromise budget for state government that trims overall spending by three-tenths of 1 percent went to Sebelius.  
— A bill giving juries the option of sentencing someone to life in prison without parole cleared the Legislature.  
— Rep. Bill Reardon, D-Kansas City, the Legislature's longest-serving member, announced that he is not seeking re-election.

# Longest serving member of legislature will retire

TOPEKA (AP) — The longest-serving member of the Legislature announced Thursday that he is not seeking re-election this year.  
Rep. Bill Reardon, D-Kansas City, was first elected in 1974 in the 37th District.  
“Some people go their entire lives and never get a job they love,” said Reardon, 62, a high school government teacher.  
“I've had two my whole life.”  
Reardon said he was not burned out on either his House position or his job at Bishop Miege High School, in Roeland Park, from which he also is retiring after this year. The school has granted him an annual leave to serve in the Legislature.  
But he said that at some point he knew it would be time to move on.  
“This is bittersweet, but it's time,” he said.  
During his 30 years in the House, Reardon has served for 26 years on the House Education Committee — most of them as ranking Democrat.  
Reardon said on Thursday that he would like to do public service work after retirement and did not rule out lobbying on education issues.

# Negotiators strike deal on proposed state budget

TOPEKA (AP) — House and Senate negotiators agreed Monday on a budget that trims state spending by three-tenths of 1 percent, settling dozens of small issues but leaving big ones unresolved.  
The \$10.2 billion compromise budget for the fiscal year that starts July 1 goes next to both chambers. If approved by both in up-or-down

votes, it would go to Gov. Kathleen Sebelius. As drafted by three negotiators each from the House and Senate, the budget does not resolve education or transportation spending issues, the two biggest items facing legislators this year.  
Leaders expect decisions on those services to be made just before the session ends in early May.

## Public Notice

### PROCLAMATION

#### Fair Housing Month

Issued by the County Commissioners  
County of Thomas

**WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, of which Title VIII declared that the law of the land would now guarantee the rights of equal housing opportunity; and**

**WHEREAS, the County of Thomas is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all, and today, many realty companies and associations support fair housing laws; and**

**WHEREAS, the Fair Housing groups and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development have, over the years, received thousands of complaints of alleged illegal housing discrimination and found too many that have proved upon investigation to be violations of the fair housing laws; and**

**WHEREAS, equal housing opportunity is a condition of life in our County that can and should be achieved,**

**I Ronald G Evans, Chairman of Thomas County Commissioners, on behalf of the citizens of Thomas County, do hereby proclaim the month of April as**

#### FAIR HOUSING MONTH

**And express the hope that this year's observance will promote fair housing practices throughout the County.**

Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2004

*Ronald G. Evans*  
Commissioner of Thomas County

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# TNT auction ad

## Some of the local trade-ins available

Due to the success of our Rock Bottom Price Sale we have received many local trade-ins. Here are a few examples.



2002 Pontiac Montana-  
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2000 Pontiac Montana  
•silver•75K miles



2001 Ford Ranger  
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## League Bowling Results

### March 25 - King Pin League

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
Colby Automotive	11	1	84221
Stephens Construction	10	2	82336
Thunderballs	6	6	83625
Colby Bowl & Fun Center	6	6	83331
5 Pony Men	6	6	84338
A & R Farms	5	7	82092
Triple K Racing	2	10	81944
T.J.'s Tire	2	10	81518
First high individual game: Tad Lambert, 246			
First high individual series: Brent Menges, 657			

### March 29 - First Nighters League

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
Frontier Equity	18	6	92605
Code Red	17.5	6.5	92972
Coors	12	12	85557
Woffter Well & Pump	11.5	12.5	92274
Colby Implement	10.5	13.5	93220
OutCasts of Oakley	9.5	14.5	93735
Colby Bowl	9	15	88375
Schlick Construction	8	16	92764
First high Individual game: John Miles, 234			
First high Individual series: Alan Focke, 622			

### March 30 - Pinbusters League

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
United Commercial Travelers	21	3	94069
Colby Automotive	18.5	5.5	94849
Silver Bullets	16	8	87241
Bowladium Lanes - Goodland	15	9	94760
TNT	13	11	92550

Kersenbrock's	12	12	93269
Pepsi Renegades	9	15	93747
Al's Painting	9	15	92600
McCarty Dairy	8	16	85512
Cummins Mid America	8	16	92596
City Slickers	7.5	16.5	88244
Farm Credit	7	17	89003
First high Individual game: Phil Helzer, 277			
First high Individual series: Phil Helzer, 708			

### March 26 - Ten Pin League

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
Don's Electric	11	1	62784
Hurt Enterprise	9	3	63894
Colby Bowl	8	4	63370
Cal Williams	8	4	63084
Western Times	6	6	63750
Sunflower Kitchen Bakery	5	7	62451
L & R Promotions	4	4	53129
Colby Community College	4	8	62556
Passion Party	3	9	59972
Comfort Inn	1	11	63099
First high individual game: Julie Samuelson, 201			
First high individual series: Julie Samuelson, 553			

### March 24 - Powderpuff League

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
Western Sprinklers	20	16	59265
Camouflage Lawn Care	19	17	58995
Nightmares	19	17	54041
Weiser Insurance	18	18	58594
Service Oil	18	18	58806
First high individual game: Dee Hovda, 201			
First high individual series: Lesley Wagoner, 533			

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