


Weather Corner



High 37, lows near 20

The forecast
Tonight — Partly cloudy then gradually becoming clear with a low around 17. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. **Tuesday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 37. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.
Tuesday night — Clear with a low around 20. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Wednesday — Sunny with a high near 40. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.
Wednesday night — Mostly clear with a low around 20.
Thursday — A slight chance of freezing rain and sleet. Cloudy, with a high near 25. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Temperatures
Sunday's high, 28
Low this morning, 12
Records for this date, 71 in 1965, -18 in 1988
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
January's precipitation, 0.00
A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-8367.

Utility crews continue storm repairs

TOPEKA (AP) — Utilities continued repairing downed power poles Sunday, more than a week after a storm dumped a mixture of snow, rain and ice across western Kansas.

At the peak of the storm, more than 20,000 Aquila Inc. customers and 46,300 customers of nine rural electric cooperatives lost power.

But Sunday afternoon, Aquila had only about 110 customers still without power — 90 in Ness City — and hoped to have power restored to everyone by Sunday evening, said spokesman Curt Floerchinger.

The cooperatives had reduced the number of outages to 11,262 by Friday, the latest information available from the Kansas Electric Cooperatives Inc., a statewide association.

Shana Holsteen, spokeswoman for the association, said it could be another two weeks before power is restored to all the cooperatives' customers.

"One problem we are facing is that the lines that were coated with 3- to 4- inches of ice, as the ice breaks off, the lines will snap back up," she said. "Sometimes that will cause more outages as the lines make contact with one another."

The association reported that the storm toppled 10,500 of the cooperatives' powerpoles. And ice damaged or destroyed 21 steel structures belonging to Sunflower Electric Power Corp., which serves six rural electric cooperatives.

"In my experience, I've been here 10 years. I've never seen one go down," Holsteen said of the towers.

Sunflower had miles of high-voltage transmission lines downed. And one of the cooperatives Sunflower serves, Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, was working to repair a storm-damaged substation, which converts energy from high-voltage lines into energy that homes and businesses can use.

Another cooperative, Pioneer Electric Cooperative Inc., reported that it was sending out heavy equipment, such as bulldozers, with its utility trucks to ensure that the equipment could reach rural areas without getting stuck.

"When the storm hit, it rained and then they had ice and snow," Holsteen said. "So now that the ice has melted, they are dealing with very muddy conditions. That has made it very difficult for the line crews to get to the areas with the damage."

Briefly

Fair board to meet Thursday

The Thomas County Fair Board will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday at the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds.

Items on the agenda include Thomas County extension agent report; bills and financial report; committee reports on the buildings and grounds, rodeo, parade, demolition derby, races, fair book and advertising expenses and income. A discussion on the bluegrass festival contract, a committee to set up a vendor map and other committees is on the agenda. The meeting is open to the public.

Trash pickup starts normal routes

Residential trash trucks resumed normal collection routes today. City officials urge residents to please make sure the trash pickup area is free of snow, if possible. For questions, call 460-4420

Blood testing continues this week

The Wellness Fair committee has extended the blood testing, at the same prices, from 7 to 11 a.m. throughout the week at Citizens Medical Center. Anyone who had blood work done

prior to this week, will have lab results will be available the day of the fair, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, at Colby College.

Anyone participating this week will have lab work results mailed. Blood tests being offered include: comprehensive metabolic panel/lipid profile/complete blood count, \$20; thyroid stimulating hormone, \$15, prostrate specific antigen, \$20 and hemoglobin A1C, a three month reading of glucose, is specifically for known diabetics but anyone can have it done. There is also a \$5 fair registration fee. For questions, call Jeanene Brown, committee member, at 460-4850.



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New of Record

The following arrests or incidents have been provided by either the Thomas County Sheriff's office or the Colby Police Department. All suspects were booked into the county jail and are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The Thomas County Jail is used by the towns of Colby and Oakley and Logan and Thomas counties.

Thomas County Sheriff Thursday, Dec. 7

• **Disorderly conduct:** Heidi Mae Bishop, 20, of Colby was arrested in the 600 block of South Franklin at 2:05 a.m. by Colby police. Charge pending is disorderly conduct related to a domestic dispute.

• **Driving under the influence:** Neal Edward Bishop, 54, of Colby, was arrested at 8:20 a.m. in the 200 block of North Court by the Thomas County Sheriff's office. Charges pending include a third driving-under-the-influence charge and maximum speed limit in Ellis County.

• **Possession of marijuana:** Christopher Louis Reese, 28, of Salisbury, Md., was arrested at 3 p.m. on Interstate 70 by the Kansas Highway Patrol. Charges pending are possession of marijuana, distributing marijuana, no drug tax stamp and unlawful use of communication device.

• **Probation violation:** Kelly Yvonne Duvall, 36, of Colby, was arrested at 3:30 p.m. on Range Avenue by Colby police. The charge pending is a probation violation from Lincoln County, Colo.

• **Worthless check:** Paula Jo Harry, 26, of Colby, was arrested at the Law Enforcement Center by the Thomas County sheriff's office on giving a worthless check. Harry plead guilty and restitution. Court costs, fine and probation fees were waived and she was placed on six-month unsupervised probation.

Friday, Dec. 8

• **Battery, disorderly:** Pedro Nmn Galicia, 35, of Colby, was arrested at 11:26 p.m. at Twisters, 735 E. College Dr. by Colby police. Charges pending included battery against a law enforcement officer, disorderly conduct, and obstruction of official duty.

• **Driving under the influence:** Scott Charles Roesch, 25, of Colby, was arrested at 7:13 p.m. by Colby

police in the law enforcement center. Charge pending is a second driving under the influence.

Sunday, Dec. 10

• **Bond violation:** Timothy Eugene Sutton, 19, of Colby was arrested at 10 p.m. by Thomas County Court Services at the Law Enforcement Center. Charges pending include bond violation on a theft charge and failure to appear for a driving while suspended citation.

Monday, Dec. 11

• **Speeding:** Eric Jason McMillian, 37, of Kansas City, Mo., was arrested at 11 a.m. on I-70 by the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Charges pending include failure to appear on a speeding citation and failure to appear on no proof of insurance, both from the Riley County Sheriff's office.

• **Burglary, theft:** Thomas Allen

Shoaff, 46, of Colby, was arrested at 5:09 p.m., in Page City by the Logan County Sheriff's office. Charge pending is burglary and theft through the Oakley Police Department.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

• **Probation violation, assault:** Justin Douglas Levin, 18, of Colby, was arrested at 5:53 p.m. in the 600 block of North Range by the Thomas County Sheriff's office. Charges pending are probation violations on a domestic and assault case both from the Saline County Sheriff's office.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

• **Driving while suspended:** Stephen Alexander Martinez, 20, of Balch Springs, Texas, was arrested at 10:46 p.m. on I-70 by the Kansas Highway Patrol. Charge pending is driving while suspended in Thomas

County.

• **Marijuana:** Mark Atwan Langley, 34, of Detroit, Mich., was arrested at 3:58 p.m. on I-70 by the Thomas County Sheriff's office. Charges pending are conspiracy to distribute marijuana and unlawful use of a communication device.

• **Furnishing:** Micheal Alfred Walters, 50, of Colby, was arrested at 1:09 p.m. at the law enforcement center by Thomas County Sheriff's deputy. Charge pending was furnishing to a minor.

Walters plead guilty. He paid court costs and fines.

• **Marijuana:** Thamicha Helen Bryant, 27, of Los Angeles, Calif., was arrested at 2:08 p.m. on I-70 by the Thomas County Sheriff's office. Charge pending was possession of marijuana with intent to sell.

• **Burglary, more:** Justin Todd

Student News

Colby graduate makes dean's list at Bethany College

LINDSBORG — Crystal Mannebach, a sophomore from Colby, was included on the Dean's Honor Roll at Bethany College for the fall semester.

Mannebach is majoring in elementary education.

Bethany College, established by Swedish Lutheran immigrants in 1881, is a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, officials said.

The mission of Bethany College is to nurture and challenge individuals in their search for truth and meaning as they live lives of faith, learning and service.

Barton, 19, of Colby, was arrested at 7:06 p.m. by Colby police. Charges pending are burglary, theft, and criminal damage to property.

• **Methamphetamine:** Steven Lavon Johnson, 43, of Colby, was arrested at 5:25 p.m. on U.S. Highway 83. Charges pending are possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia in Johnson County.

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