

## Weather Corner



Tonight...Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows around 11. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Mostly cloudy. Scattered flurries. Highs in the mid 20s. Northwest winds 15 to 20 mph. Gusts up to 30 mph in the afternoon.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy. Scattered flurries. Lows around 6. West winds around 10 mph.

Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 30s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows around 13.

Sunday and Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light snow. Highs in the upper 20s. Lows around 8.

Martin Luther King Jr Day...Mostly cloudy in the morning then becoming partly sunny. A 20 percent chance of light snow. Highs in the lower 20s.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows around 7.

Tuesday through Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 20s. Lows around 11.

Wednesday's low, high: 1, 22  
.5 inch of snow

## News 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 Sunday, Jan 6, 2008

- **Pedestrian Under Influence:** Louie James Gonzales, 35, of Lamare, Colo., was arrested at 2:05 a.m. by Colby police in the 600 block of East Fourth Street. He was charged as a pedestrian under the influence.

- **Disorderly:** Lawrence Dean Hapke, II, 32, of Colby, and Casey Lee Anderson, 22, of Oakley, were arrested at 1:11 a.m. by a sheriff's deputy at City Limits Bar and Grill, 2227 S. Range Ave. Both were charged with disorderly conduct.

- **Driving Under Influence:** Dustin Dean Mullis, 25, of Colby, was arrested at 6:29 a.m. by Colby police in the 400 block of North Copeland. He was charged with driving under the influence and driving a vehicle with a suspended drivers license.

### Monday, Jan. 7, 2008

- **Pedestrian Under Influence:** Garth Lee Kruse, 42, of Oakley, was arrested at 7:24 p.m. by Colby police in the 200 block of North Franklin Avenue. He was charged as a pedestrian under the influence.

- **Accident:** The sheriff's office was advised at 11:52 a.m. of a vehicle hitting a gas meter in the 200 block of Second Street in Brewster.

- **Lost:** An individual advised the sheriff's office at 2:32 p.m. of a lost cellular telephone in the 1300 block of First Street Annex.

- **Suspicious vehicle:** The sheriff's office was called at 4:27 p.m. about a suspicious vehicle on the south side of U.S. Highway 24, two miles east of Colby.

### Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008

- **Property damage, theft:** Peter Dennis Twist, 46, of Denver, Colo. and James Alvin Hill, 40, of Aurora, Colo., were arrested at 10 a.m. by the Thomas County Sheriff's office in Goodland. Both were held for Colby police on charges of criminal damage to property, criminal trespass and theft.

- **Service rendered:** Oakley police alerted area law enforcement agencies about a gas skip from Mitten Truck Stop. A Thomas County sheriff's deputy located the vehicle on Interstate 70 about 18 miles east of Colby and escorted the car back to the truck stop.

- **Service rendered:** A sheriff's deputy helped a stranded motorist on I-70 about eight miles east of Colby.

### Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008

- **Drug possession:** Lewis Warren Black, 25, of Colby, was arrested at 12:39 a.m. by Colby police in the 200 block of North Country Club Drive. He was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- **Suspended license:** Dustin Ray Armstrong, 19, of Grainfield, was arrested at 12:35 a.m. by Colby police on Range Avenue and College Drive. He was charged with driving with a suspended drivers license.

### Thursday, Jan. 10, 2008

- **Disorderly conduct:** Curt L. Howell, 31, of Geneva, Neb., was arrested by Colby police at City Limits Bar and Grill, 2227 S. Range Ave. He was charged with disorderly conduct.

- **Fight:** An individual called Colby dispatch at 12:55 a.m. about a fight that occurred at City Limits Bar and Grill.

- **Service rendered:** Two deputies from the Thomas County Sheriff's office assisted the Kansas Highway Patrol at 4:06 p.m. with an injury accident at Country Club Drive and Hill Street.

- **Theft:** An individual called Colby dispatch at 4:14 p.m. advising of a strap taken off a semi at Colby Implement, 2106 U.S. Highway 24.

- **Animal complaint:** A person called the sheriff's office at 10:39 p.m. advising of buffalo on County Road 11 and AA, about 10 miles northwest of Colby.

### Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008

- **Service rendered:** A 911 emergency call at 4:30 p.m. advised the sheriff's office of an infant not breathing in the 2800 block of North Range Avenue. A deputy provided escort from the location to Citizens Medical Center.

- **Traffic complaint:** An individual called Colby dispatch at 10:25 p.m. advising of a vehicle driving recklessly in the area of County Road 13 and County Road W, about seven miles northwest of Colby.

### Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008

- **Service rendered:** A 911 emergency call sent authorities eight miles east of Colby on I-70 to assist a motorist who said his pickup was stalled. Taylor Motors towed the vehicle.

- **Traffic complaint:** A sheriff's deputy spoke to the owner of a stalled vehicle at 10:30 p.m. The car stopped just off Country Club Drive at Willow and the owner said he would move it the next morning.

### Monday, Jan. 14, 2008

- **Service rendered:** A motorist made a 911 emergency call at 2:37 p.m. advising a semi had run him off the road on I-70 about 18 miles west of Colby. The sheriff's deputy said there was no damage to the vehicle and the caller did not want to file a report.

### Colby Police Department Monday, Jan. 7, 2008

- **Parking complaint:** A resident called police at 8:29 a.m. advising of an unauthorized vehicle parked in the 700 block of South Franklin Avenue. A parking citation was issued.

- **Criminal damage:** An individual made a 911 emergency call at 9:02 a.m. advising of a possible car tire being slashed at Family Center for Health Care, 310 E. College. The officer advised no damage other than normal wear and tear to the tire.

- **Suspicious incident:** An employee from Burger King called at 10:10 a.m. advising of someone going through the drive up and quick changing the clerk. The business did not want to make a

report, but the officer did contact other businesses in the area about the incident.

- **Recovered property:** An individual called police at 10:23 a.m. saying someone was trying to sell possibly stolen wire to a Colby business.

- **Miscellaneous:** A person advised police at 10:43 a.m. of papers being stolen from the 300 block of East Hill Street.

- **Suspicious incident:** An individual called police dispatch at 7:14 p.m. about a person at Franklin and Webster flagging her down and then yelling at her in a threatening manner.

- **Noise complaint:** An individual made a 911 emergency call at 11:38 p.m. advising police of people in the 200 block of West Third Street being loud and playing their music too loud. A police officer spoke to the residents and asked them to turn down the music.

### Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008

- **Theft:** An individual called the sheriff's office at 1:06 p.m. advising his girlfriend had taken the rent money, moved out and put his belongings in a friend's yard the previous night.

- **Hit and run:** A call at 10:02 p.m. to the police dispatch advised authorities of a hit and run in the

Colby Community Building parking lot, 285 E. Fifth St.

### Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008

- **Traffic:** A police officer made a traffic stop at College and Terrace Drive at 12:28 a.m. reference an individual driving with a suspended license.

- **Accident:** A 911 emergency call at 1:03 p.m. advised police of an accident at Summit and Range Avenue.

- **Traffic complaint:** A 911 emergency call at 4:07 p.m. advised police of someone on the hood of a car in the southbound lane of Franklin Avenue.

- **Animal complaint:** A 911 emergency call at 9:34 p.m. advised authorities of a pit-bull at Pine and Garfield. The officer advised the dog was locked up and the situation was all right.

### Thursday, Jan. 10, 2008

- **Suspicious incident:** An individual came to the law enforcement center at 12:41 a.m. advising of friends saying his girlfriend was not there, but some of her items were.

- **Criminal threat:** A person called police dispatch at 1:22 a.m. advising of being threatened in the 700 block of West Eighth Street. Police spoke with an individual and was advised not to return.

## Governor proposes new spending, taps gambling

TOPEKA (AP) — Before the first coin drops into a slot machine, Gov. Kathleen Sebelius is relying on new gambling revenues to make her budget work.

She outlined a proposed budget Tuesday that includes more than \$81 million in revenues from casino operators and slot machines at dog and horse tracks. Sebelius also proposed tapping the state's rainy day funds, a practice that has become common in recent years.

That combination allowed Sebelius to recommend new spending on early childhood and higher education programs, pay raises for state workers and bigger pensions for government retirees. She also proposed keeping past commitments to highway projects and increasing aid to public schools.

She and her budget staff believe the state will receive its first gambling revenues, from slot machines at race tracks, later this year. But Budget Director Duane Goossen acknowledged the administration assumes the law allowing the new gambling will withstand a pending court challenge.

Sebelius proposes to increase total spending about 3.6 percent, to nearly \$13.6 billion for the 2009 fiscal year, which begins July 1. A majority of the \$471 million in new spending would go to education, social services, and state employee raises.

"We're recommending a lean budget," Goossen said during a briefing for reporters. "It keeps the commitments that have been made and also targets money to some key investments."

Some Republican legislators were skeptical that the gambling dollars will flow to the state as quickly as the Democratic govern-

nor anticipates.

The new gambling law permits casinos in four counties and slots at racetracks in Kansas City and Frontenac, in Crawford County. The Kansas Lottery will own the new gambling but hire developers to build and manage the new operations. Some critics question whether the arrangement is allowed under the Kansas Constitution.

Attorney General Paul Morrison filed a "friendly" lawsuit to settle the issue, and a Shawnee County district judge could rule later this month. The final decision is likely to be made by the Kansas Supreme Court.

"We shouldn't be counting on that money," said Sen. Phil Journey, a Haysville Republican and attorney who opposed the new gambling law. "When the money doesn't come, then all of a sudden the whole budget becomes very problematic."

The law requires developers to pay fees for the right to place each slot machine at a race track and to build and operate a casino.

Sebelius' budget anticipates that the state will receive \$4.4 million in fees before July 1 from the developers who install slots at the tracks, and \$30.5 million in fees after that from casino developers. The state expects licenses to be granted for Ford County and either, Cherokee, Sumner or Wyandotte County sometime in fiscal 2009.

Her budget also assumes that slots at the tracks will generate an additional \$47 million in profits for the state between now and July 1, 2009.

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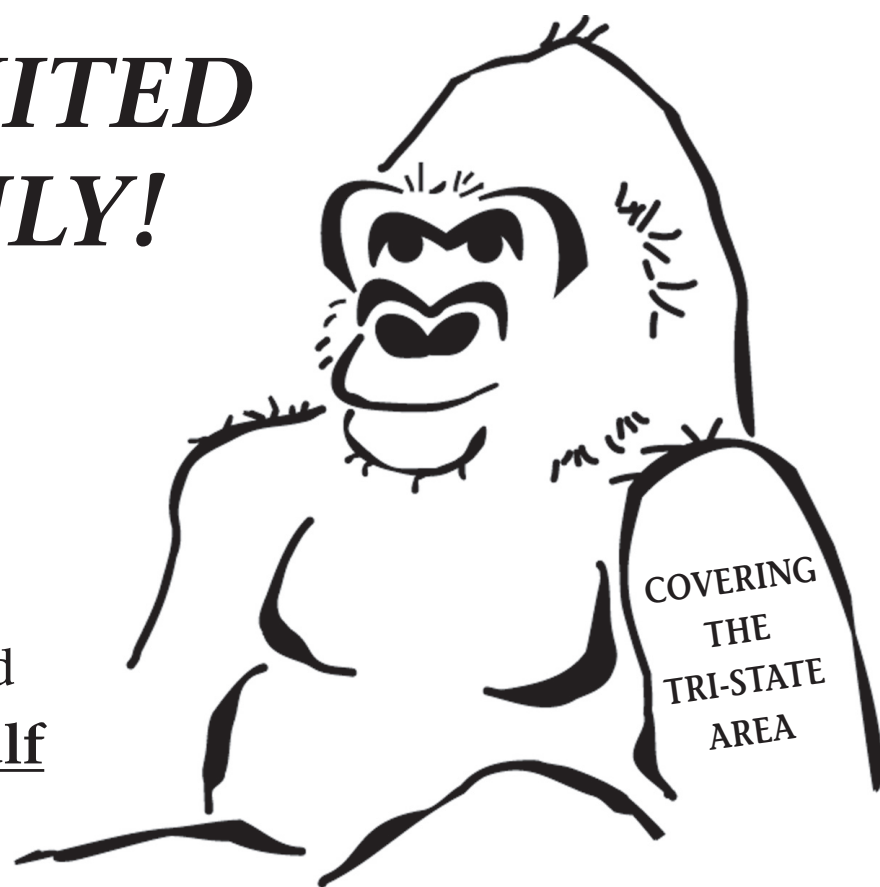
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