

## Weather Corner



**National Weather Service**  
**Tonight:** A 40 percent chance of snow after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25. East wind between 10 and 15 mph. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.  
**Friday:** Snow, mainly before noon. High near 30. Blustery, with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent. New snow accumulation of 2 to 4 inches possible.  
**Friday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 10. North wind between 10 and 15 mph becoming calm.  
**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 30. Calm wind becoming southeast between 10 and 15 mph.  
**Saturday Night:** A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 11.  
**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 34.  
**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 15.  
**Presidents' Day:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 45.  
**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 20.  
**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 48.  
**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.  
**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 45.  
 Wednesday: High, 56; Low 24  
 Precip: Wed. 0.00 inches  
 Month: 0.33 inches  
 Year: 0.48 inches  
 Normal: 0.97 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)

## Students score big in awards

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the Main ARTery in Ulysses; Susan Copas, an instructor at Seward County Community College; Marla Harris of Elkhart, a professional ceramics artist with Harris Gallery; and Robin Waldron, a jewelry and ceramics artist. Award ceremonies will be Saturday, Feb. 21, in Ulysses.

The winning entries can be seen at the regional show at the Grant County Adobe Historic Museum in Ulysses until then.

The ceremony will include 50 Gold Key (first place) winners, 50 Silver Key winners and over a hundred honorable mention awards.

Projects of the Gold Key winners will then be judged again to see which will advance to Nationals, Roberts said.

Winners of Gold Key Awards were Tess Brown and Shelby Klinger in Pastel Self-Portrait, Kylie Kennedy for Watercolor Landscape, Samantha Schmidt and Krisstal Kriss for Pastel Self-Portrait, Quinnlyn Woofter for Weaving, Luke Schroeder for Ceramic and Michelle Schroeder for Drawing Still-Life.

Silver Key awards went to Eric Blanton for Watercolor Landscape, Kiri Kendrick for Coiled Basket and Metal Box, Luke Schroeder for Ceramic Slab Construction and Woofter for Ceramic Vessels. Honorable mention went to Kayla Hockersmith for Drawing, Klinger for Oil Self-Portrait, Kennedy for Colored Pencil Self-Portrait, Blanton for Pastel Self-Portrait and Kriss for Painting Self-Portrait.

National competition will be in June in New York. Last year, Roberts said, Woofter's and Lissa Mazanec's entries advanced to national competition.



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 Final touches were being put on Casa de Burritos today in preparation for the opening.

## Restaurant coming to downtown Colby

Casa de Burritos, meaning House of Burritos, plans to open its doors next Thursday morning on Fourth Street in downtown Colby.

Owners Brent and Lorraine Powell came from Greeley, Colo., where they ran a similar restaurant. They have friends in Colby, Lorraine said, and they chose the new location because "Colby is a very friendly place."

"Everything will be home made," said Lorraine, who will be the head cook, adding that her specialty is green chile. "Another specialty will be the bacon, lettuce, tomato tortilla, plus enchiladas, tacos, nachos and combo plates." The husband-and-wife team have been working side by side as they redecorate, hoping to make the atmosphere authentic and inviting. They said they will be serving breakfast, lunch and dinner of the Tex-Mex and New Mexico-style cuisine, along with some American food, such as hamburgers, on certain days.

They plan to have a special of the day and will be serving free coffee through February and March.

"If you come in for breakfast and want to take a burrito or taco with you for lunch, that will be available," said Brent.

Casa de Burritos will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The restaurant will be closed on Sunday.

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## Retail sales brighter

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the largest amount in seven years as companies sought to cut stock-piles in response to the dismal holiday season. The Commerce Department said inventories dropped by 1.3 percent, far worse than the 0.9 percent analysts expected.

The financial markets fell on the news. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped more than 170 points in midday trading, and broader indices also declined.

The 631,000 new jobless claims filed two weeks ago was the highest tally since October 1982, when the economy was emerging from a steep recession, though the labor force has grown by about half since then.

The four-week average of claims, which smooths out fluctuations, rose by 24,000 to 607,500, the first time that figure has topped 600,000 in the current recession.

Economists consider jobless claims a timely, if volatile, indicator of the health of the labor markets and broader economy. A year ago, initial claims stood at 339,000.

Companies from a range of sectors are hemorrhaging jobs as the

recession worsens. Consumers have cut back on their spending in response to declining home values and plummeting stock portfolios, and businesses also are tightening their belts.

On Wednesday, Boston-based money manager Putnam Investments said it would cut 260 jobs, or about 10 percent of its work force.

A day earlier, General Motors said it would cut 10,000 salaried jobs, or 14 percent of its white-collar employees. FedEx Corp. said Monday it is eliminating 900 positions.

Among the states, California saw the biggest increase in jobless claims, a jump of 20,000 that it attributed to layoffs in construction and service industries.

Virginia saw the largest drop in claims, which it attributed to fewer layoffs in manufacturing.

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