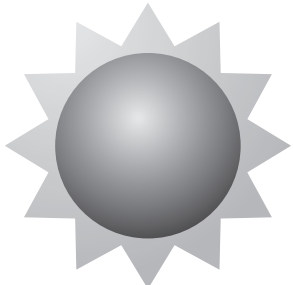


Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 51. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25. Northwest wind around 10 mph.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 56. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 49.
Sunday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Monday: A slight chance of rain and snow. Partly cloudy, with a high near 43. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 47.
 Monday: High, 42; Low 20
 Tuesday: High, 52; Low 20
 Precip: Monday 0.00 inches
 Tuesday 0.00 inches
 Month: 0.30 inches
 Year: 25.49 inches
 Normal: 19.95 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Thursday 7:33 a.m. 5:26 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

School board struggles to stay ahead of budget cuts

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action. At the meeting, the Colby board agreed not to join Schools for Fair Funding, a coalition that plans to sue the state to force it to put up more money. Fifty-seven districts have joined the group, including Norton, where the board voted to join Nov. 9. The Oberlin School District voted not to join the same day.

Board Vice President Tracy Rogers said he felt the time wasn't right. Board President Janice Frahm expressed concern about what would happen during future budget cycles. Rogers said he thought the board should remain moral supporters of the effort for now. To join would have cost the district about \$3 per full-time equivalent on the student count, about \$2,700.

Other theories on how schools can weather the cutbacks have been put forward. Harrison said. She pointed to a recent interview by state Board of Education member Dr. Walt Chappell, who said that removing restrictions on money in some of the accounts school districts already have could help them to offset the state budget

cuts. The accounts are designated to pay for specific things, she said. For example, the money in a fund to pay off bonds used to build the high school has to go for that purpose.

There are several funds that don't have designated uses, such as the Contingency Reserve, she said, however it is already being used to cover some of the shortfalls and delayed payments from the state.

"If the state's not going to pay us, then we have to have some money in the contingency to cover emergencies," the superintendent said.

The district has to cover its payroll and bills each month and has been using the fund to cover some of that. However, Harrison said, there is not enough in the fund to completely cover those areas without any state help.

Capital Outlay is another fund with some money, she added, but there is no way for the district to replenish it without raising taxes. The board has discussed levying a tax to put money into the fund, but has not yet made a decision.

For now, Harrison said, the administration is trying to get the word out about possible cuts,

talking to organizations and local government councils. She said she will be meeting with teachers soon to go over the talking points with them so that they have information in hand when discussing the issue with parents.

"Our first step is to get the word out about what's happening to us and exactly how much money we're losing," she said. "It will affect them - directly."

In other business, the board:

- Accepted the retirement of Colby High Principal Don Krebs, effective at the end of the school year. The board thanked him for his hard work.
- "We're most pleased with the positive attitude that's been established at the high school," Frahm said.

Krebs, already a retiree, stepped in as interim principal last November after the board fired the previous principal, and stayed on for the 2009-2010 school year.

- Heard Activities Director Larry Gabel congratulate the Colby High football team for a good season. He said the Eagles made the playoffs for the second year running.

"A lot of kids worked really hard to get there," he said.

Gabel said he hopes for another good season next year, but acknowledged that it will be more difficult in the new Great West

Conference, which includes larger schools such as Goodland, Scott City and Ulysses.

"It's my hope that in several years, we'll be the Buehlers, that we'll dominate," he said.

- Heard Gabel report that 21 girls and 26 boys turned out for basketball and at least 40 for wrestling. He said he has been working on the schedules to reduce the numbers of trips each team takes without eliminating games. In some cases, he has scheduled games for two teams for the same day against the same school to eliminate an extra trip.
- Heard from Krebs that the high school's fall musical "Oklahoma!" was a hit. Fully a third of the student body was involved in the production, including those who worked behind the scenes. Krebs said they had an audience of 400 at the Thursday performance and 500 at the Friday performance.
- Krebs said he was asked to supervise the students before one of performances, but he didn't have bothered since the kids were so well behaved.
- "I can't say enough about them," he said.
- Learned from Krebs that the high school has been criticized in the past for not doing enough to prepare students for the ACT college entrance test, so this year

they will have a preparatory session on Dec. 12 and another one before the spring test date.

Krebs also said the high school will be having a "Senior Night" where seniors and their parents can learn about college and student aid applications.

"May is going to be here before you know it," he said.

- Heard Middle School Principal Rob Ross say he had applied for the Kansas Association of School Administrator's Gold Standard Award, which recognizes schools that have met building-wide standards. The school won the award last year, and Ross said he is confident it will get the award this year as well.
- Heard Ross report that absences at the middle school are down from a month ago, but still higher than last year at this time. He said he suspects the worst of flu season is over.
- Heard from Grade School Principal Lance Krannawitter that the school's staff collected 390 receipts while working a night at the Colby McDonalds on Nov. 2, which amounted to 1,100 points that the school can use to "buy" school supplies from McDonalds. Krannawitter said the school could either save the points up for something large or split them up among each grade level.

Colby insurance agent earns service recognition

Rita Roe-Peters, American Family Insurance agent in Colby, has been recognized for customer satisfaction under the J.D. Power and Associates Distinguished Insurance Agency Program.

Roe-Peters has been an agent with American Family Insurance since March, 1992. Her office is at 290 N. Franklin Ave.



R. Roe-Peters

To be recognized in the program, agents must meet tough standards, including speedy response and accessibility to their customers, rapid follow-up on claims, proac-

tive customer contact, professional office environment and regular offers of personal insurance reviews.

"This is our fifth year of applying the Distinguished Insurance Agency criteria to our agents," said Jack Salzwedel, American Family president and chief operating officer, "With each passing calendar quarter, American Family has witnessed an improvement in customer service."

The recognition is reassessed each year, he said.

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Thursday Evening November 19, 2009

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	FlashForward		Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Survivor: Samoa		CSI: Crime Scn		The Mentalist		Local	Late Show-Letterman	Late Late	
KSNK/NBC	Community Parks		Office	30 Rock	The Jay Leno Show		Local	Tonight Show	Late Nigh	
KSAS/FOX	Bones		Fringe		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		Crime 360		The First 48	
AMC	The Green Mile								Outbreak	
ANIM	Lion Christian		Wild Horse				Lion Christian		Wild Horse	
BRAVO	Real Housewives OC		Real Housewives OC		Real Housewives OC		Real Housewives OC		Watch	Housewife
CMT	Smarter	Smarter	Best Whorehse				Smarter		Smarter	Best
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live	
COMEDY	Scrubs	Scrubs	Dunham	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	S. Park	Daily	Colbert	Free Radi	Dunham
DISC	MythBusters		Cook County Jail		Cook County Jail		MythBusters		Cook County Jail	
DISN	Dadnapped			Phineas	Phineas	Montana	Wizards	So Raven	Life With	Cory
E!	Celebrity Body				Vampires	Twilight	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Girls
ESPN	College Football						SportsCenter		NFL Live	NFL Live
ESPN2	College Basketball		Score	College Basketball			SportsNation		NASCAR	
FAM	Christmas Caper		A Carol Christmas				The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
FOOD	Paula's Thanksgiving		Desserts		Cakes	Cakes	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Desserts	
FX	Click				Sunny	League	Sunny	League	Jackie-1stStrike	
HGTV	My First	My First	House	House		Estate	Property	My First	House	House
HIST	WWII in HD		WWII in HD		WWII in HD		Sex in World War II		WWII in HD	
LIFE	Project Runway		Project Runway		Project Runway		Models	Project Runway	Models	
MTV	S. Park	S. Park	Strict Parents		Strict Parents		Gone Too Far		Strict Parents	
NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
SCI	Lockjaw: Rise		Mutants				War of the Worlds 2			
SPIKE	The Ultimate Fighter		TNA Wrestling				Super	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Talladega Nights:				Lopez Tonight		Funny	Funny
TCM	Green Fire				Bridge-Toko-Ri				Rockingham	
TLC	Street Customs		American Chopper		Family Armor		American Chopper		Family Armor	
TNT	NBA Basketball						NBA Basketball			
TOON	Chowder	Flapjack	Total	Johnny T	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Beach Resorts		Bizarre Foods		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		Beach Resorts	
TV LAND	Griffith	Griffith	Married	Married	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne		Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	House		House		House		House		White Collar	
VH1	Gone Good		Tough Love			Brooke	Brooke	Brooke	Love of Ray J	
WGN	WWE Superstars		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	WWE Superstars	
Premium Channels										
HBO	Terror in Mumbai		Meet the Spartans		Pacquiao		Sex Quiz	Cathouse	X-Files: Believe	
MAX	Disting.	Meet Dave			Showgirls				Uninvited	
SHOW	Dexter		The Amateurs				Epps, Rated			

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Friday Evening November 20, 2009

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Shrek the Third				20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Ghost Whisperer		Medium		NUMB3RS		Local	Late Show-Letterman	Late Late	
KSNK/NBC	Law & Order		Dateline NBC		The Jay Leno Show		Local	Tonight Show	Late Nigh	
KSAS/FOX	House		Bones		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds	
AMC	House on Hill				Return to House					
ANIM	I Shouldn't Be Alive		I'm Alive		Pit Bulls-Parole		I'm Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive	
BRAVO	Hannibal		Panic Room						Panic Room	
CMT	Smarter	Smarter	Cable Guy's Christmas	Luau	Cable Guy's Christmas	Luau	Smarter		Smarter	
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live	
COMEDY	Scrubs	Scrubs	Bill Engvall		Presents	Presents	Live at Gotham		Presents	Presents
DISC	Deadliest Catch		Lobstermen		Colossal Squid		Deadliest Catch		Lobstermen	
DISN	Wizards	The Suite	Phineas	Phineas	Montana	Phineas	So Raven		The Suite	Cory
E!	Lamas	Twilight	Girls	Girls	The Soup	Soup	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	The Soup
ESPN	NBA Basketball						NBA Basketball			
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Football							NASCAR
FAM	Santa Who?		I Saw Mommy				The 700 Club		70s Show	70s Show
FOOD	Thanksgiving		Thanksgiving		Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Rachael	Thanksgiving	
FX	Click		13 Going on 30				Sons of Anarchy		Man of the House	
HGTV	Property	Property	House	Buck	House	House	The Unsel	My First	House	Buck
American Profile We Celebrate Hometown Life Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper.										
HIST	WWII in HD		Ancients-Badly		Lock N' Load		Ancients-Badly		WWII in HD	
LIFE	DietTribes		Project Runway		Project Runway		Models	Will	Frasier	Medium
MTV	S. Park	S. Park	Real World-Rd		Death Proof					
NICK	The Troop	The Troop	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
SCI	Stargate Universe		Stargate Universe		Sanctuary		Stargate Universe		Sanctuary	
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed		UFC 89				Super		Ways Die	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Mean Girls				Secondhand Lions			
TCM	One Potato 2				The Landlord				The Great White Hope	
TLC	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Happily	Happily	Dress	Dress	Happily	Happily
TNT	Bones		Shooter						U.S. Marshals	
TOON	Star Wars	Ben 10	Ben 10: Alien Force		King-Hill	King-Hill	Chicken	Amer Dad	The Office	
TRAV	Man/Food	Man/Food	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Smithsonian		Man/Food	Man/Food
TV LAND	Griffith	Griffith	Dennis the Menace				Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	NCIS		Monk		White Collar		Burn Notice		Monk	
VH1	Sex-Dr. Drew		Love of Ray J		Love of Ray J		Tough Love			Griffin
WGN	Gone in Sixty		Love of Ray J		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park
Premium Channels										
HBO	Wanted				Rush Hour 3				The Rocker	
MAX	Journey	Dr. Dolittle 2			Fool's Gold				Life Top	Sex Game
SHOW	Nurse	Weeds	Californ	Californ	Dexter				Strikeforce Ch.	

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