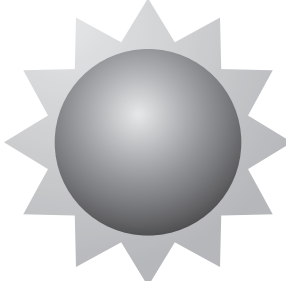


Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22. Northwest wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 39. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 19. Northwest wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 43. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 17.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 39.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 14.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 39.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 13.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 30.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 16.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 29.

Wednesday: High, 49; Low 21

Precip: Wed. 0.00 inches

Month: 0.45 inches

Year: 26.05 inches

Normal: 20.34 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Friday 7:59 a.m. 5:23 p.m.

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$4.18
Corn (bushel)	\$3.50
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.62
Soybeans (bushel)	\$9.49

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School to reward attendance

From "SCHOOL," Page 1

The school funding situation in Kansas. There are many projections on how big the state budget shortfall will be next year, she said. One legislative study predicts a deficit of \$320.9 million, necessitating a cut of about \$203 million from education. Harrison said this would mean about \$305 per student cut from base state aid.

The Kansas Association of School Boards is projecting a deficit of \$358.7 million and \$274 cut from base aid. Harrison said either one would amount to \$450,000 to \$500,000 dollars cut from the Colby district.

Harrison said the administration will start meeting with staff, teachers and students in January to get ideas on further cuts and then bring recommendations to the board in February. The legislature will begin its 2010 session on Jan. 11.

"We're going to get prepared," Harrison said. "We're going to be ready just like last year."

Activities Director Larry Gabel said the Eagle Invitational wrestling tournament the previous weekend had gone well. Gabel said he appreciated all the volunteers and the residents who came out to watch the matches. The

Colby team placed second at the tournament.

Krebs said three students have been chosen for the Kansas Honor Choir, Gray Henry, Brock Waggoner and Jake Rose.

The principal said a new Academic Hall of Fame case is being built for the high school by math and biology teacher Gordon Rasmussen. The wood-and-glass case will be near the entrance, by the auditorium doors. It will house previous years' honor rolls, and other academic honors earned by Colby High students.

Krebs said the school's National Honor Society chapter came up with the idea and is paying for it.

"Our walls are full of athletic achievements," Krebs said. "We thought we should recognize as many academic achievements as we can."

Curriculum Director Diana Wieland said Thomas County Academy students have postponed their third tea party until January. The party, part of the "Three Cups of Tea" project, had been scheduled for this week. Academy members plan to serve tea to other Colby Middle School students three times during the year, talking with them about different subjects each time. In January, the students will discuss people who have influenced their lives.

Harrison said the federal lawsuit was a serious issue. Wooden, though, said it was not a factor

Wieland said the students postponed the event so that it wouldn't interfere with end-of-semester projects.

Wieland said she had been asked by the state Department of Education curriculum director to participate in the Professional Development Task Force, which examines how teachers continue their education and improve their skills. Wieland said she hopes to participate virtually, instead of driving to task force meetings in eastern Kansas.

Harrison suggested the board look into creating a five-year capital outlay plan, which would include any foreseeable maintenance and construction needs on all of the district's buildings. The plan would be useful in case the school board votes to start a special levy for capital projects, since people would know exactly what the money would be used for.

Harrison said that Kent Stewart, an education administration professor at Kansas State University, puts together this type of plan for school districts for a small fee.

The board did not take any action on the issue at the meeting.

The board voted to extend Harrison's contract as superintendent to June, 2012 with little discussion.

Democrat drops from governor race

From "DEMOCRAT," Page 1

knowledgeled Wednesday that he would have difficulty defeating Brownback, a three-term senator who is expected to run an aggressive and well-funded campaign.

Brownback's campaign had raised as an issue a securities-fraud lawsuit in California in which Wiggins was a defendant.

Wiggins and others settled the case in October for nearly \$12.8 million, plus interest, though they weren't required to acknowledge any wrongdoing. But the lawsuit had led Brownback's campaign manager to label Wiggins "a fraud."

Kansas Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, a Topeka Democrat, said he was disappointed by Wiggins' decision and criticized Brownback for his campaign's attacks on Wiggins over the lawsuit and his long absence from Kansas.

Brownback's aides have argued that the federal lawsuit was a serious issue. Wooden, though, said it was not a factor

in Wiggins' decision.

The lawsuit, filed in 2006 by stockholders of Palo Alto, Calif.-based Connetics Corp., alleged that the company, Wiggins and other executives hid problems with an acne-fighting gel the firm was developing as a major product. Wiggins had been chief executive and chairman, and the lawsuit accused the company of having "a culture of deceit."

The defendants denied the allegations. Wiggins and some fellow Democrats said such litigation is common in business. On Dec. 4, a day after the first news reports in Kansas about the lawsuit, Wooden said Wiggins was "100 percent committed" to the governor's race.

But in an e-mail to supporters Wednesday, Wiggins said: "I have spent much of my business career away from home and thus am unknown to many voters and donors."

An early version of the e-mail appeared to drive home that point: Wiggins' last name was misspelled at the close of the message.

Women's League has long history

From "GROUP," Page 1

The old minutes indicate they cared about their comrades, because they approved sending flowers to anyone in the club who was ill. A motion was approved that the cost of the flowers could not exceed 25 cents, but it wasn't long until that was amended to 30 cents.

Many people probably still remember some of the early members, or at least recall the names of these women, including Veda Witt, Cleo Fitzgerald, Estelle Lundgren, Betty Corbin, Alice Kohfield, Dorothy Lauterbach,

Florence Murray, Elsie and Muriel Sears, Mel SeCoy, Vera Penfield Griffin, Dot Rhoades and Elizabeth Mosier.

It has been the club's tradition the last few years to have an annual Christmas Coffee with tables loaded with homemade goodies. Invitations are still sent, and donations are accepted to help the group's charitable projects.

League member Sandy Harper said figures for this year's benefit, held Dec. 3, are not yet final. She said the group will wait until spring to decide how to spend the money.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Saturday Evening											December 19, 2009	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	The Santa Clause 2				Castle		Local					
KBSL/CBS	Elf				48 Hours Mystery		Local					
KSNK/NBC	Muppets: Letters		WWE Tribute		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Saturday Night Live				
KSAS/FOX	Cops		Amer. Most Wanted		Local		The Wanda Sykes Show	Sit Down	Local			
Cable Channels												
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds			
AMC	Unforgiven						Unforgiven					
ANIM	Dogs 101		Cats 101		Cats 101		Cats 101		Dogs 101			
BRAVO	Panic Room		Kiss the Girls						Kiss the Girls			
CMT	Road House				Posse				Urban Cowboy			
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live			
COMEDY	Nick Swadson		Dave Chappelle		Russell Peters		Lisa Lampanelli		Katt Williams			
DISC	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs			
DISN	Nightmare	Charlie & Chocolate			Montana		Wizards	So Raven	The Suite	Cory		
E!	Evan Almighty				True Hollywood Story		The Soup	Chelsea	Kardashians			
ESPN	College Football						SportsCenter		Football			
ESPN2	Wm. Volleyball				Who's Number 1?		SportsCtr	Fastbreak	30 for 30			
FAM	Ratatouille				Happy Feet							
FOOD	Challenge		Challenge		Challenge		Iron Chef America		Challenge			
FX	Christmas-Krank				The Family Stone				Damages			
HGTV	Winter Party		Color	Color	House	House	House	House	House	Color	Color	

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HIST	GoodFellas				Organizd Crime		GoodFellas					
LIFE	The Christmas Shoes		Christmas Cottage		Christmas Cottage							
MTV	S. Park	S. Park	Love of Ray J		Real World-Road		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore			
NICK	iCarly		The Troop	iCarly	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny		
SCI	Jack Brooks		My Name Is Bruce				Alien Apocalypse					
SPIKE	Police Chases		Police Chases		Good Pets-Bad		Good Pets-Bad		Police Chases			
TBS	Meet the Parents		Blades of Glory		Commercials		Rush Hour 2					
TCM	Man-Came to Dinner				George Wash.		Bride-C.O.D.					
TLC	Police Women		Ghost Intervention		Ghost Intervention		Police Women		Ghost Intervention			
TNT	The Wizard of Oz		The Wizard of Oz				Yours, Mine & Ours					
TOON	Tn-Titans	Batman	Saturdays	Justice	King-Hill	King-Hill	The PJs	Boondocks	Boondocks	Bleach		
TRAV	Christmas Ext.		Samantha Brown's Hol		Forbes Luxe 11		Extreme Terror Rides		Christmas Ext.			
TV LAND	Married	Married	Married	Married	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne		Roseanne			
USA	How to Lose		Enchanted				Law Order: CI		Action Sports			
VH1	Austin Powers-Spy				Sex-Dr. Drew		Tough Love		Austin Powers-Spy			
WGN	NBA Basketball				WGN News	Scrubs	Scrubs	Highlander: Endgame				
Premium Channels												
HBO	He's Just Not				Robin Williams							
MAX	Wanted				Friday the 13th		Life Top		Sex Games Cancun 3			
SHOW	Dexter		Penn	Penn	Sf: Evolution				Bank Job			

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Sunday Evening											December 20, 2009	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Santa Clause 3				Desperate Housewives		Local					
KBSL/CBS	Survivor: Samoa				Survivor: Samoa		Local					
KSNK/NBC	Football	NFL Football					Local		Dateline NBC			
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Cleveland	Fam. Guy	Amer Dad	Local							
Cable Channels												
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Jackson Family		Jackson Family		Criminal Minds			
AMC	A Christmas Carol				Prancer		A Christmas Carol					
ANIM	The Haunted		The Haunted		The Haunted		The Haunted		The Haunted			
BRAVO	Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI			
CMT	Urban Cowboy		Officer-Gentle									
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live			
COMEDY	American Pie				National-Van Wilder		American Pie					
DISC	Two Weeks in Hell				Secret Service		Two Weeks in Hell					
DISN	Mickey's Twice Upon				Phineas and Ferb	Montana	Wizards	Montana	The Suite	Cory		
E!	Kardashian		Kendra: Baby		Kardas	Giuliana	The Soup	Chelsea	Kardas	Giuliana		
ESPN	SportsCtr	College Football					SportsCenter					
ESPN2	World Series		World Series		Pokerstars		SportsCtr	World Series	Poker			
FAM	Ratatouille	The Incredibles			Funnest Home Videos		J. Osteen		Feed			
FOOD	Challenge		Iron Chef America		Moments		Flay	Flay	Iron Chef America			
FX	The Family Stone		Devil-Prada				Nip/Tuck		'70s Show			
HGTV	To Be Announced		House	House Hun	Holmes on Homes		For Rent	Income	House	House Hun		
HIST	Gangland		Sniper: Inside				High Impact: M-16		Gangland			
LIFE	Deck the Halls		Eve's Christmas				Eve's Christmas					
MTV	Men in Black II				Jersey Shore		Men in Black II					
NICK	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny		
SCI	The Skeleton Key		Dominion: Pre				Butterfly Effect 3					
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		Lethal Weapon 2					
TBS	Wedding Crashers				The School of Rock							
TCM	Night at the Movies		King of Kings				King of Kings					
TLC	Obese and Pregnant		Surv/Pregnant		Addicted to Psychics		Obese and Pregnant		Surv/Pregnant			
TNT	Washington		The Nativity Story				Washington		The Nativity Story			
TOON	Scooby-Doo 2		Grinch	Scooby	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Venture	Metal		
TRAV	Meet-Natives: USA		Meet-Natives: USA		Meet-Natives: USA		Meet-Natives: USA		Meet-Natives: USA			
TV LAND	Griffith		Griffith		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Roseanne	Roseanne		
USA	Sweet Home Alabama		Enchanted				Sweet Home Alabama					
VH1	Tough Love		Tough Love		Sex-Dr. Drew		Tough Love		Sex-Dr. Drew			
WGN	Newhart	Newhart	BarneyM	BarneyM	WGN News	Replay	Cheers	Cheers	Becker	Becker		
Premium Channels												
HBO	Eagle Eye				The Incredible Hulk							
MAX	Yes Man		Friday the 13th		Spider-Man				Sin City Diaries			
SHOW	Dexter		Transsiberian				Donnie Brasco					

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