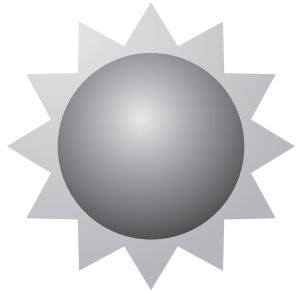


Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 20. Northwest wind around 10 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 45. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 18. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 17.
Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 41.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 16.
Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 32.
Tuesday Night: A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 17.
Wednesday: A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 27.
Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 10.
Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 22.
Thursday: High, 47; Low 28
Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches
Month: 0.45 inches
Year: 26.05 inches
Normal: 20.34 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Saturday 8:00 a.m. 5:23 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. 5:24 p.m.
 Monday 8:01 a.m. 5:24 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Exchange student visits Gem

From "STUDENT," Page 1

is the newest town in New South Wales, she said. Surrounded by cypress pine trees, the town boasts a population of 600 people. It was established in 1968 to serve as the center of an irrigation area.

She described her community as all agriculture, with rice the main crop. The region produces about a million tons of rice a year, with a rice mill just north of the town. The region also raises wheat, sorghum, sheep and cattle.

"There are lots of kangaroos," she said, "and we never have a barbecue without having kangaroo, which is quite tough, but very tasty."

"Even when we go to the beach, there are kangaroo, and sometimes they come up and want to be petted. They are everywhere."

McFadgen said she likes the food in America, but she brought samples of a main staple in Aus-

tralia for American's to taste. She said it is called "vegemite," and it's not to her liking.

"In fact, I hate it," she said. "It's made of a barley base with concentrated yeast, and it is used much like peanut butter."

She said she brought some for her host families to try, but didn't expect them to like it.

"Your school is much bigger than ours," she said, "because our school is kindergarten through grade 12 with 200-300 students altogether. And we don't have nearly as many staff, with the very worst part being the principal — he's my dad!"

She said her school has a farm where the students learn agricultural techniques. She said the school has a cow named T-Bone, lots and lots of chickens and a few sheep. People there eat more chicken than any other meat.

Another difference she saw between her school and Colby's, she

said, is that there are no cliques in her school in Colbally.

"At home, we don't have to be in a certain group, and I really like that," she said. "We get to know everyone that way."

McFadgen said she has an older sister attending the university at Wagga Wagga, a 15-year-old brother who loves cricket and golf, and a little sister, 12, who she claims is a pest. Her mother is a primary-school teacher.

She said she thinks Australia's relations with other countries are good. When the state of Victoria had brush fires recently, she said, it got the attention of a lot of people. She said some from the U.S. came to help. The area is in a severe drought right now.

From Colby, McFadgen said, she will go to Kentucky on Monday, then to Los Angeles for a few days and then on to San Francisco before the 14-hour flight back to Australia on Jan. 4.

"This is an experience I will never forget," she said.

Governor looks for shallow cuts

From "CUTS," Page 1

and budget adjustments this year to avoid a deficit when the current fiscal year ends June 30. Parkinson imposed the last round in November, nearly \$260 million worth.

Now, the state's general tax revenues cover about \$5.35 billion in spending for the current fiscal year. That's almost 12 percent less than in the previous fiscal year, though the state is using money from the first federal stimulus in February to close much of that gap.

Parkinson said the state faces a potential budget gap of \$300 million for fiscal 2011, which begins July 1. Some estimates are higher.

Besides education, Parkinson

said he'll protect most other parts of the budget, including the prison system and reimbursements to health-care providers under the state's Medicaid program. Both have seen cuts in the past.

Educators, advocates for the needy and some of Parkinson's fellow Democrats want to eliminate exemptions to the state's sales tax and take back some past business tax breaks. Parkinson said he's willing to consider a general tax increase as well.

"There are a variety of sources of additional revenue, all of which we're looking at," Parkinson said. "The one option that is not on the table is to cut education any more."

City to buy farmland for new aquatics center

From "POOL," Page 1

Mayor Ken Bieber said he was one of the people who had worked to come up with that number, and that at the time it was adjusted to compare to the rest of western Kansas. Armstrong said she didn't think it would hurt to look at the figures again.

The council approved transferring \$200,000 from the electric fund into the reserve. Armstrong said there was enough surplus in the electric fund to warrant placing some into the reserve.

The council set an end-of-year meeting for 7:45 a.m. Wednesday.

The council reappointed Richard Ress, the county's elected magistrate judge, as municipal court judge.

"I enjoy the job here," he said,

"and I think the city's always been fair to me."

John Gatz was reappointed as city attorney.

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KBSL/CBS	How I Met My Purpose	Two Men	Big Bang	CSI: Miami	Local	Late Show Letterman	Late Late				
KSNK/NBC	The Sing-Off			The Jay Leno Show	Local	Tonight Show	Late				
KSAS/FOX	House	Lie to Me	Local								
Cable Channels											
A & E	Intervention	Intervention	Hoarders	Hoarders	Intervention						
AMC	A Christmas Carol		Holiday Inn								
ANIM	Dogs 101	Dogs 101	Dogs 101	Dogs 101	Dogs 101						
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COMEDY	Futurama: Ben	Futurama: Wild	DailyShow	Colbert	Shaun of the Dead						
DISC	Who Was Jesus?	Who Was Jesus?	Who Was Jesus?	Who Was Jesus?	Who Was Jesus?						
DISN	The Polar Express	Phineas	Montana	Wizards	So Raven	Life With	Cory				
E!	E! Special	E! Special	Bank of Hollywood	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Special				
ESPN	Countdown	NFL Football			SportsCenter						
ESPN2	College B	Score	College Basketball	Who's Number 1?	SportsNation						
FAM	Santa Baby	Santa Baby 2	The 700 Club	My Wife	My Wife						
FOOD	Good Eats	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped			
FX	Ice Age: Melt	The Stepford Wives	'70s Show								
HGTV	Property	Property	House	My First	House	For Rent	Estate	My First	House	My First	
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Deep Sea Salvage	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy	Very Merry Daughter	Will	Will	Frasier	Medium					
MTV	MTV Special	MTV Special	MTV Special	MTV Special	MTV Special						
NICK	G. Martin	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Ghost Whisperer	Ghost Whisperer	Ghost Whisperer	Monster	Monster	Now Then	Now Then				
SPIKE	Forrest Gump	Forrest Gump	Real Vice	Real Vice							
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight	Name Earl	Name Earl		
TCM	State of the Union	Mr. Smith Goes	Meet John								
TLC	People	Little	Little Chocolatiers	World Chocolate	People	Little	Little Chocolatiers				
TNT	Bones	The Closer	Men of a Certain Age	Law Order: CI	The Closer						
TOON	Agent Cody Banks 2	Grinch	Ed Edd	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen		
TRAV	A. Bourdain	Bourdain	Anthony Bourdain	Anthony Bourdain	A. Bourdain						
TV LAND	Griffith	Griffith	Married	Married	My Day	Married	Married	Roseanne			
USA	NCIS	WWE Monday Night RAW	40-Year-Old Vir								
VH1	Love of Ray J	For. Love of Ray J	Work for Diddy	For. Love of Ray J	Work for Diddy						
WGN	The Wool Cap	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park					
Premium Channels											
HBO	Taken	Sherlock	The Happening	Robin Williams: Weapons							
MAX	Training Day	Friday the 13th	Coed	Co-Ed Confidential 3							
SHOW	Forbidden Warrior	3:10 to Yuma	Ronna	Powder Bl							

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6	7 Dr. Rubowitz Oncology Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	8	9 Dr. Frankum Surgery Bone Density Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	10	11 MRI's Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	12
13	14	15	16 Dr. Curtis Cardiology Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	17 Dr. Saba Orthopedics	18 MRI's Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	19
20	21	22 Dr. Miller Cardiology	23	24 Dr. Reeves Podiatry MRI's	25	26
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