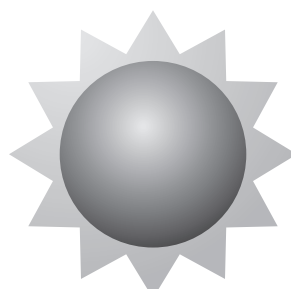


Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Tuesday: Cloudy, with a high near 33. Calm wind becoming east between 5 and 10 mph.
Tuesday Night: A chance of snow and freezing drizzle before midnight, then snow likely. Cloudy, low around 21. East wind from 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.
Wednesday: Snow and areas of blowing snow. High near 29. Blustery, with a north wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent.
Wednesday Night: Snow likely and areas of blowing snow. Cloudy and blustery, with a low around 14. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.
Thursday: Areas of blowing snow, a chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, high near 24. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.
Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Partly cloudy, with a low around 8.
Christmas Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 25.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 7.
Saturday: Sunny, high of 26.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 8.
Sunday: Sunny, high of 33.
 Friday: High, 45; Low 20
 Saturday: High, 46; Low 22
 Sunday: High, 56; Low 28
 Precip: Friday 0.00 inches
 Saturday 0.00 inches
 Sunday 0.00 inches
 Month: 0.45 inches
 Year: 26.05 inches
 Normal: 20.34 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Tuesday 8:01 a.m. 5:25 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

County may improve one road

From "COUNTY," Page 1

have to go four inches again," he said.
 He said when there is a lot of rain, there is some chance of the road being slippery, but a thin layer of sand works down into the surface and gives good stability.
 The commissioners asked Schrock to take a look at his budget when the end-of-year transfers have been made, and asked Odom if the price would hold until the end of the year. Odom said the price would hold, and if the commissioners could find a way to buy the chemical, his company would store it for free. A decision will be made when budget figures are determined, commissioners said.
 The Campus Road, County Road 36, runs for seven miles north from the county line from just north of Campus, site of an ethanol plant along the railroad and Old U.S. 40. It is part of County Route 465, a main north-south route. Road 36 is a mile west of the Sheridan County line.
 County Clerk Shelly Harms told the commissioners that this summer's improvements on the courthouse roof has qualified the county to be awarded tax credits of \$71,384. The credits will come in three increments, with \$23,700 available each year for 2010, 2011 and 2012. The tax credits, which

help reduce state income tax payments, can be put up for bids, and anyone interested in purchasing one should contact their tax preparer.
 The commissioners invited county workers to have a last-minute input into the decision on new computer software.
 "You are the ones who are going to use it," said Commission Chairman Ken Christiansen, "and we are relying on the departments to give us anymore input you might have."
 The county is buying new software for all departments except the register of deeds, who wanted to keep her old program.
 Worker from the appraisers office verified their preference for the Computer Information Center product.
 Road Supervisor Schrock asked why his department had been excluded from the new software program. Commissioners said the department would be in the program, but that part would be paid from the 2010 budget.
 "We've pretty well figured out what we can afford this year, and to include the road bridge, we'll have to wait until next year," said Commissioner Paul Steele. "It's just a matter of which budget to charge it to."
 The commissioners instructed the county clerk to ask the vendor,

Computer Information Center, to figure into their contract the additional amount it would take to include road and bridge software in the package.
 They approved a motion to approve \$25,391 for any computer hardware changeover to come from the 2009 budget.
 After a phone call with a company representative, they confirmed a figure of \$154,400 to include the road and bridge department, to be acted on in January from the 2010 budget.
 After receiving some calls about the county health department, the commissioners approved a survey to be given to all clients who use the department. The surveys will be returned to the commissioners so they can determine if clients' needs are being met. Surveys can also be picked up at the county clerk's office in the courthouse.
 In other business, the commissioners:
 • Approved a beer license for the Colonial Steak House on U.S. 83 at the I-70 exit north of Oakley.
 • Reminded departments about getting year-end inventories to the county clerk.
 • Appointed Dale Hershberger of Colby to the Economic Development Alliance board for years.
 • Approved the county attorney's request to publish a tax sale when the 2008 tax abstract is done.

Recital and reception to honor piano teacher

Shirley Malcolm, former piano teacher for the Colby Schools, will be honored Saturday with a recital and reception marking two milestones: her 70th birthday and 50 years of teaching piano.
 The recital will be from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Colby United Methodist Church, featuring friends and former students. A reception will follow from 3 to 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall.
 Malcolm, born Dec. 16, 1939, in Almena, moved to Colby in 1970 when both she and husband Jim took teaching jobs in the Colby School District. She was the piano instructor and Jim taught eighth-grade science and high school physics and chemistry. At the time, Jim said, Colby was one of only three schools in the state to hire a full-time piano teacher.
 Over the years, Malcolm occasionally taught vocal classes and often accompanied the vocal groups. Her piano students became so good that they also

accompanied the classes. Malcolm estimates she's taught at least 1,200 students here. She would begin lessons with a student as soon as he or she was old enough to practice. And practice was essential to her.
 Malcolm was involved in the music of the Methodist Church. She played for services and directed the junior choir. She organized a boys' vocal quartet, the "Four-teens." The quartet began in 1980 when the boys were in eighth grade and continued until they graduated in 1986, Jim said.
 Malcolm taught in the schools until 1997, when the district terminated the program. She continued teaching lessons at home until she retired two years ago.
 Malcolm's husband, along with their children, Jim Malcolm Jr. of Denver, and Angie Hughes of Colorado Springs, planned the celebration this weekend. All of Malcolm's former students are invited, as well as the public.



S. Malcolm

State gambles on draw

From "CASINO," Page 1

predicted that 78 percent of Boot Hill's gambling revenues would come from dollars Kansans already are spending inside the state.
 "There is sense in Dodge City that the casino is going to be some sort of saving grace, that it's going to be a big engine of growth," said Art Hall, executive director of the Center for Applied Economics at the University of Kansas. "They're going to be disappointed."
 But Ed Van Petten, the lottery's executive director, said many cars in the casino parking lot in the first days had Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas plates.
 The casino opened with a staff of 286, and it expects to have 600 workers by 2012, after a second

phase of construction that includes a 124-room hotel.
 Boot Hill expects to generate \$44 million in net gambling revenues during its first year, with the state's take approaching \$10 million of that. The casino hopes to average 20,000 visitors a week — or about 1 million over the next 12 months.
 Backers have committed to spending nearly \$90 million on its complex. The first phase cost about \$50 million, and Chief Executive Officer Clark Stewart said it held off on adding more gambling space and slots until it started generating revenues.

Aide leads health forum

From "MORAN," Page 1

needs to be broken down and taken piece by piece. He answered "no" to the question of whether or not the staff had read the bill in its entirety.
 "We need to agree on a part of it, and pass that, then agree on something else and pass it and agree and pass again," he said.
 Another question was why private insurers can't cross state lines.
 "There is Blue Cross of Kansas, and Blue Cross of another state, an so on," the questioner said, "and it appears strange that the same company isn't the same in all states."
 (Blue Cross and Blue Shield are not a single company, but an alliance of independent affiliates with varying ownership. Some are non-profit, some are for-profit.)
 Perkins told the group that a patient should have a choice of what insurer they use.
 "Is it true that people will be fined if they don't have insurance?" was another question.
 Perkins answered, "Should we have to purchase something to be an American, and can we force someone who is unemployed to get a job?"
 He said constitutional issues would be in question if those kinds of things appeared in the law, but fines could be assessed to institutions that don't provide insurance. He noted that some provisions of the law would not go into effect until 2014.
 Any fines would go to the government to help pay for people who don't have insurance, he said.
 When asked if he thought the bill would pass, he said he felt like a bill will pass because the president wants at least something to pass before the first of the year, but that it could be repealed and voted on again next year.
 "Who will administer a health care bill once it becomes law?" asked one member of the audience, "I've heard it could be the IRS, and is that true?"
 Perkins said there could be possibility that the Internal Revenue

Service would help with the administration, if the bill becomes law.
 A student from the American Government class at the Colby High School asked how we would know who was eligible for insurance. Perkins said everyone would have to give a name and show a Social Security card. There is no enforcement in the bill, he said.
 Another question was, "are the government officials satisfied with their health care." Perkins' said yes, noting that they are insured by private insurers, not a government plan. He emphasized a need to have as much focus on wellness as there is on illness.

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| KAKE/ABC | Funniest Home Videos | Scrubs | Better | Oprah Special | Local | Nightline | Jimmy Kimmel Live | | | | | |
| KBSL/CBS | NCIS | NCIS: Los Angeles | The Good Wife | Local | Late Show Letterman | Late Late | | | | | | |
| KSNK/NBC | The Biggest Loser | The Jay Leno Show | Local | | | | | | | | | |
| KSAS/FOX | Carrie Underwood | Local | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cable Channels | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A & E | Paranorml | Paranorma | Psychic Kids | Paranorma | Paranorma | Ghost Stories | Paranorml | Paranorma | | | | |
| AMC | Natl-Christmas | | | Natl-Christmas | | | | | | | | Grease |
| ANIM | Monsters Inside Me | Monsters Inside Me | Monsters Inside Me | Monsters Inside Me | Monsters Inside Me | | | | | | | |
| BRAVO | Salon Takeover | Salon Takeover | Salon Takeover | Salon Takeover | Salon Takeover | Waiting to Exhale | | | | | | |
| CMT | Nanny 911 | Remember the Titans | | | | Smarter | Smarter | Remember | | | | |
| CNN | Campbell Brown | Larry King Live | Anderson Cooper 360 | | | | | Larry King Live | | | | |
| COMEDY | Futurama | Futurama | South Pk | S. Park | South Pk | South Pk | DailyShow | Colbert | S. Park | S. Park | | |
| DISC | Dirty Jobs | Dirty Jobs | Phineas | Montana | Wizards | So Raven | Life With | Cory | | | | |
| DISN | The Nightmare Before Christmas | Phineas | Montana | Wizards | So Raven | Life With | Cory | | | | | |
| E! | Kardashians | Kardashian | Kardas | Bloopers | Chelsea | E! News | Chelsea | Bloopers | | | | |
| ESPN | College Football | | | | | SportsCenter | | | | | | |
| ESPN2 | College Basketball | College Basketball | | | | SportsCtr | NFL Live | Fastbreak | Nation | | | |
| FAM | Grinch | Willy Wonka | | | | The 700 Club | My Wife | My Wife | | | | |
| FOOD | Cakes | Cakes | Family Style | Chopped | | Good Eats | Unwrapped | Family Style | | | | |
| FX | Home Alone | | | Home Alone | | | | '70s Show | '70s Show | | | |
| HGTV | My First | My First | House | Buck | House | Property | My First | House | Buck | | | |
| HIST | Earth-Made | | How the Earth | How the Earth | | Life After People | Earth-Made | | | | | |
| LIFE | Grey's Anatomy | Undercover Christmas | | | | Will | Will | Frasier | Medium | | | |
| MTV | S. Park | S. Park | Teen Mom | Teen Mom | | Teen Mom | Teen Mom | | | | | |
| NICK | Malcolm | Malcolm | Chris | Chris | Lopez | Lopez | The Nanny | The Nanny | The Nanny | | | |
| SCI | Freddy vs. Jason | | ECW | | Outer Spa | Outer Spa | Outer Spa | Outer Spa | Outer Spa | | | |
| SPIKE | Die | Die | MANswers | MANswers | Die | MANswers | MANswers | MANswers | MANswers | | | |
| TBS | Office | Office | Office | Office | Office | Office | Lopez Tonight | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | | | |
| TCM | My Fair Lady | | | | | Pygmalion | | | | | | |
| TLC | Table-12 | Table 12 | 18 Kids | 17 Kids | Little | Little | Table-12 | Table 12 | 18 Kids | 17 Kids | | |
| TNT | Bones | | Law & Order | Law & Order | | | CSI: NY | CSI: NY | | | | |
| TOON | Ben 10 | Grinch | Save Christmas | King-Hill | King-Hill | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Chicken | Aqua Teen | | | |
| TRAV | Bizarre Foods | Bizarre Foods | Bizarre Foods | Bizarre Foods | Meet-Natives: USA | Bizarre Foods | | | | | | |
| TV LAND | Griffith | Griffith | Married | Married | My Day | Roseanne | Roseanne | Roseanne | | | | |
| USA | Gone in Sixty | | | | Gone in Sixty | | | | | | | Matchstic |
| VH1 | For, Love of Ray J | Tough Love | | | Sex-Dr. Drew | 2009: Happen | Love of Ray J | | | | | |
| WGN | Jingle All the Way | | | | WGN News at Nine | Scrubs | Scrubs | S. Park | S. Park | | | |
| Premium Channels | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HBO | He's Just Not | | | | REAL Sports Gumbel | Real Sex | | | | | | |
| MAX | Planet of the Apes | | | | Gran Torino | | | Life Top | Sin City | | | |
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| KAKE/ABC | Grinch | Middle | Family | Middle | Cougar | Cougar | Local | Nightline | Jimmy Kimmel Live | | | |
| KBSL/CBS | Home-Holiday | Criminal Minds | CSI: NY | | Local | Late Show Letterman | Late Late | | | | | |
| KSNK/NBC | Mercy | Mercy | The Jay Leno Show | Local | Tonight Show | Late | | | | | | |
| KSAS/FOX | Glee | Glee | Local | | | | | | | | | |
| Cable Channels | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A & E | Bounty Hunter | Dog Bounty Hunter | Seagal | Seagal | Seagal | Seagal | Bounty Hunter | | | | | |
| AMC | Kelly's Heroes | | | | | | Escape From Alcatraz | | | | | |
| ANIM | River Monsters | River Monsters | River Monsters | River Monsters | River Monsters | River Monsters | | | | | | |
| BRAVO | Launch My Line | Launch My Line | Launch My Line | Launch My Line | Launch My Line | Launch My Line | Real Housewives | | | | | |
| CMT | Smarter | Smarter | Cable Guy's Christmas | Luau | Larry the Cable Guy-Christmas | Smarter | Smarter | | | | | |
| CNN | Campbell Brown | Larry King Live | Anderson Cooper 360 | | | | | Larry King Live | | | | |
| COMEDY | Employee | Employee-Mnth | | | DailyShow | Colbert | | | | | | |
| DISC | Man vs. Fish | Bristol Bay Brawl | Bristol Bay Brawl | Man vs. Fish | Bristol Bay Brawl | | | | | | | |
| DISN | Eloise at Christmastime | Mater | Phineas | Montana | Wizards | So Raven | Life With | Cory | | | | |
| E! | Bring It On: All | | Jonas Brothers | | Chelsea | E! News | Chelsea | Jonas Bro | | | | |
| ESPN | College Football | | | | | SportsCenter | | | | | | |
| ESPN2 | College Basketball | College Basketball | | | | College Basketball | | | | | | |
| FAM | Miracle-34 St. | | | | The Polar Express | | | | | | | Whose? |
| FOOD | Diner, Drive-In | Throwdown-Bobby Flay | Dinner: Impossible | Good Eats | Unwrapped | Throwdown-Bobby Flay | | | | | | |
| FX | Deck the Halls | | Deck the Halls | | | Christmas-Krank | | | | | | |
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| LIFE | Grey's Anatomy | Holiday Switch | | | Will | Will | Frasier | Medium | | | | |
| MTV | S. Park | South Pk | Real World-Road | Real World-Road | Real World-Road | Bam Margera Presents | | | | | | |
| NICK | Malcolm | Malcolm | Chris | Chris | Lopez | Lopez | The Nanny | The Nanny | The Nanny | The Nanny | | |
| SCI | Ghost Hunters | Ghost Hunters | Ghost Hunters | Ghost Hunters | Ghost Hunters | | | | | | | |
| SPIKE | Star Wars-Phantom | Star Wars Ep 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| TBS | Payne | Payne | Payne | Browns | Payne | Browns | Lopez Tonight | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | | | |
| TCM | To Have and Have Not | | | | The Big Sleep | | | | | | | |
| TLC | Mega-Tsunami | Lottery Changed | Accidental Fortune | Mega-Tsunami | Lottery Changed | | | | | | | |
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| TOON | Scooby-Doo! | Star Wars | Ben 10 | King-Hill | King-Hill | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Chicken | Aqua Teen | | | |
| TRAV | Man/Food | Man Food | Man/Food | Man Food | Man/Food | Man/Food | Man/Food | Man/Food | Man Food | Man Food | | |
| TV LAND | Griffith | Griffith | Married | Married | My Day | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H | | |
| USA | I Now Pronounce You | | | | Bruce Almighty | | | | | | | Friday |
| VH1 | 40 Greatest Pranks 2 | Footloose | | | | Wayne's World | | | | | | |
| WGN | Arthur | | | | WGN News at Nine | Scrubs | Scrubs | S. Park | S. Park | | | |
| Premium Channels | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HBO | Body of Lies | | | | Every F...ing | | | | | | | |
| MAX | Street Kings | | | | Friday the 13th | Harlem Nights | | | | | | |
| SHOW | August | | Inside the NFL | | Kevin Nealon | Inside the NFL | | Boys-2nd St. | | | | |