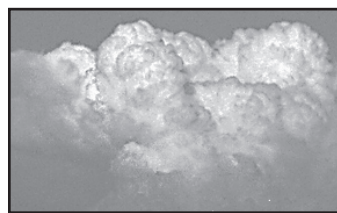


Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 16. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph.
Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 29. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Tuesday Night: A chance of snow and freezing drizzle. Cloudy, with a low around 18. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.
Wednesday: Snow likely and areas of blowing snow. Cloudy, with a high near 18. Blustery, with a north wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.
Wednesday Night: A slight chance of snow showers before 6 p.m., then areas of blowing snow and a slight chance of snow before midnight, then scattered flurries after midnight. Mostly cloudy and blustery, with a low around -2. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Thursday: Mostly sunny and cold, with a high near 7.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around -8.
Friday: Sunny, high near 24.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 6.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 24.
 Wednesday: High, 38; Low 14
 Thursday: High, 42; Low 12
 Friday: High, 17; Low 10
 Saturday: High, 20; Low 10
 Sunday: High, 38; Low 13
Precip:
 Wed. - Sunday 0.00 inches
 December: 0.70 inches
 January: 0.00 inches
 2009 total: 26.30 inches
 Normal yr.: 20.34 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Tuesday 8:05 a.m. 5:35 p.m.
 Wednesday 8:04 a.m. 5:36 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

County, departments end year well under budget

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down and talk to those folks face to face.
 "We're a 24-7 department and work for the public. A lot of this (overtime) would be taken care of if I could hire another man."
 Taylor said there is some misconception that he was given extra money when he gave his employees a raise earlier in the year, but that was done out of his budget. He said he competes with other agencies for officers, and the county's pay needs to be competitive.
 He told the commissioners he would like to join "Purple Wave," an Internet site where he can sell confiscated vehicles that have little value. He said he wanted to give local folks a chance at some them, but there were several that have little or no value, and many times Purple Wave has bidders who are after just parts. The commissioners gave him the go-ahead.

The commissioners placed an extra pair of night-vision goggles in the sheriff's care, and he told them he'd let the Colby police use them as needed. He said he thought it was good for the two departments to cooperate.
 In other business:
 • A request for a propane storage tank by Elwin Schielke and Bob Luck didn't fly after the commissioners learned the station would be near a home owned by Larry and Mary Maxwell. Maxwell said he feared the station could reduce the value of his property, at 1442 County Rd. R. Although the site had been approved by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and the request to the county was a courtesy, the commissioners suggested the pair find a more suitable location. Schielke said they had a second spot in mind.
 • Road Supervisor Clair Schrock asked permission to buy a concrete saw. He said

that last year, half of the shop floor had been improved by pouring concrete, and said it is time to fix the other half.
 He said they had borrowed the city's saw in the past, but it quit running. Although the city got it to running again, he thought the county should have its own, since they use a concrete saw quite a lot, especially in bridge repair.
 "We have some projects at the office complex that need to be improved that will require concrete work," said Steele, "and I think the county should own one, too."
 Schrock said a new saw would run around \$750 and the blades are around \$250. He was instructed to get bids.
 • Rain or Shine Cleaning owner Trish Langley from Grainfield met with the commissioners to sign contracts for cleaning services for 36 months. They broke the cleaning into three separate contracts: court house, \$28,800; law enforcement building,

\$6,000; and office complex \$13,200. She was told that the Thomas County Community Foundation would prefer to do their own cleaning since they have confidential materials in their office.
 Langley told the commissioners she has someone lined up to clear sidewalks in case the weather prevents her crew from getting to Colby.
 • One bid was received for the \$23,791 state tax credits. Cory Swartz of Colby bid \$17,250 with the commissioners paying the \$300 transfer fee. They moved to approve it, and mentioned more will be available in July.
 • Agreed there would be no abatements to anyone who owed back county taxes.
 • Agreed to meet Jan. 11, 18 and 29 this month.

2010 wellness campaign to start with weigh-in next week

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end of the program will be free to participants.
 The wellness project, which replaced the former county health fair, will lead into "Walk Kansas," an exercise program which allows people to continue working on their health for another eight weeks, March 8 to May 1.

Sponsors are encouraging all county residents to melt off a few pounds and add healthy eating and exercise habits to their lives.
 Weigh-in and body measurements will be done at the Little Theater of the Community Building from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. next Monday. Each Monday after that, participants will have a program with a speaker giving tips and in-

formation to encourage a healthy lifestyle. Scales will be available for those who want to weigh themselves.
 A program for children in grades one through five has been added this year. Parents can sign up their kids for the full eight-week program for only \$5, or for sessions of their choice at \$1 each.
 The end celebration of Wise

Up Count Down will be Monday, March 8, with a speaker talking about the psychology of eating. Team prizes will be given out for individuals and teams earning the most points.
 There will be no fee for Walk Kansas for those who participated in Wise Up Count Down, the Extension office says. For others, the fee for the exercise program,

which also works with teams of four, is \$30.
 The wellness committee sent out letters urging businesses and public agencies to sponsor employees interested in the program.
 For questions, call Pat Erickson with the committee at (785) 460-5445, the recreation office at 460-4440 or the Extension office at 460-4582.

Heavy holiday snowfall expensive for the state

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and 10 inches in two bands that stretched across northwestern and eastern Kansas, said Scott Blair, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service office in Topeka.
 Several cities in northeastern Kansas set snowfall records, including Topeka, where 19.2 inches fell in December, Blair said.
 Swartz said the storm was "very slow moving" and affected the entire state.
 He said road crews faced a combination of dry snow and wind, conditions perfect for drifting. And that made it tough for

state workers to keep roads open, Swartz said.
 He said the department continues to focus on snow and ice removal despite budget cuts, but motorists may notice a slight difference in driving conditions this winter.
 In past years, crews worked overtime until the pavement was completely bare, he said.
 This year, crews will continue to work until bare pavement is exposed during regular business hours. But now the department will consider how heavily traveled a road is before authorizing overtime to clear it.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Tuesday Evening												January 5, 2010	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
KAKE/ABC	Scrubs	Better	Scrubs	Better	the forgotten	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	Tonight Show		Late				
KSAS/FOX	Pregame	College Football							Postgame	Local			
Cable Channels													
A & E	Criminal Minds	Psychic Kids	Paranorma	Paranorma	Ghost Stories				Criminal Minds				
AMC	Pitch Black				Terminator 2								
ANIM	Weird	Weird	Wild Recon		Maneaters		Wild Recon		Weird	Weird			
BRAVO	Tabatha's Salon Take	Tabatha's Salon Take	Tabatha's Salon Take	Tabatha's Salon Take	Tabatha's Salon Take	Launch My Line							
CMT	Rudy				Rudy								
CNN	Campbell Brown	Larry King Live			Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live				
COMEDY	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	S. Park	South Pk	S. Park	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	South Pk			
DISC	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs			Howe & Howe Tech		Dirty Jobs		Howe & Howe Tech				
DISN	The Thirteenth Year				Phineas	Montana	Wizards	The Suite	The Suite	So Raven			
EI	Giuliana	Giuliana	Kardash	Kardashian		Bloopers	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Bloopers			
ESPN	College Basketball	Homecoming			SportsNation		SportsCenter		Football	NFL Live			
ESPN2	College Basketball	NBA Coast-to-Coast			Homecoming		Fastbreak		Nation				
FAM	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	The 700 Club		Secret-Teen						
FOOD	Cakes	Cakes	Unwrapped	The Best	Chopped		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	The Best			
FX	Fast & Furious				Wrong Turn				Wrong Turn				
HGTV	My First	My First	House	Buck	House	House	Property	My First	House	Buck			
HIST	After Armageddon				Life After People		Life After People		After Armageddon				
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Lucky 7				Will	Will	Frasier	Medium			
MTV	MTV Special	MTV Special			MTV Special		MTV Special		MTV Special				
NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny			
SCI	Star Trek Gen.		Star Trek Gen.		ECW		War of the Worlds						
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	DEA				
TBS	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Lopez Tonight		Seinfeld	Seinfeld			
TCM	The Informer				In Which We Serve				Darling				
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Family	Family	Little	Little	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Family	Family			
TNT	Bones		Law & Order		Law & Order		CSI: NY		CSI: NY				
TOON	Ed, Edd	Ed, Edd	Tn-Titans	Tn-Titans	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen			
TRAV	Food Wars: Barbecue	101 Chowdown	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man/Food	Pizza Wars		Food Wars: Barbecue				
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne			
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU				
VH1	Ray J	Aspen	Work for Diddy		Frank Enter.		Fabulous Life Of...		Tough Love				
WGN	A Simple Wish				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park			
Premium Channels													
HBO	Hellboy-Army		The Soloist				Will Ferrell: G.W. Bush		Rock Star				
MAX	Welcome	Jumper			Training Day				Cougar School				
SHOW	Gigantic				To Die For				Superhero Movie				

Wednesday Evening												January 6, 2010	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
KAKE/ABC	Middle	Middle	Family	Cougar	Ugly Betty		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
KBSL/CBS	I Get That A Lot		People's Chce				Local	Late Show	Letterman	Late Late			
KSNK/NBC	Mercy		Law & Order: SVU		The Jay Leno Show		Local	Tonight Show		Late			
KSAS/FOX	Glee		Glee		Local								
Cable Channels													
A & E	Dog	Dog	Bounty Hunter	Bounty	Seagal	Seagal	Seagal	Seagal	Dog	Bounty			
AMC	Daylight				Escape From L.A.				Daylight				
ANIM	Wild Recon		I Shouldn't Be Alive		I'm Alive		Wild Recon		I Shouldn't Be Alive				
BRAVO	Next Top Model		Launch My Line		Launch My Line		Launch My Line		Real Housewives OC				
CMT	Smarter	Smarter	Grumpier Old Men				Grumpier Old Men						
CNN	Campbell Brown	Larry King Live			Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live				
COMEDY	Chappelle	Chappelle	Futurama	Futurama	S. Park	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	Tosh.0			
DISC	Man vs. Wild		Man vs. Wild		Man vs. Wild		Man vs. Wild		Man vs. Wild				
DISN	Cadet Kelly				Phineas	Montana	Wizards	The Suite	The Suite	So Raven			
EI	Office Space				Born Different		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Kendra			
ESPN	College Football				NBA Basketball								
ESPN2	College Basketball	College Basketball			SportsCenter		Football		Football	NFL Live			
FAM	Aladdin				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		My Wife	My Wife			
FOOD	Challenge		Play	Play	Worst Cooks		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Play	Play			
FX	Live Free-Die				Nip/Tuck		Nip/Tuck		Deep Rising				
HGTV	Property	Property	House	Income	House Hun	Holmes on Homes	My First		House	Income			
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HIST	Nostradamus Effect		Apocalypse Man		Nostradamus Effect		Nostradamus Effect		Nostradamus Effect				
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Hand-Rocks				Will		Frasier	Medium			
MTV	MTV Special		MTV Special		The Real World		MTV Special		MTV Special				
NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny			
SCI	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters Inter.		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters Inter.		Scariest Places				
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed		Die	Die	Die	MANswers	MANswers	Die	DEA				
TBS	Payne	Payne	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Lopez Tonight		Seinfeld	Seinfeld			
TCM	The Scarlet Empress				Rasputin-Empr.				Red Danb				
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Tailgate	Tailgate	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss			
TNT	Bones				Bones		CSI: NY		CSI: NY				
TOON	Dude	Destroy	Star Wars	Hero	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen			
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Man Food	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man/Food	101 Chowdown		Bizarre Foods				
TV LAND	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Reunion	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne			
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		No Country						
VH1	Grease		Frank Enter.		Aspen	Tough Love	Grease						
WGN	Bull Durham				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park			
Premium Channels													
HBO	REAL Sports Gumbel		The Uninvited		Revolutionary Road				Express				
MAX	SpiderMan	Kiss of the Dragon			Marley & Me				Lingerie	Sex Games			
SHOW	Harvard Beats		Inside the NFL		Jake Johannsen		Inside the NFL		Good Luck Chuck				

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