

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Increasing clouds, with a low around 17. East wind around 10 mph.
Thursday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 29. East wind around 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Cloudy, with a low around 11. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Friday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 33. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 12.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 38.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 18.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 41.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 18.
Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 41.
Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 16.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 35.
 Monday: High, 41; Low 8
 Tuesday: High, 48; Low 16
 Precip: Monday 0.00 inches
 Tuesday 0.00 inches
 Month: 0.12 inches
 Year: 0.12 inches
 Normal: 0.45 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
 Thursday 7:55 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

City, county argue over landfill costs

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he said. Steele said the economy has improved and the recyclables are selling at better prices this year.

Armstrong said she worries that the county is forcing the city to shoulder too much of the burden when it comes to the operation of the Thomas County landfill as well.

She said her concerns are based on a series of decisions the commissioners have made. These include voting to cut the property tax levy for the landfill by .315 of 1 mill (about \$26,000) and then raising the tipping fees at the landfill for Colby and other towns with construction and demolition material.

"The increase in these fees will result in an increase of approximately \$15,600 for Colby's municipal solid waste," said Armstrong.

Steele said the city still supports the landfill with a tax levy, but it's an enterprise fund with operations supported out of fees. He said an enterprise fund has to be operated like a business.

"We need to make enterprise funds more self-sufficient," he said, adding that the city treats water, sewer, trash collection and electricity as enterprise funds. Steele said the county treats the ambulance and landfill as enterprise funds. He said the city had no tax levy for enterprise funds in its budget. If the city compared the cost of using the landfill here to the cost of using a commercial landfill in Garden City, he said, the city's rates are still cheaper.

Steele said landfill management has become more expensive because of an increase in fuel costs and health care costs for their employees. Steele said county equipment needs diesel fuel to dig the pit at the landfill, cover it up and pack it down.

The state checks monitoring wells around the landfill to make sure nothing from the landfill is leaking into the groundwater. He said if the state finds anything has

leached into the groundwater and contaminated it when they test the water, it will cost the county a lot of money to fix, so the work has to be done right.

Armstrong said the commissioners had raised the tipping fee for trash mixed with yard, tree or other waste or construction and demolition material. Both fees were raised to \$64 per ton, said Armstrong, almost double the regular rate.

Steele said the county voted to raise the cost for ordinary trash not mixed with tree or other waste from \$32 per ton to \$35 per ton and the cost of demolition and material not mixed with trash was raised from \$15 per ton to \$35 per ton. He said it didn't make sense for one fee to be more than another. Steele said the raise in prices was meant to give people incentives to recycle.

"We want to be as green as we can be," he said.

Steele said the cost for mixed loads could be negotiated.

Armstrong said the increased waste fees will lead to more expensive loads because the city has a sanitation truck that is out of service and another truck they use for both household and yard waste. The increase for mixed loads also will increase the city's costs to demolish unfit structures, said Armstrong.

The city manager said Colby residents paid \$45.07 per person for the operation of the landfill in 2009 and the rest of Thomas County's citizens, excluding Brewster, paid \$32.33 per person. Armstrong said the 2010 projected prices per person for the operation of the landfill for Colby citizens will be \$46.65 and the cost for the rest of Thomas County citizens, except Brewster, will be \$25.93 per person.

Steele said a decline in state-set farmland valuations threatens a big drop in income for the county, and will probably lead to people in the city having to pay more taxes. He said solving this problem will take action from the state Legislature and Gov. Mark Parkinson.

Dance team performs in Memphis

From "DANCE," Page 1

whose fans were nearby," said McLaughlin.

Rodgers said all the dance, drill and cheer teams and bands marched in the parade. The cheerleaders and bands from the two team's also did the parade.

After the parade, the girls got to hang out on Beale Street. McLaughlin said while they were there, they saw a group dancing in the street to the song "Beat It" by Michael Jackson. She said she, Harter, Ostmeier and Browne went over and started dancing with the rest. McLaughlin said they tried to remember the dance moves they had learned when they performed to the song, but they couldn't, so they did the Memphis Rumble instead.

"Everyone started taking pictures and they wanted to know how to do the dance themselves," she said.

McLaughlin said they tried to teach the people their dance, but not everyone was able to figure it out. She said eventually the rest of the dance team joined them at the impromptu party. Kathi Wright, mother of Keesa, said there was an Elvis Presley impersonator at one of the places where they ate on Beale Street.

McLaughlin said the team also got to visit the Peabody Hotel on Friday. There, they got to see the famous Peabody Ducks march to their rooftop at the Royal Duck Palace at 5 p.m. The March of the Peabody Ducks has been a tradition at the hotel since 1932, she said. Every day at 11 a.m. the ducks march to John Phillip Sousa's "King Cotton March" along a red carpet from their rooftop to a marble fountain in the Grand Lobby of the hotel. The ducks play in the fountain until 5 p.m., when the hotel's duckmaster orders them back to the palace.

The girls had a dress rehearsal on the field on the day of the game. Unfortunately for them, it was about 22 degrees that day.

"It was absolutely frigid," said Rodgers.

McLaughlin said once they got to start dancing, their feet began warming up.

On Sunday, the team visited Graceland, where they went in Elvis Presley's home and visited the gift shops. They stayed there until noon, and then headed back to Colby.

The girls had to raise quite a bit of money to be able to afford the trip. Rodgers said it cost \$700 per girl, or about \$9,100 in all. They raised money by holding two soup dinners, sold Gambino's pizza, and ran a hot dog stand at Dennen Field.

Colby woman hired at accounting firm

Lindsay Barth of Colby has earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Colorado State University in Fort Collins. She served internships with the firm in the firm's Goodland and Greeley, Colo., offices.

Barth, daughter of Larry and Sandy McLemore of Colby,

Kennedy and Coe, headquartered in Salina, and has eight offices in Kansas and Colorado, with 22 members, 23 managers and a staff of over 200.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op
 Wheat (bushel) \$3.91
 Corn (bushel) \$3.07
 Milo (hundredweight) \$4.94
 Soybeans (bushel) \$8.29

LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Thursday Evening										January 28, 2010	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	The Deep End		Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		Roller Bg	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	Live for the Moment		CSI: Crime Scene		The Mentalist		Roller Bg	Late Show Letterman	Late		
KSNK/NBC	Community/Parks		Office	30 Rock	The Jay Leno Show		Roller Bg	Tonight Show	Late		
KSAS/FOX	Bones		Fringe		Roller Boogie						
Cable Channels											
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		Manhunters: Fugitive		Manhunter	Manhunter	The First 48		
AMC	Superman Returns							Predator			
ANIM	Wild Russia		Wild Russia		Wild Russia		Wild Russia	Wild Russia	Wild Russia		
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives	Happens	Launch		
CMT	Smarter	Smarter	Smarter	Smarter	Police Academy				PoliceAcad		
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		
COMEDY	Presents	Larry, Cable		Tosh.0	Martin	Sarah	Daily	Colbert	John Oliver		
DISC	Cook County Jail		Flipped: A Mobster		Flipped: A Mobster		Cook County Jail	Flipped: A Mobster			
DISN	Hatching Pete		Phineas	Montana	Wizards	Deck	Suite	So Raven			
E!	Girls	Girls	Child Vanishes		Jaycee Dugard		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Kendra	
ESPN	College Basketball		Winter X-Games				SportsCenter	NFL Live	Final		
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball				College Basketball				
FAM	The Notebook						The 700 Club	Whose?	Whose?		
FOOD	Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Cakes	Cakes	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Iron Chef America		
FX	Grandma's Boy				Archer	Archer	Archer	Grandma's Boy			
HGTV	My First	My First	House	House	House	Income	Property	My First	House	House	
HIST	Modern Marvels		Food Tech		Pawn	Pawn	Food Tech	Modern Marvels			
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Project Runway		Project Runway		Models	Project Runway	Models		
MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		America's Best Dance		Taking the Stage	America's Best Dance			
NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Star Trek: Ent.		Star Trek: Ent.		Star Trek: Ent.		Caprica				
SPIKE	Ultimate Fight Night		TNA IMPACT!				Prisoners-Ctrl	MANswers	Trailers		
TBS	Stomp the Yard				Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight	Name Earl	Name Earl		
TCM	Road to Singapore		Road to Zanzibar				Road to Morocco				
TLC	American Chopper		American Chopper		BBQ Pitmasters		American Chopper	BBQ Pitmasters			
TNT	NBA Basketball				NBA Basketball						
TOON	Johnny T	Chowder	Flapjack	Johnny T	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen	
TRAV	Disney Cruise Line		Queen Mary 2: Legend		ResidenSea		Great Cruises	Disney Cruise Line			
TV LAND	Griffith	Griffith	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Married	Married	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	
USA	House		House		Burn Notice		White Collar	Psych			
VH1	Storytellers		Celebrity Rehab		Celebrity Rehab		Storytellers	Celebrity Rehab			
WGN	WWE Superstars		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	WWE Superstars		
Premium Channels											
HBO	REAL Sports Gumbel		Yes Man				Hookers: Again				
MAX	Slumdog Millionaire				Baby Mama						
SHOW	Zoalander	Disaster Movie			Penn	La La	Dead Man Walking				

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Friday Evening										January 29, 2010	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Supernanny		Shark Tank		20/20		Roller Bg	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	Ghost Whisperer		Medium		NUMB3RS		Roller Bg	Late Show Letterman	Late		
KSNK/NBC	Law & Order		Dateline NBC		The Jay Leno Show		Roller Bg	Tonight Show	Late		
KSAS/FOX	Dollhouse		Kitchen Nightmares		Roller Boogie						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds			
AMC	The Fugitive						AMC News	The Amityville Horror			
ANIM	I'm Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		The Haunted		I Shouldn't Be Alive	The Haunted			
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Along Came Polly		Along Came Polly		Along Came Polly				
CMT	Smarter	Smarter	The Singing Bee		Cribs	Cribs	The Singing Bee	The Singing Bee			
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360			Larry King Live			
COMEDY	Larry the Cable Guy				Presents	Presents	John Oliver	Presents	Presents		
DISC	Dirty Jobs		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		Dirty Jobs	Swamp Loggers			
DISN	Wizards	Deck	Phineas	Phineas	Wizards	Montana	Phineas	Deck	Suite	So Raven	
E!	Kardashian		Giuliana	Holly	The Soup	Bloopers	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	The Soup	
ESPN	Winter X-Games						SportsCenter	NFL Live	Fastbreak		
ESPN2	Track and Field				Boxing			X Center			
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club	'70s Show	'70s Show		
FOOD	Chopped		Diners	Diners	Best	The Best	Good Eats	Rachael	Diners	Diners	
FX	Fantastic	Fantastic Four			Nip/Tuck		Nip/Tuck	Flightplan			
HGTV	HGTV Dream Home 20	House	Buck	House	House	House	The Unsel	My First	House	Buck	
Get Fit for the New Year with the Hottest Fitness DVDs!											
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HIST	Gangland		Gangland		American Pickers		Lock N' Load	Gangland			
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Project Runway		Project Runway		Models	Will	Frasier	Medium	
MTV	Life, Liz	Teen Mom			Can't Hardly Wait				Buried	Life, Liz	
NICK	iCarly	Big Time	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Caprica		Caprica		Warehouse 13		Caprica	Warehouse 13			
SPIKE	UFC Fight Night		Best of PRIDE		Best of PRIDE		Die	Die	MANswers	MANswers	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	The Longest Yard						Vegas Vacation		
TCM	No Time-Sgts.				Buck Privates				See Here, Pvt.		
TLC	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Miss America: Behind		What Not to Wear	Miss America: Behind			
TNT	Bones		Bones		Bones		Final Destination 3				
TOON	Johnny T	Ben 10	Star Wars	Dude	King-Hill	King-Hill	Baby Blue	Amer Dad	The Office		
TRAV	Man/Food	Man/Food	Ghost Adventures		Most Haunted		Bigfootville	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man/Food	
TV LAND	Griffith		Griffith		Groundhog Day			Groundhog Day			
USA	NCIS		The Bourne Identity				Burn Notice		Tom Brokaw Presents		
VH1	Celebrity	Grease					London	For, Love of Ray J	Ray J		
WGN	RoboCop 2				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	
Premium Channels											
HBO	Big Love		Watchmen								
MAX	Training Day				Mummy: Dragon Emp.				Co-ed Confidential 3		
SHOW	Twilight				Call Girl	Call Girl	Boxing				

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