

Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 28. North wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south.

Sunday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers. Cloudy, with a low around 41.

Monday: Showers likely. Cloudy, with a high near 45. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Monday Night: A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Tuesday: A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 46. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 46.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 48.

Thursday: High, 57; Low 30
Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches

Month: 0.05 inches
Year: 0.92 inches

Normal: 1.20 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Saturday 7:10 a.m. 6:42 p.m.
Sunday 7:08 a.m. 6:43 p.m.

Monday 7:06 a.m. 6:44 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

City to install generator, improve motor on wells

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discharge pipe, placing the radiator outside the building and placing a new radiator on the chlorine pump.

At peak demand, both well would be needed to keep water running, said Chris Bieker, city public works director.

The contract for Well 12 will go to Central Power Systems for \$41,390 while the contract for No. 13 will go to Western Sprinklers for \$8,850.

Hutfles said he went to each well and looked at the motors. No. 13 has 650 hours on it while the motor on No. 12 has little over 5,000 hours. Bieker said the diesel engines have an estimated lifetime of 40,000 hours.

Hutfles said he was impressed with how easy the motors are to start, saying they are a good backup system.

"I believe what they have is an extremely good setup," Hutfles said.

Hutfles said that, given that they have a good system now, he wasn't sure he saw the need to spend so much money for new generators.

"I would never jeopardize the health and safety of this town," he said. "I would also

never spend their money frivolously."

Taylor said the city would see the benefit of the new backup generators in an ice storm. The city workers, he said, would be able to turn on the generators remotely and then go on to other work.

"You're not tying up that labor," he said.

Weber said that at the meeting two weeks ago, he had been ready to vote for the new generators, but now he had some concerns. He asked what would happen if the computer that controls the system went down.

"I am not real comfortable with taking a good backup system and trading it for something electric," Weber said. "I don't like putting 100 percent of our faith into that computer."

City Technology Director Mike Albers said the "SCADA" system is only an interface. It allows the crew to monitor things remotely, but city workers control all the actions. A programmable logic control serves as its central hub at the city shop. If that is lost, everything returns to manual operation.

"If you got power, you walk in and flip the switch," he said.

Weber also asked about putting a generator on a third well in order to have another

well with a backup system, rather than replacing an existing backup. The council asked Bieker for his opinion. He said the city needs to do something with Well 12.

"That's our bread and butter well," he said.

The city did a test of the water system on Tuesday, shutting down the water tower. Bieker said the system ran on Well 12, the standpipe and a little from the treatment plant.

In other business, the council:

- Discussed replacing a 1975 Ford truck that pulls the wood chipper.

Hutfles questioned whether the city needed a dedicated truck for the chipper. He asked if the city could use an existing truck, such as one of the dump trucks, to pull the chipper. However, he said, the current truck is far too old to continue using.

"I'm certainly not defending the truck," he said, "but the idea that more is better is not necessarily good."

Bieker said his department can use other trucks with some modifications, but they might not always be available. The chipper gets a lot of use, he said, with the crew keeping alleys clear, trimming trees away from power lines, getting rid of branches

on the streets and many other uses. In his opinion, he said, the city needs a dedicated truck.

The council took no action on the request.

- Adopted a resolution supporting the Thomas County Enterprise Zone. The zone keeps the county on the state list of small counties, allowing access to tax credits and exemptions not available to larger counties. Armstrong said this is part of the Community Strategic Action Plan.

- Approved two requests from the Colby High Alumni Association for its upcoming reunion. They approved closing Fike Park Road on Saturday, June 19, during the reunion picnic and allowing everyone to swim for free at the pool that day.

- Approved going out for bids to replace the city's reel trailer. The trailer is homemade, with wire reels tied down rather than bolted. Hutfles said he had seen the trailer and called it an accident waiting to happen. City Manager Carolyn Armstrong said there had been a couple of near misses with reels coming loose from the trailer, adding that there is \$25,000 in the budget for a new one.

Republican legislators to push for more taxes

TOPEKA (AP) — Republican leaders in the Kansas Senate say they'll push for \$300 million in tax increases to close a state budget shortfall.

Senate President Steve Morris, a Hugoton Republican, and Vice President John Vratil, a Leawood Republican, outlined those plans during a news conference Friday.

Morris and Vratil said GOP senators also want to trim spend-

ing from Democratic Gov. Mark Parkinson's proposed budget.

Morris said senators will be working on a tax plan that includes an increase in the state's 5.3 percent sales tax, the elimination of sales tax exemptions and higher tobacco and alcohol excise taxes.

The state faces a projected \$467 million budget shortfall for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Colby students plan benefit concert for Haiti

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to the music of Lucas Baumfalk, Brock Kersenbrock, Chace McIninch, Steven Kersiek, Leah Cox, Roopchan, Terrell and Melissa Krohn. All except Krohn are students at the school.

Roopchan, a sophomore, says that after high school she wants

to go to college in Florida and become a Christian singing artist. Terrell, a freshman, is the daughter of Jeff and Krysti Terrell of Colby.

The girls urged everyone to come share in the afternoon of music in the "Hearts for Haiti" project.

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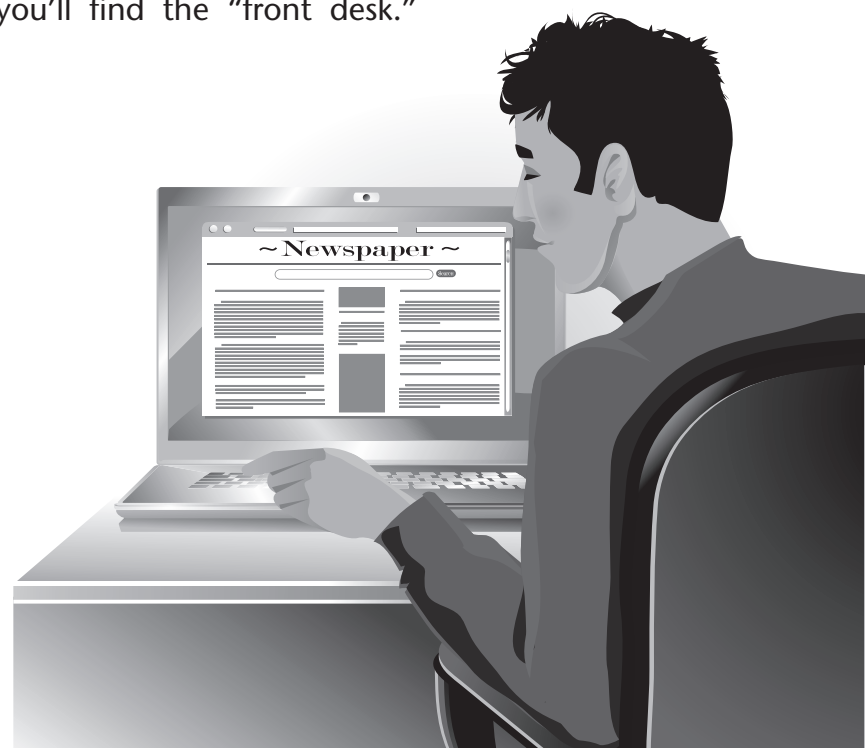
Monday Evening		March 8, 2010									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	The Bachelor				Castle		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	How I Met	Rules	Two Men	Big Bang	CSI: Miami		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late		
KSNK/NBC	Chuck		Trauma		Law & Order		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late		
KSAS/FOX	House		24		Local						
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A & E	Intervention		Intervention		Hoarders		Paranorma	Paranorma	Intervention		
AMC	The Pelican Brief						Ocean's Twelve				
ANIM	Animal Cops Miami		Pit Boss		Pit Boss		Pit Boss		Pit Boss		
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Kell on Earth		Kell on Earth		Real Housewives		
CMT	Smarter	Smarter	Blue Collar				Son-in-Law				
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		
COMEDY	RENO 911	RENO 911	Tosh.0	Futurama	Futurama	S. Park	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Martin	
DISC	The Flight That Foug		The Flight That Foug		The Underwear Bombe		The Flight That Foug		The Flight That Foug		
DISN	Beethoven		Phineas	Phineas	Montana		Wizards	Deck	Suite	So Raven	
E!	Sandra Bullock		The Soup		Fashion Police		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Fashion	
ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball				SportsCenter		NFL Live	Fastbreak	
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball				Final	Baseball	NASCAR Now		
FAM	Secret-Teen		Make It or Break It		Greek		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?	
FOOD	Good Eats	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	
FX	Double Jeopardy				Damages		Damages		70s Show	70s Show	
HGTV	Property	Property	House	First	House	For Rent	The Unsel	My First	House	First	
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Mini's First Time				Will	Will	Frasier	Medium	
MTV	S. Park	S. Park	True Life		Buried	Life, Liz	Buried	Life, Liz	16 and Pregnant		
NICK	G. Martin	Malcolm	Chris	Chris	Lopez	George	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Monster	Monster	Sword of Truth		
SPIKE	UFC Fight Night		TNA Wrestling				TNA Epics		DEA		
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight		Name Earl	Name/Earl	
TCM	The Brothers Warner				The Jazz Singer		I Am a Fugitive From a Gang				
TLC	Little	Little	Ultimate Cake Off		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Little	Little	Ultimate Cake Off		
TNT	Bones		Bones		The Closer		Law & Order		CSI: NY		
TOON	Ed, Edd	Ed, Edd	Titans	Titans	King/Hill	King/Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen	
TRAV	Anthony Bourdain		Bizarre Foods		Bourdain		Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		
TV LAND	Griffith	Griffith	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Boston Legal		Roseanne	Roseanne	
USA	NCIS		WWE Monday Night RAW				Psych		White Collar		
VH1	Celebrity Fit Club		Celebrity Fit Club		Fantasia	Fantasia	Celebrity Fit Club		Fantasia	Fantasia	
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	S. Park	S. Park	
Premium Channels											
HBO	Real Time/Bill Maher		Sugar				Ricky	Life	Road	Boxing	
MAX	Pants 2	The Uninvited			Observe and Report			Lingerie	Lingerie	Last Hse	
SHOW	Replicant		Nurse	Tara	Call Girl	Union	Call Girl	Union	Hand-Rocks		

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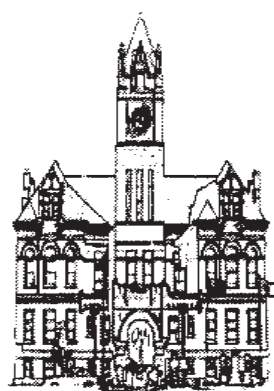


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