### Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: Patchy fog after midnight. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 17. South wind around 5 mph.

Saturday: Patchy fog before 9 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 36. South wind around 5 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20. South wind around 5 mph.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 47. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast. Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 47.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 23. Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with

a high near 42. Tuesday Night: Mostly

cloudy, with a low around 20. Wednesday: Partly sunny,

with a high near 46. Wednesday Night: Mostly

cloudy, with a low around 24.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 50.

Thursday: High, 45; Low 18 Precip: Thursday 0.00 inches Month: 0.07 inches 18.22 inches Normal: 20.34 inches (K-State Experiment Station) **Sunrise and Sunset** 

7:59 a.m. 5:23 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 5:23 p.m. Monday 8:00 a.m. 5:24 p. (U.S. Naval Observatory) 8:00 a.m. 5:24 p.m.

### College riders help the Army



Colby College equestrian team members Mariah Woolsoncroft, Morgan Harms, Miranda Mock and Kayla Cook did bell ringing for the Thomas County Salvation Army at WalMart. The equestrian team volunteered 20 hours from Nov. 29 to Dec. 4 to help raise money for the charity organization.

## College advertising for prof

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ergy Technologies covers several types of renewable energy, including wind, solar photovoltaic, solar in January. thermal, geothermal and biofuel. Reilley taught Introduction to Sofall and again in the spring.

The board discussed having the new employee meet targeted requirements before realizing this Faculty Alliance. Davis suggested the college hire someone on a temporary agreement. If the program meets the projected enrollment goals, that person could be hired as a full-time instructor.

Alan Waites, vice president of business affairs, said the money is through June. He said about 60 in the budget and suggested they start advertising right away. The

The members agreed to discuss the job again at their first meeting

Davis said the college estimates 15 students will enroll in the relar Photovoltaic in August and the newable program next fall and 20 in 2012. She said wind and solar photovoltaic will be the only classes next fall.

All three renewable sources will could cause a conflict with the eventually be incorporated into the program, Davis said. She said they want to have the person hired by February or March.

In other business, the board:

• Heard Waites say the college had \$7.6 million left in the 2010-2011 budget, which has to last percent of the budget remains.

• Heard Endowment Foundation

board agreed, but made no com- Director Nick Wells report that mitment to actually hire someone. Colby Ag had given the lowest bid for a Bobcat skid loader that will be leased to the college farm for \$3,575 per month for a year. The Dane G. Hansen Foundation is paying for the loader, he said.

## Drought starts grip on High Plains crop

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ery night, he said. Until then, the plants continue to grow and any moisture from rain or snow will soak into the unfrozen ground, helping the wheat establish good roots. If those roots aren't well-established, Milliman said, farmers will see a lot of the plants simply blow away over the winter.

Worse still, the dry weather may delay some wheat from sprouting, which will reduce yields.

"Anything that sprouts in the spring instead of fall will bring 50 to 60 percent yield loss," Milliman said.

The agent said the lower yields will hurt area farmers, especially after the good yields of the past several years. Last year saw a wetter fall and winter and an extra-wet spring, with enough rain in July to delay harvest.

"The moisture was there to get it started," Milliman said. "This year, the wheat has already been hit hard." Milliman said some farmers

may end up tilling their wheat fields and replanting them with corn in the spring.

Dave Floyd, warning coordination meteorologist with the weath-

er service in Goodland, said one of the main contributing factors to the dry winter is La Niña, colderthan-average sea temperatures in the Pacific. A moderate to strong La Niña means thunderstorms will generate in the South Pacific near Indonesia rather than near Hawaii or South America, he said, affecting weather over the continental United States.

"It's sort of a trickle-down effect," he said.

In winter, the jet stream is over the High Plains, bringing in the drier air from the La Niña. Floyd said the sea temperatures swing one way or the other every three to five years.

There could be other contributing factors, he said, but the sea temperatures are the most predict-

"There are other things that can influence winter as a whole," he said, "but the most predictable is the La Niña-El Niño ocean water swings, and we're in a moderate to strong La Niña right now."

Floyd said current weather models predict the La Niña influence in western Kansas will continue until late spring or early summer, when the jet stream usually moves north to the Canadian border.

December 18, 2010

**December 19, 2010** 

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Saturday Evening



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### Could market soar to a new peak marks its second anniversary. But the longest economic expansion

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fairly rosy scenario, where there isn't a whole lot of competition

Corporate bonds provide decent income but lack the potential of stocks to appreciate. Interest rates on cash investments, such as bank CDs and money market mutual funds, remain in the basement. Meanwhile, corporate earnings in the Dow. The inflation rate re- in December whether "irrational keep rising, which makes stocks mained stable a fourth straight exuberance has unduly escalated more appealing. Companies also year, convincing many investors asset values." are sitting on a record amount of cash, giving them leeway to pay bigger dividends, buy their own stock or buy competitors.

The economy could help, too. The Great Recession ended in June of last year, so this economic expansion is only one and a half years old. Expansions since World War II have lasted an average of nearly five years. The Dow doesn't always rise the year a recovery

the last time it did so, in 2003, the in U.S. history powered through Dow jumped 25 percent. Here's a its fifth year. And more Americans look at how the Dow made a leap were putting money into stocks of more than 23 percent six times through company-sponsored rethe past 25 years:

- 1985. A third straight year of ber 1982 fueled a 28 percent gain Alan Greenspan asked in a speech that the inflation monster of the late 1970s had been slain.
- 1989. Mergers and acquisitions, including takeovers by corporate raiders, helped push the Dow up 27 percent. In August, the Dow regained the level it since 1994. had reached in August 1987, two Monday" crash.
- 1995. The Dow jumped 33 2001 recession. percent as what would become

tirement accounts.

- 1996. The Dow rose another strong economic growth - GDP 26 percent as the economy contingrew 4.1 percent – after a deep ued strong. Stocks gained so much recession had ended in Novem- that Federal Reserve Chairman
  - 1999. Strong corporate profits and excitement about the Internet pushed the Dow up 25 percent. Earnings per share for the companies in the S&P 500 index jumped 28 percent, the strongest growth
- 2003. The Dow rose 25 permonths before that year's "Black cent as the economy enjoyed its second year of recovery after the



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