

Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: Snow and areas of blowing snow. Low around 7. Wind chill values as low as -11. Blustery, with a north wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90 percent. New snow accumulation of 2 to 4 inches possible.

Friday: Snow likely and areas of blowing snow before noon, then areas of blowing snow and a slight chance of snow after noon. Cloudy and cold, with a high near 9. Wind chill values as low as -14. Blustery, with a north wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. New snow accumulation of around an inch possible.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around -2. Wind chill values as low as -19. Northwest wind around 15 mph.

New Year's Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 17. West wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 5.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 31.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 7.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 34.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 12.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 37.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 17.

Precip - Month: 0.07 inches

Year: 18.22 inches

Normal: 20.34 inches

(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset

Friday 8:04 a.m. 5:31 p.m.

Saturday 8:04 a.m. 5:31 p.m.

Sunday 8:04 a.m. 5:32 p.m.

Monday 8:04 a.m. 5:33 p.m.

(U.S. Naval Observatory)

Financial officer is new hospital chief

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Ross said. "Kevan has led our organization through two bond refinances (in 1993 and 1998), and has been an integral part of each of the building construction/expansion projects that our facilities have undergone during his tenure with CMCL."

Trenkle came to the hospital as assistant chief financial officer in 1993 and was promoted in 1995. In that time, he said, he's seen four chief executives come and go and served as interim chief several times.

"I've probably been interim about four or five years total," he said.

Rural "critical access" hospitals face many difficulties today, he said, foremost being changing federal regulations, especially in Medicare.

"They can change almost on a daily basis," he said. "It's one of the biggest challenges to any hospital. It's been a challenge since Medicare came in the '60s."

As a chief executive officer, he said, his job will be to somehow balance things to keep the hospital stable.

Born and raised in the Nebraska Panhandle, Trenkle earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Chadron State College in the 1960s. He served in the Navy from 1968 to 1972 as an aviation ordnance-man on the USS Enterprise. After that, he earned a master's degree in accounting from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Trenkle said he wanted to be a certified public accountant.

"I took the test and found out it's not for me," he added.



KEVIN BOTTRELL/Colby Free Press
Newly appointed Chief Executive Officer Kevan Trenkle filled out paperwork at Citizens Medical Center on Tuesday. Trenkle will continue in his duties as chief financial officer until a new one is hired.

Trenkle has worked in hospital finance ever since in places like Scottsbluff, Neb., and Chamberlain, S.D., before coming to Colby. Trenkle said his wife, Cynthia, is from Atwood, so moving to the area felt like coming home.

In his spare time, Trenkle said, he likes to be outdoors or putter around his garage. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Council votes for raises

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cil was being too generous. Mayor Ken Bieber said he didn't know the exact amount board members who run Meadow Lake were going to have to pay the city, but he said \$2,000 wasn't too far off. He said the amount owed was based on attorney fees paid to City Attorney John Gatz to negotiate the lease with the golf courses' attorney, Cal Williams.

The mayor said they decided not include the fees in the final lease when they learned only one of the members was going to pay for all of it, even though he had nothing to do with the situation.

Armstrong said according to the Dec. 10 issue of the *Colby Free Press*, the Thomas County commissioners approved a 3 percent increase for county employees.

Crops, vandalism are top 2010 stories

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doors in June. To recoup some of the expense, the city took possession of the building and held a well-attended sale of the computers, desks and other equipment in December.

6 School budgets front and center most of the year

The state budget crisis made trouble for public schools this year. Over the course of the year, the district cut about \$1 million - \$330,000 for the 2009-2010 school year and \$670,000 for the 2010-2011 school year - to make up for less money coming in from the state.

The district cut out in-town busing, combined some student activities, hired fewer coaches, closed the grade-school kitchen and stretched existing staff to cover vacancies, such as the one left by retiring high school Principal Don Krebs.

The state cut its contribution per student by more than \$200, but in the end raised the statewide sales tax to partly cover the budget shortfall. But the issue wasn't settled. Federal stimulus money will expire in 2011, leaving the state with a large hole to fill.

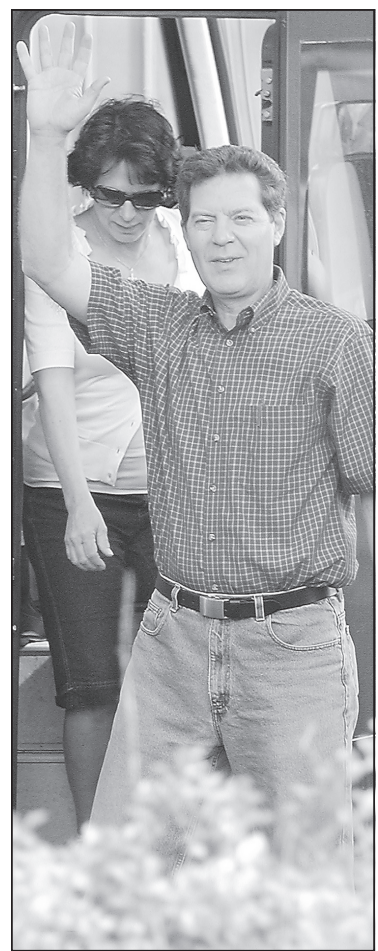
7 Explosive compound found at college

The Kansas fire marshal's bomb squad was called to Colby Community College in June to handle several jars of a volatile acid that had been found in a store room.

After they were discovered, the jars of picric acid and white phosphorus were quarantined and the building emptied over a weekend until the bomb squad could arrive. The squad loaded the acid into a special trailer full of sand and drove it to the Thomas County Landfill.

The squad attached explosives to the acid and detonated it in a safe area.

School officials said it's not unusual to have to dispose of bottles



KEVIN BOTTRELL/Colby Free Press
Future governor Sam Brownback and his wife Mary stepped off their tour bus at Fike Park in August, just a little behind schedule after an event in Oakley.

of volatile chemicals in forgotten corners of chemistry storerooms.

8 Candidates visit on campaign tours

In an election year with only a little local drama at the county level, eyes turned to statewide elections. Colby saw all eight candidates for the U.S. House Representatives at various times. State Sen. Tim Huelskamp, who was endorsed by his counterpart in this area, Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer, visited several times and ended up winning the seat.

Sen. Sam Brownback came through twice on his campaign for governor, once bringing much of

the Republican ticket with him in a brightly-painted tour bus. Brownback won the governorship with more than 80 percent of Thomas County's vote.

Rep. Jerry Moran, a candidate for Brownback's Senate seat, stopped by Heartland Christian School to speak to students in February and later came to the county fair. Moran ended up winning a contentious primary against fellow Rep. Todd Tiaht and the general election as well.

9 College president resigns

Colby Community College President Lynn Kreider resigned in a closed-door meeting in September, ending a long and sometimes acrimonious relationship with the college's elected board.

The board decided in April that it would not renew Kreider's contract past June 30, 2012, and after that debated several measures that would have limited presidential powers in purchasing and hiring. The debate, which became heated on both sides, ended with his resignation.

The board hired Dr. Max Heim, a retired professor and school superintendent, as interim president and to help find a replacement. Heim had previously helped in the search for a new Colby Public Schools superintendent.

10 New businesses arrive

Two new hotels opened their doors in Colby this year, the Hampton Inn on Willow Drive and the Sleep Inn and Suites on Sewell Avenue.

Several new restaurants opened, including family restaurant Mabel's in October and coffee shop Smoffee's in April. Several new restaurants didn't make it however, including Butch's Smoke House, Casa de Burritos and the Soup and Sandwich Shop.

Colby Motors began selling cars in August, Viera Wireless opened in November and in December, a new antique store, Gizmo's, opened on Franklin Avenue.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Saturday Evening											January 1, 2011		
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
KAKE/ABC	V		V		V		Local						
KBSL/CBS	CSI: Miami		48 Hours Mystery		48 Hours Mystery		Local						
KSNK/NBC	Law-Order L.A.		Law-Order L.A.		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Saturday Night Live					
KSAS/FOX	Cops	Cops	Amer. Most Wanted		Local		The Good Guys	Wildie	Local				
Cable Channels													
A & E	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog			
AMC	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges			
ANIM	Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls-Parole				
BRAVO	The Green Mile						The Green Mile						
CMT	Dallas	Dallas			Dallas		Dallas		Dallas				
CNN	Her Name Was Steven				Taliban		Atlanta Murder						
COMEDY	Superhero Movie		Good Luck Chuck				Kung Fu Hustle						
DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters				
DISN	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Deck	Deck	Sonny With a Chance		Good Luck	Good Luck			
E!	Garden State				Kardashian		The Soup	Chelsea	Honey				
ESPN	Football	College Football							Postgame	SportsCtr			
ESPN2	Basket.	SportsNation		SportsCenter	Year in Review		SportsCenter		Highlight	Football			
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos				Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos				
FOOD	Worst Cooks		Worst Cooks		Worst Cooks		Iron Chef America		Worst Cooks				
FX	Pineapple Express				Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Archer	Archer			
HGTV	Candice	Genevieve	Dream Home 2011		Selling N	House	Hunters	Hunters	Dream Home 2011				

We Celebrate Hometown Life

Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper.

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
HIST	Hooked: Illegal		Marijuana: A				The History of Sex		Hooked: Illegal	
LIFE	Maneater		Coyote Ugly				Beauty Shop			
MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore	
NICK	House of Anubis		iCarly		George	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
SCI	Tw. Zone	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight
SPIKE	Rambo		The Fugitive						Die Hard	
TBS	Bad Boys				Rush Hour 3				Glory Daze	
TCM	My Darling C.				Pride-Yankees				Tammy	
TLC	Sister	Sister	Sister Wives		Sister Wives Special		Sister	Sister	Sister Wives	
TNT	Saving Private Ryan				Righteous Kill				AF1	
TOON	Firebreather		King/Hill	King/Hill	God Devil	Fam. Guy	Boondocks	Boondocks	Bleach	Kekkaishi
TRAV	Conqueror	Conqueror	Sturgis		Sturgis		No Reservation		Sturgis	
TV LAND	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland		Raymond	Raymond
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS	
VH1	Barbershop				Baby Boy				Chilli	
WGN	Beach Boys						How I Met	How I Met	South Pk	South Pk
Premium Channels										
HBO	Percy Jackson				Earth Stood					
MAX	Animal House				Greenberg					
SHOW	Knowing				Inglorious Basterds				Scary Mv	

Sunday Evening											January 2, 2011		
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
KAKE/ABC	Extreme Makeover		Desperate Housewives		Brothers & Sisters		Local						
KBSL/CBS	CSI: Miami		Undercover Boss		CSI: Miami		Local						
KSNK/NBC	Football	NFL Football					Local		Dateline NBC				
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy		Local								
Cable Channels													
A & E	Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	Hoarders		Intervention		Jewels	Jewels			
AMC	Swordfish				Swordfish				Executive Decision				
ANIM	River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters				
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		Matchmaker		Real Housewives				
CMT	G. Acres	G. Acres	G. Acres	G. Acres	G. Acres	G. Acres	G. Acres	G. Acres	The Dukes of Hazzard	Larry King Live			
CNN	State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live				
COMEDY	Good Luck Chuck		The Heartbreak Kid				Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama			
DISC	When Fish Attack		Rise-Jellyfish		Croc Attack		When Fish Attack		Rise-Jellyfish				
DISN	Sonny	Camp Rock 2			Deck		Phineas and Ferb		Hannah	Hannah			
E!	Bridalplasty		Bridalplasty		Kendra	Kendra	Bridalplasty		Kendra	Kendra			
ESPN	SportsCtr	SportsCenter					SportsCenter		SportsCtr				
ESPN2	30 for 30		30 for 30		30 for 30		30 for 30		College Football				
FAM	Notebook	Enchanted					Funniest Home Videos		J. Osteen	Ed Young			
FOOD	Iron Chef America		Worst Cooks		Iron Chef America				Worst Cooks				
FX	Dodgeball: Underdog				The Waterboy				The Wedding Singer				
HGTV	Holmes	Holmes	Holmes Inspection		House	Hunters	Income	Income	Holmes Inspection				
HIST	Ax Men				Top Gear		Modern Marvels		Ax Men				
LIFE	The Client List		Sister Act 2: Back				Sister Act 2: Back						
MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		I Used to Be Fat		16 and Pregnant				
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny			
SCI	S. King's The Stand		S. King's The Stand				Stephen King						
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		The Perfect Storm				
TBS	The Longest Yard				The Longest Yard								
TCM	No Highway				Fate Is the Hunter				Tokyo Chorus				
TLC	Sarah Palin's Alaska		Sarah Palin's Alaska		Sarah Palin's Alaska		Sarah Palin's Alaska		Sarah Palin's Alaska				
TNT	Shooter				Shooter								
TOON	Titan	Star Wars	Venture	Venture	Squidbill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Childrens Hospital					
TRAV	When Vacations		Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	When Vacations		Man, Food	Man, Food			
TV LAND	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond			
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU				
VH1	Basketball Wives		Chilli	Brandy	Basketball Wives		Chilli	Brandy	Basketball Wives				
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	Monk		Monk				
Premium Channels													
HBO	Big Love		Big Love		Big Love		Tooth Fairy						
MAX	Greenberg				Independence Day				Lingerie				
SHOW	The Hurt Locker				Californ.	Californ.	Quantum of Solace						

Monday Evening											January 3, 2011		
	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	Mike	Hawaii Five-0								