

Weather Corner



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 41. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 41. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22. West wind around 10 mph.
Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 43. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 19.
Sunday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 36.
Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21.
M.L. King Day: A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 42. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20.
Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 37.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 37.

Wednesday: High, 20; Low -9
 Precip: Wed. 0.00 inches
 Month: 0.00 inches
 Year: 0.18 inches
 Normal: 0.45 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
 Friday 8:03 a.m. 5:44 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

County reappoints officers

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agency Management personnel have training for radiological spills, the federal government requires each county to name a radiological officer. Hilbrink is the "go to" person if there is a hazardous materials spill

Members of the Thomas County Fair Board, and the city precinct or township they represent, included, from Colby, Precinct II, Bill Shields; Precinct IV, Janet Hopson, Mark Bredemeier; West Morgan, Tom Chain, Audrey Hines (secretary), Stan Strange, Kathi Wright; Wendell, Darrell Dible; East Hale, Nancy Rundel; East Morgan, Schrock (vice president); Barrett, Brad Skolout; Lacey, Carmen Cronell, Karla

Haggard; Summers, Austen Moser (president).

The commissioners named Sowers to represent them on the Northwest Kansas Local Environmental Protection Group; Christiansen for the Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission board; and Paul Steele to the county Economic Development Alliance board.

An appointment with Rick Freeman of HMN Architects of Overland Park to discuss possible jail expansion was cancelled due to the bad weather Monday.

The commissioners will meet again at 9 a.m. Monday in their meeting room on the first floor of the Thomas County courthouse.

Governor unveils budget proposals

By John Hanna
 AP Political Writer

TOPEKA — Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback outlined a proposed budget Thursday that would reduce overall state spending by 6 percent, cut public schools' base aid per pupil, eliminate a major social services agency, abolish the state Parole Board and start phasing out tax dollars for the arts.

His staff went public with the details of his spending plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1 the morning after the new Republican governor declared in his first State of the State address that the "days of ever-expanding government are over — and under my administration, they will not return."

Many of the details provided to the House Appropriations and Senate Ways and Means committee underscored that statement. Brownback's team argued that he's still providing adequate support to education and core public services even while proposing to eliminate a projected \$550 million budget shortfall without raising taxes.

Brownback is proposing that \$200 million in funds set aside for highway projects be diverted to general government programs — a tactic that's been used in the past. But his administration said the one-time transfer won't affect a 10-year highway program approved last year.

Overall state spending would drop to \$13.9 billion during the next fiscal year, a decline of \$876 million, though much of the reduction would result from the expected disappearance of federal eco-

nomics stimulus funds the state had been using to prop up aid to public schools and social services.

An even more eye-popping number in political terms could be Brownback's proposal to cut the base state aid to public schools by \$232 per student, or almost 6 percent. Base aid doesn't account for all the state tax dollars received by Kansas' 293 districts, but educators tend to focus on the figure as a measurement of the state's commitment.

"I can tell you this: The education community will not be happy with his budget proposal, and if it passes, literally thousands of teachers across the state will lose their jobs," Senate Vice President John Vratil, a Leawood Republican, said Wednesday night before the details became public.

Brownback and his staff emphasized that the amount of total state tax dollars provided to schools would increase during the next fiscal year, though not enough to offset the expected loss of \$200 million in federal stimulus funds for schools. He said after his speech he'd work to give districts more flexibility to use their reserve funds to compensate.

The governor's budget would protect special education spending and cover rising costs associated with teacher pensions and building projects. Doing those things would shift tax dollars out of base state aid, dropping the figure from its present \$4,012 to \$3,780.

But Brownback's staff said that when all state spending on schools is considered, the total figure per pupil actually would rise, from \$4,549 to \$4,743.

Four seats open for school board

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that, in his view, has been able to weather the budget crisis well.

"We've been able to make cuts without losing programs or hurting our curriculum," he said.

Weber said he expects the board to have to continue dealing with budget problems.

"What we're hearing from Topeka is that more cuts are coming," he said.

Weber works at Lang Die-

sel and sits on the Colby City Council.

• Molstad, who works at Colby Canvass, said he hasn't decided whether to run or not. He was elected in 2007, when he received the most votes — more than 1,300 — of any candidate. Molstad, said he wants to encourage new people to put their names in.

County Clerk Shelly Harms said besides Geihlsler, two other people, Angela Gaede and Dale Hershberger, both of Colby, have filed for the Colby board.

Mayor, four council seats will be on April 5 ballots

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the extra obligation. Mallory and Brown both said this week they have not decided.

Bieber was unavailable for comment today, but has indicated he will not be running again.

Armstrong said no one has signed on yet to replace or run

against the councilmen, but two people, Gary Adrian, author of the book "Flight of the Eagles," and a Colby High booster club member, and Ed Collins have both filed to run for mayor.

Armstrong said those interested in city positions must file with the city clerk by noon Tuesday, Jan. 25.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Saturday Evening		January 15, 2011									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Miss America Pageant				Local				
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		The Defenders		48 Hours Mystery		Local				
KSNK/NBC	Chuck		Law-Order L.A.		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Saturday Night Live			
KSAS/FOX	NFL Football						The Good Guys	TBA	Local		
Cable Channels											
A & E	Peace	Peace	Peace	Peace	Peace	Beyond Scared Straight		Peace	Peace		
AMC	League-Gentle.					Demolition Man					
ANIM	It's Me or the Dog	Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Bulls-Parole			
BRAVO	House	House		House		House					
CMT	Deliverance	Unforgiven						The Dukes of Hazzard			
CNN	CNN Presents	Anderson Cooper 360	Newsroom			CNN Presents		Anderson Cooper 360			
COMEDY	Iglesias: Fluffy	George Lopez: America's Mex.		Chris Rock: Bigger & Blacker				Ron White: Beh			
DISC	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs			
DISN	Deck	Shake it	Good Luck	Good Luck	Good Luck	Suite Life on Deck		Deck	Wizards		
E!	Honey			Katy Perry		The Soup	Chelsea	Honey			
ESPN	Wm. Basketball			SportsCenter				NFL PrimeTime			
ESPN2	Town Hall	PBA Bowling		Pokerstars.Net							
FAM	Charlie	The Goonies				Godzilla					
FOOD	Challenge	Challenge		Challenge		Iron Chef America		Challenge			
FX	Hellboy	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Justified		Justified			
HGTV	Candice	Color	Genevieve	Block	House	House	Hunters	Hunters	Genevieve	Block	

American Profile

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HIST	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers
LIFE	Dying Young	Erin Brockovich			Wife Swap
MTV	Teen Mom 2	I Used to Be Fat	Jersey Shore	Jersey Shore	Teen Mom 2
NICK	iCarly	Big Time	Victorioti	Jackson	Lopez
SCI	Meteor Storm	Behemoth			Disaster Zone
SPIKE	The Hunted	Ladder 49			Waterworld
TBS	Meet the Parents			The Love Guru	Glory Daze
TCM	Black Orpheus		Missing		Friendly
TLC	Addiction	Addiction	Addiction	Addiction	Addiction
TNT	Transformers				Transformers
TOON	Scooby	Scooby	King/Hill	King/Hill	God Devil
TRAV	When Vacations	The Wild Within	Dining With Death		Boondocks
TV LAND	Married	Married	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		The Break-Up
VH1	16th Critics' Choice	You're Cut Off	The X Life		Celebrity Rehab
WGN	NBA Basketball			News/Nine	How I Met
Premium Channels					
HBO	Valentine's Day			Bette Midler	Valentine's Day
MAX	Yes Man			Chipmunks-Squeakquel	Life-Top
SHOW	Shameless	Zack and Miri Make		Suicide Girls Must Die	Californ.

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Sunday Evening		January 16, 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	60 Minutes		Undercover Boss		CSI: Miami		Local				
KSNK/NBC	Golden Globes								Dateline NBC		
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Cleveland	Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	
AMC	Chronicles-Ridd					Chronicles-Ridd					
ANIM	Confessions		Confessions		I Shouldn't Be Alive		Confessions		I Shouldn't Be Alive		
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.		Housewives/Atl.		The Real Housewives of Atlanta		Watch What Happens: Live				
CMT	Dances With Wolves								Songs-Decade		
CNN	State of the Union		Anderson Cooper 360	Newsroom		State of the Union		Anderson Cooper 360			
COMEDY	Lewis Black		Ron White: Beh		Denis Leary:		Tosh.0	Onion	South Pk	Futurama	
DISC	Pig Bomb		Wild Animal Repo		Hogs Gone Wild		Pig Bomb		Wild Animal Repo		
DISN	Deck	Good Luck	Shake it	Sonny	Phineas	Phineas	Good Luck	Good Luck	Hannah	Hannah	
E!	Bridalplasty		Born Different		Kendra	Kendra	E! After Party		Kendra	Kendra	
ESPN	NFL PrimeTime		NBA Basketball				SportsCenter				
ESPN2	Tennis								Tennis		
FAM	Matilda				Bruce Almighty				J. Osteen	Ed Young	
FOOD	Challenge		Worst Cooks		Iron Chef America		Cupcake Wars		Worst Cooks		
FX	Iron Man						Lights Out		Hellboy-Army		
HGTV	Holmes	Holmes	Holmes Inspection		House	Hunters	Cash & Ca	Income	Holmes Inspection		
HIST	Ax Men		Ax Men		Top Gear		Pawn	Pawn	Ax Men		
LIFE	Soul Food		Army Wives		Army Wives		Bond of Silence				
MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Teen Mom 2		I Used to Be Fat		True Life		
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	News	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	
SCI	Underworld				Underworld: Ev				Skinwalkers		
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		
TBS	Meet the Fockers				Meet the Fockers				Fun With Dick & Jane	Dekigokoro	
TCM	In the Heat				Liberation-LB						
TLC	48 Hours: Hard Evid.		48 Hours: Hard Evid.		Ted Haggard		48 Hours: Hard Evid.		Ted Haggard		
TNT	Transformers				Transformers				I Am Legend		
TOON	Justice	Star Wars	Venture	Venture	Squidbill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Childrens Hospital			
TRAV	When Vacations		The Wild Within		No Reservation		When Vacations		The Wild Within		
TV LAND	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	
USA	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		>Welcome Home Roscoe				
VH1	Basketball Wives		Chilli	Brandy	Basketball Wives		Chilli	Brandy	Basketball Wives		
WGN	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	News/Nine	Replay	Monk		Monk		
Premium Channels											
HBO	Valentine's Day		Big Love		Big Love		Clash of the Titans				
MAX	Domino		Chipmunks-Squeakquel		Resident Evil						
SHOW	Episodes	Californ.	Californ.	Episodes	Shameless		Shameless		Californ.	Episodes	

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ATTENTION...

Colby High School, Brewster High School, Golden Plains High School and Heartland Christian School

Senior Parents & Homeschoolers Hurry in!!

Deadline is April 15, 2011!!!

The Colby Free Press is now planning the Senior Graduation Tab and will be giving parents a chance to put a baby picture in along with a short message from the family for a small fee.

WHITNEY COLETTE ADAMS

••• Small Sample •••

I plan to attend Colby Community College and play softball

PARENTS: Richard & Peggy Adams

It's been a real hoot, Whitney - go get em girl, and Godspeed. Love, Mom & Dad

We will automatically feature your student's picture and information, but this will be your chance to put in a baby picture to show how much *your* senior has really changed over the years!

Call Andrea, Kathryn, or Tammy at 462-3963 for more information or stop by the office at 155 W. Fifth in Colby.