

**Weather Corner**



**National Weather Service Tonight:** Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly before 1 a.m. Some storms could be severe, with heavy rain. Mostly cloudy; low around 64. East wind between 5 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

**Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 84. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.

**Thursday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. South wind around 10 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Friday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97.

**Saturday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69.

**Sunday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97.

**Sunday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70.

**Monday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny; high near 93.

**Monday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69.

Friday: High, 95; Low 69  
 Saturday: High, 95; Low 59  
 Sunday: High, 89; Low 60  
 Monday: High, 97; Low 62  
 Tuesday: High, 100; Low 64  
 Precip: Friday 0.02 inches  
 Saturday 0.87 inches  
 Sunday None  
 Monday None  
 Tuesday 0.04 inches  
 Month: 0.93 inches  
 Year: 8.08 inches  
 Normal: 13.61 inches  
 (K-State Experiment Station)

**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Thursday 6:24 a.m. 9:14 p.m.  
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

**Colby Water Use**  
 Friday-Monday 2,167,000 gal.  
 (average)  
 Tuesday 2,318,000 gal.  
 (Colby Public Works)

**Documentary crew to film downtown**

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asked if Staats saw any trends that the city should be aware of. Staats said the city shows prudent accounting in keeping a reserve.

Staats said the review will be submitted to a federal clearinghouse, where any agency looking at giving a grant to the city will be able to access it.

- Hired Northwest Kansas Planning and Development to do a Davis Bacon Act review of the Ace Services Soil Cap contracts. The Davis Bacon Act requires contractors to pay the local average wages on federal

jobs. Staats suggested the city hire a grant administrator to oversee the process, since federal grants are complex and require a lot of paperwork. The expense of the review will be reimbursed by the Environmental Protection Agency.

- Received an update on the Property at 480 N. Country Club Dr. The council had given the owners until Tuesday to clean up the property, and while they have made a lot of progress, Armstrong said, they need more time. The council voted to allow them 90 more days.

- Authorized the Colby Swim Club to rent the Aquatic Center at an hourly rate of \$350

with no concessions for its end-of-season party on Sunday. The club had originally asked to pay a flat price of \$350 for 1 1/2 hours. Councilmen Tim Huffles and Mark Beringer said the city should stick with the rates set before the pool opened for the first summer and then look and see if they need to be changed for next year.

- Allowed the college to pay \$200 for new college students to swim at the pool during the college's welcome night Monday, Aug. 15. The college puts on a block party that day for new students and has a movie and bowling night.

**Space shuttle program leaves expensive legacy**

By Seth Borenstein

AP Science Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The space shuttle was sold to America as cheap, safe and reliable. It was none of those.

It cost \$196 billion over 40 years, ended the lives of 14 astronauts and managed to make less than half the flights promised.

Yet despite all that, there were some big achievements that weren't promised: major scientific advances, stunning photos of the cosmos, a high-flying vehicle of diplomacy that helped bring Cold War enemies closer, and something to brag about.

Former President George H.W. Bush, who oversaw the early flights, said the shuttle program "authored a truly inspiring chapter in the history of human exploration."

NASA's first space shuttle flight was in April 1981. The 135th and final launch is set for Friday, although storms could cause a delay. Once Atlantis lands at the end of a 12-day mission, it and the other two remaining shuttles are officially museum pieces — more expensive than any paintings.

America has done far more for far less. The total price tag for the program was more than twice the \$90 billion NASA originally calculated.

The nation spent more on the space shuttle than the combined cost of soaring to the moon, creating the atom bomb, and digging the Panama Canal, according to an analysis by The Associated Press using figures from NASA and the Smithsonian Institution and adjusting for inflation.

Even its most ardent supporters concede that the shuttle program never lived up to its initial promise. Of the five shuttles built, two were lost in fiery tragedies. The most shuttle flights taken in one year was nine — far from the promised 50.

The program also managed to make blasting into space seem everyday dull by going to the same place over and over again. Shuttles circled the planet 20,830 times, but went nowhere really new.

The shuttle's epitaph is "we tried," said Hans Mark, a former deputy NASA administrator who oversaw most of the first dozen launches.

Six years ago, then-NASA chief Michael Griffin even called the shuttle program a mistake.

But as a mistake it is one that paid off in wildly unexpected ways that weren't about money and reliability.

"The discoveries it enabled, the international cooperation it fostered and the knowledge it gained — often at great human

cost — has also contributed in countless, important ways to humanity and our common progress," President Bush wrote the Associated Press in an email. Bush oversaw the program's early days as vice president, a job that has by tradition superseded NASA.

There are the magnificent photos from the Hubble Space Telescope, which helped pin-

point the age of the universe and demonstrated the existence of mysterious dark energy; the ongoing labwork on the International Space Station; a multitude of satellites for everything from spying to climate change; and spacecraft that explore the solar system. All owe their existence to the space shuttle.

**Bad weather may disrupt shuttle launch**

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Atlantis is loaded with thousands of pounds of food, clothes, experiments and other supplies for the orbiting complex. NASA wants to stockpile a year's worth of provisions in case commercially sponsored cargo ships get delayed. The first such launch is targeted for later this year.

NASA is under orders to get out of the Earth-to-orbit business and focus instead on trips to true outer space: an asteroid and Mars.

This will be the 135th flight for the shuttle program and the 33rd for Atlantis, the last

shuttle to be retired. Discovery was first in March, followed by Endeavour at the beginning of June. Each shuttle will head to a museum.

NASA said it must launch Atlantis by Sunday — choosing the best two out of three days — otherwise it will have to wait until at least July 16. That's because of an unmanned rocket due to lift off next week.

If the crowds are as huge as anticipated, NASA said it will try Friday and then probably wait until Sunday to give launch controllers enough time to deal with the heavy traffic and get some rest.

**Typo may have saved Goodland social services office**

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original tip called back and said it was something he had never seen. He knew the original list had included Goodland, and this reporter said it was certainly in the list in the original statement from Topeka.

The man said it was possible something had changed to make it cheaper to keep the Goodland office open, such as the building owner agreeing to reduce the rent. He said it was a good day for Goodland, and he had not seen Topeka act as fast in many years.

A woman came into the Star-News office Tuesday morning and said she thought Rep. Rick

Billinger, whose district includes Colby, had made some calls to help keep the office open.

Whitten later sent out a revised press release:

"...and a reduction of nine service centers: Coffeyville, Fort Scott, Garnett, Lawrence, Lyndon, Marysville, McPherson, Pratt and Wellington.

"Among the considerations for selecting offices for closure, were caseload size, proximity to other SRS offices, and the ongoing focus on providing services in the most cost efficient means possible."

This is not the first restructuring for the department going back to 2003-2007, when 61 of 106 local offices were closed.

This year the legislature told the department to cut \$42 million from its all-funds budget, including \$1 million in administration costs for next year, the statement said.

"The legislature told us to find savings, and we have identified a way to achieve those savings while still providing exemplary services to our beneficiaries," said Secretary Rob Siedlecki.

Beneficiaries served by the affected offices will see no disruption in services, he said. As staff and casework is reassigned, customers will be notified of how and where to contact their assigned caseworkers.

There are no staff lay-offs associated with the office closures,

Siedlecki said; staff will be reassigned to neighboring offices based upon service needs in the areas served.

Of the nine offices being closed the largest is Lawrence with 87 employees. Two offices will be closed in the northeast including Marysville, 12 employees and Lyndon, 10 employees. Two offices in the south central are on the list McPherson, 17, and Wellington, 18. Three offices in the southeast include Garnett, 5, Coffeyville, 16, and Fort Scott, 30. In the west Pratt's office will be closed with 13 employees.

For more information about SRS services or how to apply, please visit [www.srs.ks.gov](http://www.srs.ks.gov) or call toll free 1 (888) 369-4777.

**Briefly**

**Salvation Army is giving out fans**

For those looking to beat the heat this summer, the Thomas County Salvation Army has fans available. Call Kathy at the Thomas County Health Department at 460-4596 or Sue at Citizens Medical Center at 462-7511.

**Retired federal workers to meet here Thursday**

The Colby Chapter of the National Association for Active and Retired Federal Employees will meet at noon next Thursday at Montana Mike's. The group is an advocate for both active and retired federal employees with Congress and the White House. For information, call Maxine Nelson at 462-3571.

**Community college offers motorcycle class**

Colby Community College is offering a Basic Motorcycle Rider Course beginning with a classroom session from 5:45 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday in Thomas Hall Room 410. Riding skills will be taught from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 16-17, at the Colby Airport. The instructor is Mike Harlan, Motorcycle Training Specialist Inc., Wichita. Cost is \$265. To enroll, call Penny Cline at 460-5404 or email [penny.cline@colbycc.edu](mailto:penny.cline@colbycc.edu).

**American Legion group to serve steak on Friday**

The Sons of the American Legion will have a Steak Night from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the post, 1850 W. Fourth St. The group will serve rib eyes, potatoes, vegetables, rolls and dessert for \$12. For information, call Tracey at 462-0450.

**Department has food for distribution Monday**

The United States Department of Agriculture will distribute extra commodities from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center. Commodities are given according to income guidelines and distribution is first-come, first-served. Participants are asked to not arrive before 12:30 p.m. Commodities include grape juice, pears, beef stew, cereal, dehydrated potatoes and applesauce. For information, call the program office at 462-6744.

**City to start sealing street cracks soon**

The City of Colby will be sealing streets at 8 a.m. Tuesday to Thursday, July 12 to 14. Streets scheduled for Tuesday are Golden and Plains Avenues and the Experiment Station Road from First Street to Fourth Street. Streets scheduled for next Wednesday are on Ninth Street from Thompson Avenue to Lane Avenue and on Thompson Avenue from Ninth Street to Brookside Drive. Streets scheduled for Thursday, July 14, are Lynn Street and on 10th Street from Thompson Avenue to Country Club Drive. Have vehicles off the street by 8 a.m. or they will be towed. For information, call Chris Bieker at (785) 460-4420.

**LOCAL TV Listings** Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Thursday Evening July 7, 2011										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Expedition Imp.		Rookie Blue		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Rules	Big Brother		The Mentalist		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Community	Parks	Office	30 Rock			Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	So You Think		Glee		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		First 48: Missing		First 48: Missing		The First 48	
AMC	Matrix Revol.							Matrix Revol.		
ANIM	Super Snake		Finding Bigfoot		Swamp Wars			Super Snake	Finding Bigfoot	
BRAVO	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Happens	Decorators	Happens	
CMT	Fried	Fried	Fried	Fried	Fried	Fried	Wedding	Wedding	Smarter Smarter	
CNN	In the Arena		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	South Pk	South Pk	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Ugly Amer	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	Ugly Amer
DISC	Deadliest Catch		Swords: Life		Swords: Life		Swords: Life		Swords: Life	
DISN	ANT Farm	Good Luck	Random	Phineas	Fish Hook	Good Luck	Deck	Deck	Wizards	Wizards
EI	Sex and t	Sex and t	Kardash	Kardash	Ice-Coco	Ice-Coco	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	Quarterback		Year/Quarterback		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live
ESPN2	Golf		Basketball		30 for 30				SportsCenter	Special
FAM	Harry Potter						The 700 Club		Whose? Whose?	
FOOD	24 Hour Rest. Battle		Chopped		Extreme Chef		Iron Chef America		Chopped	
FX	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Wilfred	Louie	Wilfred	Louie	Wilfred	Louie
HGTV	First	First	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Selling	Selling
HIST	Swamp People		Swamp People		Larry the Cable Guy		Ancient Aliens		Swamp People	
LIFE	Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		How I Met	How I Met	Chris	Chris
MTV	The Challenge		MTV Special		True Life		True Life		The Challenge	
NICK	My Wife	My Wife	Lopez	Lopez	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show
SCI	Star Trek IV		Star Trek VI				Star Trek V: Frontier			
SPIKE	Jail	Jail	iMPACT Wrestling				MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers
TBS	Hitch				Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Lopez Tonight	
TCM	Adventure in Iraq		Action in Arabia				Sirocco			
TLC	Police Women		Police Women		NY Ink		Police Women		NY Ink	
TNT	Bones		Bones		Bones		CSI: NY		Franklin & Bash	
TOON	Regular	MAD	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Childrens	Aqua Teen
TRAV	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		Man, Food	Man, Food
TV LAND	All/Family	All/Family	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Three's Company			
USA	NCIS		Burn Notice		Suits		Cover Affairs		Burn Notice	
VH1	Saturday Night Live		40 Funniest Fails				Celebrity Rehab		Save the Last 2	
WGN	MLB Baseball				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk
Premium Channels										
HBO	The Losers		Entourage		Treme		Cathouse		REAL Sports Gumbel	
MAX	Something	Lottery Ticket			Face/Off				Hills	
SHOW	The Big C	Weeds	The Big C	The Other Man			The Real L Word		The GayVN Awards	

**Friday Evening July 8, 2011**

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Shark Tank		Primetime: What		20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Flashpoint		CSI: NY		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Friday Night Lights		Dateline NBC				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	Bones		House			Local				
Cable Channels										
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		The Glades		Criminal Minds	
AMC	The Matrix Reloaded						Matrix Revol.			
ANIM	Whale Wars		Whale Wars		River Monsters		Whale Wars		River Monsters	
BRAVO	Troy						Troy			
CMT	The Singing Bee		The Singing Bee		The Singing Bee		Fried	Fried	Smarter Smarter	
CNN	In the Arena		Piers Morgan Tonight		CNN Presents		Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	B. Bailey/Road		Comedy	Comedy	Comedy	Chappelle	Chappelle	Chappelle
DISC	Dual Survival		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers	
DISN	Wizards	ANT Farm	Fish Hook	Phineas	Wampire	Random	Good Luck	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards
EI	Sex and t	Sex/City	15 Hollywood Girls G		The Soup		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	NASCAR Racing						SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live
ESPN2	Golf		Boxing				MMA Live	SportsNation	Nation	
FAM	Harry Potter-Chamber						The 700 Club		Whose? Whose?	
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Food		The Best	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners
FX	Men of Honor						Men of Honor			
HGTV	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters		Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters

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

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HIST	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American	American	How the States		American Pickers	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Drop Dead Diva		Chris	How I Met
MTV	True Life		True Life		How High				Don't Be a Menace	
NICK	Big Time	Victoriou	My Wife	My Wife	70s Show	70s Show	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny
SCI	WWE SmackDown!				Haunted Collector		Hollywood	Hollywood	Stargate SG-1	